

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR PLACE, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 11 December 2025 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 2.15pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Judy Roberts – in the Chair

Officers: Steve Burdis (Technical Lead – Waste Contracts), Moh Cassimjee (Democratic Services Officer), Stephen Gardner (Senior Project Manager).

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting [, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting/the following additional documents:] and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents] are attached to the signed Minutes.

7/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 1/25)

There were none.

8/25 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 2/25)

Two questions were received from Cllr Ian Snowdon. The questions and answers can be seen in an Addenda on the meeting page on the Council's website.

9/25 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3/25)

There were none.

10/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda No. 4/25)

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

11/25 APPROVAL TO PROGRESS NEW LEACHATE TREATMENT CONTRACT

(Agenda No. 5/25)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting and invited officers to raise any points about the report.

It was commented that this procurement would give the County Council greater control over the service than is currently the case. The Chair noted the length of the contract gave a future unitary council(s) flexibility when the County Council ceased to be in existence, in whether to continue the contract or forge their own path.

The Chair commented that two of the sites proposed were already closed but that the County Council had statutory obligations to clear leachate from the sites.

The Chair thanked officers and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

a) Approve procurement (up to 3 contracts) for the collection, transport and treatment of leachate generated from the following landfill sites:

- i. Dean Pit**
- ii. Dix Pit**
- iii. Oakley Wood**

b) Delegate the contract award and any negotiations with our contractors, Fomento de Construcciones y Contratos (known as FCC Environment UK Limited, in connection with the contract for Dix Pit), to the Director of Environment & Highways.

12/25 HIF1 DIDCOT SCIENCE BRIDGE CONTRACTOR APPOINTMENT
(Agenda No. 6/25)

The Chair introduced the item and asked officers to make any points they wished to about the report.

Officers confirmed that extensive procurement processes had taken place and that funding was in place for the scheme.

The Chair asked officers how residents, local Councillors and other local Councils would be kept informed of developments and the progress of the scheme. It was confirmed that drop-in events had been held recently, as well as a planned regular e-newsletter with the latest information.

The Chair thanked officers and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) Approve the award of a contract for the construction of Didcot Science Bridge Scheme under the HIF1 programme to the Preferred Bidder; and**
- b) Authorise the Director of Environment and Highways to finalise the contract terms and enter into a construction contract with the Preferred Bidder for the Didcot Science Bridge (DSB) scheme under the HIF1 programme.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing