

Officer Decision Record Template

Record of Decision of the Executive Director of Communities, Wendy Lowder, in respect of the contract for Research Consultant.

Subject

The Local Digital Fund - Round 1 funded project "Gov.UK Pay as a viable alternative ePayment provider" carried out research that found councils create a large amount of bespoke code and business processes to get their legacy IM products working, despite paying vendors significant amounts of money to develop their income processing capabilities. Having a single capable solution could make cashable efficiency savings across the sector.

This procurement will allow us to test the hypothesis that Barnsley's Income Management product could provide an effective low-cost solution for all local authorities. The "Gov.UK Pay as a viable alternative ePayment provider" project recommended a discovery be run to determine:

- * is there an LA market for an alternative IM product?
- * what the user needs are for an IM product amongst Local Authorities?
- * does the Barnsley product meets those needs?
- * what changes are needed if it doesn't?
- * can it integrate with GOV.UK Pay to offer a holistic solution?
- * what would an effective governance model look like?

Authority

This will be under the authorisation of Wendy Lowder

Decision Taken

To approach the market via Digital Market Place to contract on a 6 month period to carry out research workshops. Budget obtained is £80,000

Date of Decision

03/10/19

Elected Member Conflicts of Interest

Record any conflicts of interest, and dispensations granted

Signature WENDY LOWDER
(Insert Officer name)



(Insert more Officer names as required)

Signature
Cabinet Spokesperson
(if required)