

Decision Maker:	Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer)
Decision Title:	Oxpens Bridge - Second Variation to Collaboration Agreement with Oxford City Council
Decision date:	14 May 2026
Source of delegation:	<p>General delegation under the Council's Constitution</p> <p>Financial Regulations at 5.2.2 Variation in time, cost and scope require - Where the project forecasts a delay that will affect final go-live / practical completion, then the Section 151 Officer (following discussion at and the support of the Strategic Capital Board) must approve the change.</p>
What decision was made?:	<p>Approval of a Variation Agreement between Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council for the designs and construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the river Thames and its onward connections at Oxpens, Oxford. The agreement is a second variation to a collaboration agreement between the authorities related to the design and delivery of the bridge which is being led by Oxford city council. The variation to the agreement has no financial implication.</p>
Purpose:	An extension of the date for the completion of Oxpens bridge set out in the collaboration agreement to 31 st March 2027.
Reasons:	The completion date for Oxpens bridge has needed to be extended due to changes in delivery contractors and legal delays.
Other options considered:	Not extending the deadline for delivery. This would cause significant contractual and delivery issues severely compromising the project.