

# Record of a decision taken by the Resources Portfolio Holder

## Appointment of Consultant to Provide Funding Bid Assistance with Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

The Corporate Director Environment submitted a report seeking Portfolio Holder approval for an exemption to the council's financial procedure rules for the procurement of APSE Energy to provide energy audit advice and assistance with writing the funding bid to benefit from the Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund (PSLCSF).

#### **Decision**

The Resources Portfolio Holder gave approval:

- to appoint APSE Energy to assist in the preparation of a funding bid for the PSLCSF, to submit to Salix in order to secure funding for detailed energy audits at the Civic Centre, Fleetwood Market, Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre.
- to allow consultants APSE Energy to be appointed under the exemptions to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules on the grounds that the services are of a specialised nature carried out by only one or a limited number of firms with no reasonably satisfactory alternatives available, and that these services are required urgently.
- for the Corporate Director Environment to enter into an agreement with APSE Energy to provide consultancy services to assist in the preparation of the funding bid and carry out subsequent audits if the bid is successful.

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## What were the reasons for the recommendation and any other options were considered and rejected?

Full details of the reasons for the recommendation and any alternative options that were considered but rejected, are included in the full reports.

### When will these decisions be implemented?

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If a decision is "called-in", the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may decide that the original decision should be upheld or ask the Portfolio Holder to reconsider the decision.

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