

**(i) Urgent Cabinet Decision – December 2024  
Re. Bury Council Gas Contract**

**Decision taken:**

Approve the use of the YPO Framework Agreement (1187) to procure the council's natural gas supply contract for the period 01 April 2024 to 31st March 2029 with a possible extension for a further 2+2 years.

A further report will be brought back to Cabinet with the recommendation to award the contract to the identified supplier.

**The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:** This decision will allow the Cabinet member to bring a further report with details of the main gas contract to the cabinet meeting in January 2025, whilst the new contract is not due to start until April 2025, the Council must allow sufficient time to engage with non-corporate sites to invite them to join the contract.

**(ii) Urgent Cabinet Decision – December 2024  
Re. Legal Agreement with Oak Learning Partnership in support of the  
Academisation**

**Decision taken:** The Council is therefore required to enter into a side letter/agreement with the Academy Trust to provide comfort on the plan to provide a permanent location of the PRU. This was the subject of the December Cabinet report, seeking approval to proceed with the side agreement between the Council and OLP in respect of the future school estate for the Secondary Pupil Referral Unit provision post academy conversion.

Approval is sought to enter into the appended side letter as part of the academisation process to meet the requirements of Oak Learning Partnership and the Department of Education.

**The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:** Following a Directive Academy Order issued by the Secretary of State, Bury Secondary PRU Spring Lane School is due to transfer to Oak Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust on 1 January 2025. Despite exhaustive efforts a side letter agreement has only just been reached between Oak Learning Partnership and Bury Council which was unable to be completed in line with Cabinet reporting cycle for a decision. This agreement is in respect of the future school estate for the Secondary Pupil Referral Unit provision post academy conversion.

**(iii) Urgent Cabinet Decision – December 2024**

**Re: Legal Agreement with Oak Learning Partnership in support of the  
Academisation of Bury Secondary PRU Spring Lane School**

**Decision taken:** The Council is required to enter into a side letter/agreement and amended CTA with the Academy Trust to provide assurance on the plan to provide a permanent location of the PRU. This was the subject of the December Cabinet report,

seeking approval to proceed with the side agreement between the Council and OLP in respect of the future school estate for the Secondary Pupil Referral Unit provision post academy conversion.

Approval is now sought to enter into the appended side letter and CTA as part of the academisation process to meet the requirements of Oak Learning Partnership and the Department for Education.

Members to please note:

- Recommendation to Council that the Capital programme, and Medium Term Financial Strategy includes provision for indicative cost figures for the build programme (as set out in Appendix One)
- Note that the Council will use its best endeavours to provide the school by 1 January 2030

**The reason why this decision was urgent and could not be reasonably deferred was:** Following a Directive Academy Order issued by the Secretary of State, Bury Secondary PRU Spring Lane School is due to transfer to Oak Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust on 1 January 2025. Despite exhaustive efforts, a side letter agreement and a subsequent amendment to the Commercial Transfer Agreement (CTA) have now been agreed between Oak Learning Partnership and Bury Council, which was unable to be completed in line with Cabinet reporting cycle for a decision. The side letter agreement and amendment to the CTA focuses on the future school estate for the Secondary Pupil Referral Unit provision after academy conversion.