

WAIVER OF CONTRACT REGULATIONS

A delegated decision was taken by the Corporate Manager Property in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Enabling Services to waive contract regulations on the contract for specialist work at the Quay Climb Centre. The decision was to waive contract regulations to seek competitive quotes for the solar panel scheme on the roof of the Quay Climb Centre. The decision was made for the following reasons:

1. The fast approaching end to the FIT regime which would have undermined the agreed business case;
2. The fact that this was the first scheme delivered with a private owner under a Power Purchase Agreement and it was critical for us to be able to work closely with an experienced contractor;
3. The need to negotiate the Power Purchase Agreement with the owner and secure assurances with regard to roof access, etc; and
4. We had comfort that the selected contractor was both competent and competitive in price terms.

It was felt that proceeding with a quote or tendering arrangement would have been inappropriate in light of the particular circumstances set out above.