

DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Decision title:	Project Local Energy Oxfordshire (LEO) –participation in Trial Period 1 trading
Decision date:	18/10/21
Source of delegation:	Part 4.4 of the Council's Constitution (general delegation to officers in the senior management structure).
What decision was made?	<p>To enter into contracts with project partners to enable the Council's involvement in Trial Period 1 of Project Leo.</p> <p>No income or expenditure is anticipated (if this becomes the case the City Council will withdraw from the associated trial activities).</p> <p>Project LEO is a multi-partner innovation project funded through Innovate UK, which Oxford City Council is a partner in. Preliminary work by the project has developed an energy flexibility trading system/platform, with an objective for this to be functional and open to non-partner organisations in March 2023. Testing and further development of the system/platform to enable this is broken down in to three Trial Periods. Trial period 1 (November 2021 – February 2022) will conduct alpha testing (concept trialling) of the system between project partner organisations. There is the possibility of some beta testing of the system towards the end of the trial period with non-project organisations.</p> <p>This Decision relates to contracts for Oxford City Council's involvement in Trial Period 1, to support alpha testing only. To facilitate this, the Council will need to enter in to sub-contracts with other project partners about energy capacity trading activities, and to sign up to the trading platform terms and conditions. No income or expenditure is anticipated as a result of alpha testing trading activity.</p>
Purpose:	Enables Oxford City Council to support alpha testing to help prove viability of the system and support Project LEO's objectives.
Reasons:	This Decision is to enable the Council to enter into contracts to enable full participation in the next stage of Project LEO. Oxford City Council is a project partner and is fully grant funded to support its activities in Project LEO. Participation in Trial Period 1 trading activities is a necessary collaboration activity to achieve overall project objectives as set out by the grant funder. The value lies in generating learning for Oxford City Council to underpin a future decision about whether it would be viable to participate in a fully-operational trading market in the future, in order to contribute to meeting net zero goals and potentially generate income.
Decision made by:	Head of Corporate Strategy, Mish Tullar
Other options	Option: Not to participate in Trial Period 1, continuing only with

considered:	activities that do not require additional contractual arrangements with project partners. Rejection reason: Loss of project learning and does not support achieving project objectives. Risk of negative reputational impact to Council arising from non-participation, especially when participation is assessed as technically and operationally feasible at no additional cost to Oxford City Council.
Documents considered:	N/A
Key or Not Key:	Not Key
Wards significantly affected:	Not significantly affected.
Declared conflict of interest:	None declared.
This form was completed by: Name & title: Date:	Ruth Harris Project LEO Officer 14/10/2021

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision maker	Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy	18/10/2021

Consultee checklist

<i>Consultees</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Cabinet Member(s)	Cllr Tom Hayes, Cabinet Member for Green Transport and Zero Carbon Oxford	18/10/2021