

## ***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Highway Construction and Repair***

***Monday, 1 June 2026 at 11.00 am  
Online***

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### ***Items for Decision***

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

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*Note:*    *Date of next meeting: 18 June 2026*

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## Items for Decision

### 1. Declarations of Interest

### 2. Questions from County Councillors

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am three working days before the meeting, ask a question on an item on the agenda.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

### 3. Petitions and Public Address

Members of the public who wish to speak on an item on the agenda at this meeting, or present a petition, can attend the meeting in person or 'virtually' through an online connection.

Requests to present a petition must be submitted no later than 9am ten working days before the meeting.

Requests to speak must be submitted no later than 9am three working days before the meeting.

Requests should be submitted to [committeesdemocraticservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:committeesdemocraticservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

If you are speaking 'virtually', you may submit a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails, then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9am on the day of the meeting. Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

### 4. Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF2) – A40 Eynsham to Wolvercote Construction Contract (Pages 7 - 12)

*Cabinet Member:* Highway Construction and Repair

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2026/119

*Key Decision*

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Report by Director of Environment and Highways (**CMDHCR4**).

A proposal to approve the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF2) – A40 Eynsham to Wolvercote construction contract.

**The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to:**

- a) Delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Highways in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance Services (Deputy Monitoring officer) to:**
  - i) Subject to finalising the scope, target cost, and programme for Stage 1 as well as the Option X22 Budget and Pricing Information, to approve the award of the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract, for an estimated total value of £70m, for the A40 Eynsham Park and Ride to Wolvercote scheme to Balfour Beatty Group Limited under the Scape Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework (Lot 2); and**
  - ii) Subject to finalising the scope, target cost and programme for Stage 2, approve the issuing of a Notice to Proceed under the Contract to commence the main construction works.**

## **Councillors declaring interests**

### **General duty**

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed 'Declarations of Interest' or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

### **What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?**

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your employment; sponsorship (i.e. payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

### **Declaring an interest**

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

### **Members' Code of Conduct and public perception**

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member 'must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself' and that 'you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned'.

### **Members Code – Other registrable interests**

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your other registerable interests then you must declare an interest. You must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and you must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Wellbeing can be described as a condition of contentedness, healthiness and happiness; anything that could be said to affect a person's quality of life, either positively or negatively, is likely to affect their wellbeing.

Other registrable interests include:

- a) Any unpaid directorships

- b) Any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority.
- c) Any body (i) exercising functions of a public nature (ii) directed to charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.

### **Members Code – Non-registrable interests**

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to your financial interest or wellbeing (and does not fall under disclosable pecuniary interests), or the financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate, you must declare the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects your own financial interest or wellbeing, a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate or a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under other registrable interests, then you must declare the interest.

In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied:

Where a matter affects the financial interest or well-being:

- a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest.

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

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**Divisions Affected – Eynsham; Kidlington East and Kidlington West**

## **DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR**

**1 JUNE 2026**

### **Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF2) – A40 Eynsham to Wolvercote Construction Contract**

#### **Report by Director of Environment and Highways**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Cabinet Member is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- a) **Delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Highways in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance Services (Deputy Monitoring officer) to:**
  - i) **Subject to finalising the scope, target cost, and programme for Stage 1 as well as the Option X22 Budget and Pricing Information, to approve the award of the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract, for an estimated total value of £70m, for the A40 Eynsham Park and Ride to Wolvercote scheme to Balfour Beatty Group Limited under the Scape Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework ( Lot 2); and**
  - ii) **Subject to finalising the scope, target cost and programme for Stage 2, to approve the issuing of a Notice to Proceed under the Contract to commence the main Construction Works.**

#### **Executive Summary**

1. The Council's Constitution states that key decisions are required prior to entering into any contracts with a capital spend of over £2 million.
2. This report recommends that the Cabinet Member delegates authority to the Director of Environment and Highways in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance Services (Deputy Monitoring officer) to:

- a) Subject to finalising the scope, target cost, and programme for Stage 1 as well as the Option X22 Budget and Pricing Information, to approve the award of the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract, for an estimated total value of £70m, for the A40 Eynsham Park and Ride to Wolvercote scheme to Balfour Beatty Group Limited under the Scape Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework ( Lot 2); and
  - b) Subject to finalising the scope, target cost and programme for Stage 2, to approve the issuing of a Notice to Proceed under the Contract to commence the main Construction Works.
3. The NEC Option X22 enables the Council to either terminate the contract at the end of Stage 1 or proceed to Stage 2 and commence the construction works.
  4. An urgent Cabinet Member Decision meeting is required to allow Stage 1 enabling works to commence in June, which are season dependent. These enabling works are critical to minimise programme and cost pressures on the project and to maintain spend within the funding deadline. Programme delays have occurred due to a Regulation 25 notice being issued in April which had a knock-on effect on the governance approval process and timings.

