



Decision Maker:	Director of Environment & Highways
Decision Title:	Didcot Science Bridge
Decision date:	16 December 2025
Source of delegation:	The Cabinet Member for Place, Environment and Climate Action at a meeting on 11 December 2025 delegated authority to the Corporate 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.
What decision was made?:	To seal and complete the construction contract for the Didcot Science Bridge (incl. A4130) between (1) Oxfordshire County Council and (2) Volker Fitzpatrick Ltd.
Purpose:	The agreement will allow the construction of the HIF1 DSB (including A4130) scheme to commence.
Reasons:	The procurement process is complete, and the contractor (Volker Fitzpatrick Ltd.) was successful. Construction of the Didcot Science Bridge scheme needs to be commenced.
Other options considered:	The alternative would be to not permit the contract to be completed. This would mean construction would not be able to commence, putting the HIF1 programme at risk.