

**Divisions Affected – Iffley Fields & St Mary's, Rose Hill & Littlemore**

**DELEGATED DECISIONS BY DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT &  
FUTURE GENERATIONS**

**05 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**REDBRIDGE HWRC NEW LEASE**

**Report by Director of Environment and Highways**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Cabinet Member is **RECOMMENDED** to

- a) **Approve the new Redbridge Household Waste & Recycling Centre (HWRC) lease terms and costs as negotiated with Oxford City Council.**
- b) **Delegate to Director of Environment and Highways to finalise and enter into the lease.**

**Executive Summary**

1. The old 42-year lease for Redbridge HWRC expired in 2023. The terms for the new Redbridge HWRC site lease have now been agreed with Oxford City and require Member approval before the new lease can be drawn up and signed.
2. Securing the new Redbridge lease supports the new HWRC Strategy to '*secure, maintain and enhance*' the HWRC network, and ensures the ongoing delivery of waste and recycling services for Oxford city residents, and surrounding areas at Redbridge HWRC.

**Redbridge HWRC**

3. Redbridge is surrounded by a wooded area and is a very steeply banked site. This has caused stabilisation issues previously, with sheet piling added in 2020, and further sheet piling works planned for 2025.
4. (Paragraph added into Annex A due to exempt information)

## **Redbridge HWRC New Lease terms (Added to Annex A due to exempt information)**

### **Corporate Policies and Priorities**

11. The decision to approve the new Redbridge HWRC lease terms, will support the ongoing delivery of OCC's HWRC network, enabling recycling and waste management in accordance with the waste hierarchy which protects our environment, makes the best use of our resources, and helps reduce carbon emissions. Waste management contributes to several Oxfordshire County Priorities in our 2023 – 2025 Strategic Plan, particularly:
  - 1) Put action to address the climate emergency at the heart of our work
  - 2) Tackle inequalities in Oxfordshire
  - 3) Prioritise the health and wellbeing of residents
  - 4) Working with local businesses and partners for environmental, economic and social benefit
12. The recommendation also supports Oxfordshire County Council's requirement to comply with its Minerals and Waste Planning Policy, and Oxfordshire's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2018 – 2025.

### **Financial Implications**

13. The new Redbridge lease proposal is a financial obligation on Oxfordshire County Council. The previous lease cost (Annex A) per year, and the new lease costs (Annex A) per year. The (Annex A) increase has been added into Waste Services budget savings and pressure proposals as an additional cost. Any additional costs raised as a result of backdating the lease will be absorbed through existing budgets.

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### **Legal Implications**

14. Under section 51 of the Environment Protection Act 1990, Oxfordshire County Council has a legal duty to provide HWRC's where residents can deposit household waste.

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## Staff Implications

15. There are no additional OCC FTE staffing implications presented by the recommendation outlined within this report. The project work required is delivered via Waste and Property services teams, and the procurement and mobilisation of the new Redbridge lease is all done within existing OCC staff resource.

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## Local Transport and Connectivity Plan Implications

16. The recommendation from this report supports the Council's LTCP Vision and key outcomes by enabling WRAP HWRC best practice guidance, of delivering a HWRC for Oxfordshire's residents within a 20mins drive time. This helps manage the expected volume of HWRC site traffic on Oxford City roads and limits the number of journeys residents have to make to HWRC's outside of the recommended 20min drive time. Redbridge has good road link accessibility via Oxford Ring Road and the Old Abingdon Road.

## Equality & Inclusion Implications

17. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

## Sustainability Implications

18. The proposals would help encourage recycling within Oxford City and its surrounding areas.

## Risk Management

19. The risks associated with this proposal are as follows:

Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Mitigation
New lease costs escalate	The terms of the new lease have been agreed	Minimal	Ongoing working relationship with Oxford City Council
Oxford City Council dictate new lease terms	The terms of the new lease have been agreed	Minimal	Ongoing working relationship with Oxford City Council

Lease terms no longer support HWRC service delivery	The new lease terms are supportive of the HWRC service requirements	Minimal	Ongoing working relationship with Oxford City Council
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## Consultations

20. A consultation is not required for the proposal as outlined within this report.

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Annex: ANNEX A – Exempt items / paragraphs

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