

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **1 July 2022** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 12 July 2022**

The following proposed key decision has been endorsed by an officer and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Procurement of energy supplies - corporate estate and maintained schools/academies OKD15 (22/23)
Officer responsible for decision	Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) (Steve Read)
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>The County Council currently uses the LASER flex contract to procure energy supplies (electricity & natural gas) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the corporate estate (around 235 sites) and street lighting supplies• around 250 West Sussex maintained schools and academies <p>The LASER framework agreement will renew in October 2022 and a 24-month termination notice is required to exit. A review of whether this is still the best way for the County Council to procure its energy was instigated in September 2021. A benchmarking exercise is being carried out to assess the LASER offering against the current market.</p> <p>Upon the conclusion of the benchmarking review, the County Council will consider how the County Council procures energy supplies for the period from October 2024 – September 2028 and how to engage with the market for provision of ancillary energy services such as selling power from solar farms.</p> <p>The Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) will be asked to approve the County Council's recommended energy procurement route to market and route to the provision of ancillary energy services.</p>
Decision	The Assistant Director (Environment and Public Protection) has approved that the County Council continues to procure energy supplies from the LASER Flex Framework for the period between 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2028.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background papers	See report for details