



Decision Maker:	Director of Environment & Highways
Decision Title:	Cherwell Street (Banbury) Improvement Scheme
Decision date:	24 October 2025
Source of delegation:	<p>An express delegation made at a meeting of the Cabinet Member for Transport Management on 04/09/2025 (Forward Plan reference 2025/043). This decision delegated to the Director for Environment & Highways.</p> <p>Further delegated by the Director while on leave to Head of Transport & Property Infrastructure Delivery.</p>
What decision was made?:	<p>To finalise the target cost and programme for the construction of the Cherwell Street Improvement Scheme and to award the NEC 4 Engineering and Construction Contract for the Cherwell Street Improvement Scheme to M Group Limited, pursuant to the Pagabo Civils and Infrastructure Framework (Lot 1).</p> <p>Funding of £3.5m for the project has been approved by Strategic Capital and Commercial Board on 10th July 2025.</p>
Purpose:	Allow construction of the Cherwell Street Improvement Scheme.
Reasons:	<p>To progress the scheme to Stage 3 Construction. The Cherwell Street Improvement Scheme aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• implementing a longer and more bus accessible running lane along Cherwell Street for left-turning vehicles, including buses, travelling north-bound into Bridge Street (west)• improving pedestrian crossing facilities• optimising traffic signals to reduce delay for buses and cars• and lining and signing improvements to improve traffic flow, safety, and overall road user experience.
Other options considered:	Direct award through the Pagabo Civils and Infrastructure Framework was chosen to achieve value for money whilst reducing commissioning timeframes and resource/overhead costs. Mini competition and Open Tender through UK wide



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	advertisement on Find a Tender were considered as procurement routes but were dismissed due to timescales to procure.
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