

Wyre Forest District Council

Record of a Council Decision delegated to be made by an Officer

This includes a record of an Executive Decision made by an officer under Regulation 13, Part 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Item decided: To place an order for installation of gas-fired boilers at Wyre Forest House	
Officer who has taken the decision	Ian Miller
Date of the decision	2 October 2014
Reason for the decision/alternatives considered	<p>The ground source heat pump at Wyre Forest House has not worked fully effectively since the building was commissioned in 2012.</p> <p>Options examined and discarded included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Doing nothing. This would have required deployment of additional temporary heating every autumn/winter;- Drilling another borehole for the discharge of water into the ground. This offered no guarantee of improving the performance of the system;- Installation of electrical heaters throughout the building. This would have involved the highest annual running costs;- Installation of air source heat pumps instead of the ground source heat pump or alongside gas-fired boilers. This would have involved higher capital costs and would still involve relying on a relatively untested technology, that would also not operate if air temperatures fell below -10C;- Replace the ground source heat pump with gas-fired boilers. This would have left the building with no cooling capacity (beyond opening windows and doors). <p>The installation of gas-fired boilers to supplement the ground source heat pump in the colder months involves familiar, reliable technology; retains the ability to cool the building; and involves lower costs over 20 years than the discarded options.</p>

<p>Date and source of Delegated Decision (if appropriate)</p>	<p>As part of its decisions on 29 July 2009, the Council resolved that “The Cabinet be authorised to take all further appropriate decisions to ensure completion of the project within the timescale and budget allocations as previously approved”.</p> <p>Council resolved on 23 February 2011 “to reconfirm its decision of 29th July 2009 relating to the centralised office accommodation project, including the delegation to Cabinet to take all further appropriate decisions to ensure completion of the project within budget allocations previously approved by Council on 18th July 2008.”</p> <p>Paragraph 1.7 of the delegation scheme (section 4 of the constitution) provides: “Pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 15(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council or the Cabinet, as the case may be, delegate to each Officer full powers to act in all matters within their area of responsibility. This delegation includes responsibility for all day to day management and operational decisions, and taking action under statutory provisions relevant to their areas of responsibility including powers of enforcement; but is subject to any specified exclusions or limitations.”</p> <p>The decision taken ensures completion of the project within the budget allocations approved by Council.</p>
<p>Council/Cabinet member consulted – if applicable</p>	<p>The Cabinet and Corporate Leadership Team</p>
<p>Any interest declared by the Consultee or officer</p>	<p>None</p>