

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 17 MAY 2022**

**REPORT OF THE CABINET**

***Cabinet Member: Climate Change Delivery & Environment***

**1. Tree Policy for Oxfordshire**

*(Cabinet, 26 April 2022)*

Cabinet considered a new Tree Policy putting the emphasis on ‘Presumption in favour of trees’ to maximise canopy cover opportunities and address the Climate Emergency across the Oxfordshire Landscape and Streetscape. The new policy has been created and framed in a clear and concise document to enable the County Council’s vision and ambition to be easily shared, understood and implemented.

Cabinet approved the updated Tree Policy and the inclusion of related matters into the Street Design Guidance. Cabinet also supported the ‘Application of Tree Policy Guidance’ document.

***Cabinet Member: Travel and Development Strategy***

**2. A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor- Compulsory Purchase and Side Road Orders**

*(Cabinet, 26 April 2022)*

Cabinet had before it a report to seek approval of the Statement of Reasons and Orders Plans and approval to make the Compulsory Purchase and Side Road Orders for the A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor Scheme. This is a Housing Infrastructure Fund funded highway and transport improvement scheme that includes three key highway enhancement elements, as follows:

- A40 Dual Carriageway Extension from east of Witney to Eynsham Park and Ride Site;
- A40 Integrated Bus Lane (Between Eynsham Park and Ride Site and Duke’s Cut Bridges);
- A40 Duke’s Cut Bridge Works.To.

Cabinet approved the officers’ recommendations.

**3. Highway Works Bond for Development with Public Bodies**

*(Cabinet, 26 April 2022)*

Recently, it had become apparent when working with public bodies, that securing a bond or security deposit is not always appropriate or possible. Applying the standard bond or security deposit to public bodies means that there is a cost to the public purse. Therefore, flexibility was sought through delegated powers to negotiate and put in place alternative arrangements and vary the standard conditions without requiring referral to Cabinet. This will provide process agility and save time.

Cabinet agreed to delegate powers such powers to the Corporate Director for Environment and Place in consultation with the Director of Finance.

**LIZ LEFFMAN**

Leader of the Council

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