OXFORDSHIRE DELEGATED DECISIONS BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 21 May 2026 commencing at 9.30 am and finishing at 9.40 am

Present: Councillor Neil Fawcett – in the Chair

Officers: Jack Ahier (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Angelo Antenucci (Engineer), Alice Dimaline (Team Leader – Flood Risk Management), Clare Mills (Operational Manager – Flood Risk Management), Jason Sherwood (Head of Regulatory Planning Enforcement).

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

20/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
(Agenda Item 1)

Under the constitutional provision in Part 4.4, Section 2(b), the Leader of the Council, Councillor Tim Bearder, delegated authority to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Neil Fawcett, to attend the meeting and take the decisions in his place.

There were no declarations of interest.

21/25 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS
(Agenda Item 2)

There were none.

22/25 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS
(Agenda Item 3)

There were none.

23/25 FLOOD RISK FUNDING ALLOCATION
(Agenda Item 4)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

Officers noted that the £2m funding was agreed by Council in 2025/26 as a result of severe flooding in 2024 and built on existing capacity and resilience. It was noted that it was a targeted investment to reduce flooding risk across Oxfordshire.

The Chair noted that this was a positive step for the Council to be working with community groups to achieve sustainable flood risk action.

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

RESOLVED to:

a) **Note the use of multi-year flood prevention funding agreed by Council in financial year 2025/26.**

b) **Note the spend to date on the current community grant scheme and approve the continuation of these grants for 2026/27 according to the grant scheme set out in Annex A.**

c) **Adopt a discretionary grant/direct works scheme for the delivery of formal flood investigations recommendations as set out in Annex B.**

d) **Delegate the decisions on individual business cases and funding allocation approval to the Director of Economy and Place within their existing financial delegations and within the requirements of the scheme.**

24/25 LAND AT BICESTER ROAD, KIDLINGTON - PROPOSED ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES

(Agenda Item 5)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

Officers noted that this proposal was to support access to a development in Kidlington through a shared-use cycle path, which was in compliance with LTN 1/20. It was confirmed that funding was in place through a Section 106 agreement.

The Chair noted submissions from active travel groups, who had valid points, but confirmed that the proposal had funding and physical constraints.

It was noted that a 3m shared route for cyclists was in place inside the development on Bicester Road and that safety for cyclists was of paramount importance.

Officers confirmed that the agreements had received planning approval.

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

RESOLVED to:

Approve the following traffic/highway features on Bicester Road in Kidlington, as advertised:

a) **New Toucan crossing located north of its roundabout junction with Oxford Road,**

b) **Conversion of an existing section of footway on the eastern side to a new shared use foot & cycleway,**

c) **Two new bus stop Clearways with a ‘No stopping except local buses’ restrictions, north of its roundabout junction with Oxford Road.**

.... in the Chair

Date of signing ....