### **Background**

5. The scheme proposes the construction of highways infrastructure on the A40 between Eynsham Park and Ride and Wolvercote. This cabinet paper is to get approval to proceed with the delivery of phase 1 (see Appendix 1) of the scheme, which provides the following benefits:
  - a. Reduce congestion and provide alternative modes of transport – through the delivery of a new junction to enable Eynsham Park and Ride to become operational.
  - b. Reduce congestion and provide alternative modes of transport - through the delivery of shared service footways.
  - c. Improve bus journey times along the A40 – A bus lane eastbound between the Eynsham park and ride and Cassington junction, a bus lane eastbound from Duke’s Cut Bridge to tie-in to the existing Oxford North Junction bus lane and a westbound bus lane between Cassington Junction and the Eynsham park and ride.
  - d. Improve non-motorised safety – new signalised crossings at points along the A40.
  - e. Enable unlocking of housing development sites along the A40 – The delivery of over 4000 homes and significant employment growth across the region.
6. The Planning application for the Scheme was submitted to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) in June 2025 with determination currently expected to be granted by the end of May 2026 subject to conditions.

7. The pre-construction design of the works has been carried out by Balfour Beatty under a separate contract.

### **Key Issues**

8. The current cost estimate and programme depend on enabling works within this contract commencing in mid-June 2026. A delay to this date will result in the project costs exceeding the approved budget.
9. Approving this construction contract is necessary to keep the programme on track and use the Homes England grant before the deadline. Any funding not spent by the funding deadline will be lost.

### **Legal Implications**

10. This is a key decision as defined in paragraph 3(b) of Part 1.3 of of the Council's Constitution.
11. This report seeks approval by a Cabinet Member to delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Highways, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance Services (Deputy Monitoring Officer) to award a works contract with an estimated value of £70 million for the delivery of highways infrastructure works on the A40 between Eynsham Park and Ride and Wolvercote. The Contract will comprise enabling works (Stage 1) and the main construction works (Stage 2). Following completion of the Stage 1 works the Council may elect to proceed to Stage 2 of the Contract by issuing the Contractor with a Notice to Proceed under the Contract.
10. As the total estimated value of the proposed construction works contract exceeds the applicable works threshold of £5,193,000 (including VAT), the Council is required to procure the works through a lawful and compliant route to market in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015), where applicable, or the Procurement Act 2023 (PA 2023), and in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
11. The proposed route to market for the award of the works contract is by way of a call-off under the Scape Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework 2022–2026 (dated 21 November 2022), being a single-supplier framework established pursuant to the PCR 2015. The PA 2023 expressly permits contracting authorities to continue awarding call-off contracts under framework agreements established under the PCR 2015, including the Scape Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework 2022–2026. The proposed award route is therefore a lawful and available procurement route for the purposes of this contract.

13. During Stage 1 of the contract, the parties will develop and seek to agree on the Tendered Total of the Prices for Stage 2 (target price) based on the Pricing Information, together with the Stage 2 Scope and programme, prior to the issue of any Notice to Proceed for the main construction works. No Notice to Proceed will be issued unless and until a further decision is taken under this delegation.
14. In delivering the construction of the A40 Eynsham to Wolvercote Scheme, the Council is acting in its statutory capacity as the highway authority for Oxfordshire pursuant to the Highways Act 1980.

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### **Financial Implications**

15. There are no new budgetary implications. The contract value is within the approved budget envelope.

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### **Staff Implications**

16. No additional staff resources are required as a result of this decision. The scheme will continue to be managed within the existing HIF2 Project Team under the leadership of the Programme Lead.

### **Sustainability Implications**

17. The scheme supports the Council's Climate Action Framework by reducing congestion and providing alternative modes of transport through the delivery of infrastructure to enable the Eynsham Park and Ride to become operational and through the inclusion of high-quality shared footways. The design includes biodiversity enhancements and carbon reduction measures.

### **Risk Management**

18. There are no key risk management issues.

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# Appendix 1: Phase 1 of Scheme

