

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

MINUTES of the meeting held on Friday, 1 May 2026 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.15 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Judy Roberts – in the Chair

Officers: Jack Ahier (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Paul Fermer (Director of Environment and Highways), Timothy Mann (Programme Lead – South)

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.

34/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda No. 1/26)

There were none.

35/26 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Agenda No. 2/26)

There were none.

36/26 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS (Agenda No. 3/26)

There was one request to address the meeting, which can be seen below:

Item 5 – Approve and Authorise the Award of the HIF1 Culham River Crossing Construction Contract

- Greg O’Broin

37/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda No. 4/26)

There were none.

38/26 APPROVE AND AUTHORISE THE AWARD OF THE HIF1 CULHAM RIVER CROSSING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
(Agenda No. 5/26)

The Chair introduced the item and invited officers to present the report.

Officers confirmed that the report sought delegation to the Director of Environment and Highways to award the contract for the Culham River Crossing, which was one of the 3 major infrastructure projects as part of the HIF1 scheme.

The Chair noted that the build was complicated as this particular section crossed the River Thames and officers confirmed that approval was needed from Homes England for the release of contingency funding.

It was noted that it was unclear how long the mitigations would need to be in place as construction had not started, but that regular liaison meetings would be organised with local stakeholders.

The Chair reflected on the proposed benefits of the scheme in terms of providing relief to surrounding villages, reductions in congestion and the fact it was a flood preventative measure. The Chair noted that some type of traffic lights system at Appleford could be explored.

The Chair thanked officers for their work, speakers for their contributions and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) Delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Highways to award the Stage Two NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract for the HIF1 Didcot to Culham River Crossing scheme to John Graham Construction Limited under the Crown Commercial Service Construction Works and Associated Services Framework RM6088, Lot 5 (National Lot across all UK regions) subject to:**

- (i) agreement of the target cost,**
- (ii) agreement of the programme for the works,**
- (iii) finalising the contract terms and**
- (iv) confirmation that sufficient funding is allocated.**

- b) Delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Highways to enter into a Works and Access Agreement relating to land at Sutton Courtenay with FCC Environment UK Limited (FCC) and a two Party Overbridge Agreement and a Restoration Agreement with Hanson Quarry Products Europe Limited.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing

