

**EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER OR DELEGATED OFFICER
NOTICE OF DECISION**

TITLE OF DECISION:			
APPROVE ENTERING INTO A NEW FLEXIBLE PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY WITH NPOWER FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 2015 TO 31 MARCH 2019.			
NAME OF DECISION TAKER:	M CULLINAN		
POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY HELD:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
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Details of Decision:			
1) Enter into a new flexible purchasing contract for the supply of Electricity with Npower for the period from 1 st April 2015 to 31 st March 2019.			
Reasons for the decision:			
<p>The existing framework contract for the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) to procure the supply of electricity for Lancaster City Council commenced 1st November 2010 and finishes 31st March 2015. Acting on behalf of the City Council the YPO has undertaken a further OJEU compliant procurement process to identify an electricity supplier for the next contract supply period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2019. Due to the requirement under "flexible purchasing" it is necessary to put in place a new contract well before the end of the current contract to allow sufficient time for the contractor to buy electricity and for the City Council to realise the benefits of flexible purchasing. A summary of the Electricity supply contract, the contract notice and the contract award is attached to this Delegated Officer Notice of Decision.</p> <p>The recommendation therefore is for the Lancaster City Council to accept the YPO award a contract to allow the supply of electricity by Npower for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2019 inclusive. Failure to enter into a new contract for the provision of electricity would result in the Council reverting to supply on the spot market at the expiration of the current contract which would result in increased costs.</p>			
IS THE DECISION URGENT			
NO : THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CONTRACT 1 ST APRIL 2015 NEEDS TO BE BOUGHT COMMENCING ON 1 ST APRIL 2014 ALL CONTRACTS NEED SIGNING BEFORE 31 ST MARCH 2014.			
I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE ABOVE DECISION AND THAT IT IS URGENT AND REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17 OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES)			
SIGNATURE OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN:		n/a	
SIGNATURE OF DECISION TAKER:	MARK CULLINAN		
DATE:	18.2.14		
<i>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</i>			REF NO.
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