

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 3 September 2026 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 2.12 pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Liz Leffman – in the Chair

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Ian Snowdon

Officers: Jack Ahier (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Burhan Khan (Project Manager).

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting [, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting/the following additional documents:] and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents] are attached to the signed Minutes.

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda No. 1)

There were none.

13 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Agenda No. 2)

The questions and answers are published as an annex to these minutes.

14 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS (Agenda No. 3)

There was one request to address the meeting:

Item 5: Didcot Northern Perimeter Road (NPR3) Grant Funding Agreement:
- Cllr Ian Snowdon

15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda No. 4)

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

16 DIDCOT NORTHERN PERIMETER ROAD (NPR3) GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT
(Agenda No. 5)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting, invited speakers to address the meeting and responded to their points in turn.

The Chair noted the long-standing delays to the project across successive administrations and that some of the decisions taken were South Oxfordshire District Council as the planning authority, rather than the County Council, whilst sharing the frustrations of local councillors regarding the delays to the project.

Officers noted that construction dates proposed in 2025 were based off limited technical information available at the time. Further work had since been undertaken and the current estimate for the beginning of the construction of work was in 2028 based upon the technical, environment and planning requirements needed.

The Chair emphasised that the paper sought approval for the County Council to contribute to the scheme and was not about completing the entire scheme.

The Chair noted the difficulties working with developers and the planning authorities to deliver projects, such as Didcot NPR3.

The Chair thanked speakers for their contributions, officers for their work and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

a) Accept £6.2 million of Community Levy Grant (CLG) grant funding (originally received by South Oxfordshire District Council under a Grant Determination from the Department of Communities and Local Government to contribute towards the delivery of the Didcot NPR3 scheme.

b) Delegate authority to the Director of Environment and Highways in consultation with the Head of Legal and Governance (Deputy Monitoring Officer) for the completion of a Grant Funding Agreement with South Oxfordshire District Council.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing 2026