



Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Highway Construction and Repair

***Thursday, 3 September 2026 at 2.00 pm
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 Tuesday 8 September 2026 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

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Martin Reeves OBE
Chief Executive

August 2026

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Note: *Date of next meeting: 8 October 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

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. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 7 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2026 and for the Chair to sign them as a correct record.

5. Didcot Northern Perimeter Road (NPR3) Grant Funding Agreement (Pages 11 - 14)

Cabinet Member: Highways Construction and Repair

Forward Plan Ref: 2026/088

Key Decision

Contact: Burhan Khan, Project Manager (Burhan.Khan@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Report by Director of Environment and Highways (**CMDHCR5**).

To consider accepting £6.2M of 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.

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED 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.**

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 registrable 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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DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 16 July 2026 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 2.08 pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Liz Leffman – in the Chair

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Thomas Ashby

Officers: Jack Ahier (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Mo Fazlie (Senior Project Manager – A40 Programme), Mohammed Ilyas (Programme Lead – North).

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.

5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(Agenda No. 1)

There were none.

6 **QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

(Agenda No. 2)

There were none.

7 **PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS**

(Agenda No. 3)

There were none.

8 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

(Agenda No. 4)

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2026 were approved as a correct record.

9 **CAPITAL RESERVES FOR DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE**

(Agenda No. 5)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

The Chair reiterated the commitment made by the Council in the Budget for gully repairs and noted that all gullies had been cleansed in the previous year. It would significantly improve drainage, particularly in the winter months given the periods of flooding over the last 12 months.

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

RESOLVED to:

- a) **Approve the release of £1.7 million to the capital drainage Cat 467 budget in 26/27, and £2.3 million in 27/28 to enable the alignment of resources within the Annual Plan and Contractors Plan for those years against the allocated budget**

**10 A40 HIF2 DUKES CUT WOLVERCOTE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE WORKS -
DECISION TO PROGRESS TO CONSTRUCTION**
(Agenda No. 6)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

The Chair noted the Council had been looking at ways to improve the A40 corridor for a long time, through bus lanes and active travel infrastructure. The Chair further noted that this issue was time-sensitive given the bridge strengthening works proposed were on a Network Rail bridge which needed to be handed back to them.

The Chair thanked officers and agreed to the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED to:

- a) **Approve the award of contract (NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract, Pricing Option C with secondary Option X22), to M-Group Highways Limited (reg#13007933) for an estimated total value of £4,855,610 (ex VAT), for the HIF2 – Wolvercote Bridge Strengthening and Maintenance Works Scheme under the Pagabo Civil and Infrastructure Framework (Lot 1).**

**11 GREEN ROAD AND BISECTING BYWAY, LETCOMBE REGIS SEASONAL
AND WIDTH RESTRICTION TRO**
(Agenda No. 7)

The Chair introduced the item to the meeting.

The Chair noted that since publication of the reports, the Council had received further detailed representations and additional material. Officers have advised that it is appropriate to allow sufficient time to fully review and consider this information to ensure that all relevant matters are properly assessed before a decision is taken.

The Chair reflected on the significance of these proposals and noted that it was important that the decision-making process remains thorough, transparent, and robust. Deferring consideration would ensure that all relevant evidence and representations can be fully considered with the most complete information possible when the matter returns for determination.

The Chair thanked officers and deferred the recommendations as set out in the report to the next appropriate meeting.

RESOLVED to:

- a) Defer consideration of this report and its recommendations until the next appropriate meeting.**

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Divisions Affected – Didcot Ladygrove

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR

3 September 2026

Didcot Northern Perimeter Road (NPR3) Grant Funding Agreement

Report by Director of Environment and Highways

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is **RECOMMENDED** 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 for 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) the completion of a Grant Funding Agreement with South Oxfordshire District Council.**

Executive Summary

- 1. This report details grant contributions towards the NPR3 scheme which requires entry into a Grant Funding agreement by the county council. The value of this agreement is over £1million of capital spend.
- 2. It requests that the details and signing of this funding agreement is delegated to the Director of Environment and Highways.

Background

- 3. The Didcot NPR3 scheme represents a ‘missing link’ in terms of the strategic transport infrastructure within Didcot and will extend the existing A4130 Didcot Northern Perimeter Road and, in doing so, link the A4130 Abingdon Road and A4130 Hadden Hill corridors. The scheme will include walking and cycling infrastructure in line with County and District Council priorities to help support and encourage a shift to more sustainable forms of travel. Furthermore, the Didcot NPR3 scheme represents an overall strategy in Didcot to accommodate

housing and wider economic growth whilst also enabling the Didcot Garden Town aspirations to be realised.

4. Didcot and the surrounding area will see significant growth in housing and employment in the coming years. Investment in the Didcot NPR3 scheme is needed now so that the transport network can meet the demands that will be placed upon it in the future.
5. The Didcot NPR3 scheme will support planned growth in both housing and employment and, importantly, support/ facilitate sustainable and active travel in the local and wider area. The scheme will:
 - Provide a much-needed alternative route around the town
 - Help to reduce congestion
 - Deliver high quality pedestrian and cycle infrastructure
 - Promote and accommodate active travel
 - Improve air quality in the area
 - Support planned growth in housing and employment in the region while following the policies set out in Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP, 2022)
 - Minimise the impact on the landscape and provide a betterment to the local environment
6. The planning application for the Didcot NPR3 scheme is currently anticipated to be submitted in Winter 2026/27 with construction to commence in Spring 2028.

Key Issues

7. The delivery of the Didcot NPR3 scheme is dependent on the availability of sufficient and confirmed funding to support future construction activities. £6.2 million of CLG funding, originally received by SODC under a Grant Determination from the Department for Communities and Local Government, is currently being held by SODC pending acceptance by Oxfordshire County Council.
8. In June 2022, SODC sought approval from their Cabinet to transfer the funding to the Council, subject to approval of the amended Didcot Town Delivery Plan and agreeing funding terms with the Council. The revised Delivery Plan was approved by SODC in July 2022, but the negotiation of the funding agreement has been ongoing. The funding terms have now been agreed and acceptance of the funding is required to ensure ongoing financial certainty for scheme delivery.
9. Accepting the funding at this stage will provide valuable funding required to support the delivery of NPR3 and enable continued progressed on the scheme.

Financial Implications

10. There are no new budgetary implications. The £6.200m CLG Grant funding from SODC will form part of the total capital funding allocated to this project of £14.721m and is now transferrable to OCC following the meeting of the grant conditions.

Comments checked by:

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Legal Implications

11. The Council will be delivering the Didcot NPR3 scheme in its capacity as highway authority under the Highways Act 1980.
12. The Council will enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with SODC to transfer the funding. The terms of the Grant Funding Agreement have been reviewed and approved by Legal Services.

Comments checked by:

Jayne Pringle, Principal Solicitor (Contracts)
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Staff Implications

13. There are no additional staff implications as a result of this decision.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

14. There are no Equality & Inclusion implications as a result of this decision.

Sustainability Implications

15. There are no Sustainability implications as a result of this decision.

Risk Management

16. It is considered that there are no significant risk implications as a result of this decision. The grant will only be drawn in the later stages of the project once there is delivery certainty to minimise any claw back risk. It is expected the schedule payment will be 50% of the fund, which will be provided when the

design is completed and the remaining 50% will be provided upon construction contract award. Any unspent monies will be returned.

Paul Fermer
Director of Environment and Highways

Contact Officer: Burhan Khan (Project Manager)

September 2026