

Officer Key Decision Record (Part 1)

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Officer	Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure and Environment
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Report Title	Solar Power for Schools: main programme 2018/19
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Key Decision	Yes
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If Yes, Listed in the Forward Plan?	Yes
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Electoral Divisions	All
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Date Decision Made	29 March 2018
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Any interest declared by the officer making the decision	None
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Any conflict of interest declared by any officer who is consulted by the officer making the decision	None
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In respect of any declared conflict of interest, any dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's Head of Paid Service	None
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Summary of Decision	<p>Following a Leader decision in March 2017 (LDR22 (16/17)) and consideration of the subsequent business case a budget of £2.99m was allocated to the Solar Power for Schools main programme. The Leader decision delegated approval of investment in individual school projects to the Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure and Environment.</p> <p>Portsmouth City Council (PCC) was appointed as Contract Managers for the programme and the first group of 9 schools were used to test the delivery arrangements and verify that price expectations could be met. This test was successful and the remaining budget of £2.19m is available for schools PV projects delivered before end of March 2019. The Solar Power for Schools programme cannot continue in its present form beyond this date as the financial model depends on Feed in Tariff (FIT) incentive payments and the FIT scheme will close to new applications after March 2019.</p> <p>The recommendations below reflect the need to increase the pace of installations whilst maintaining effective oversight of the programme.</p> <p>The use of a maximum threshold value for the cost of installation and minimum threshold for internal rate of return can provide an appropriate level of assurance of project viability since solar PV for schools has been fully trialled and the risks are known to be low and well controlled.</p> <p>The Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure and Environment has approved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The award of the remaining programme through the framework established by PCC. (2) That authority is delegated to the Director, Energy Waste and Environment to approve contracts for installations at schools in the programme. (3) That projects are approved subject to meeting the threshold values and criteria set out in Appendix A.
Report (attach)	Link to report
Background Papers (available on request)	