

**To:** Chief Executive  
**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021  
**Report of:** Executive Director of Development  
**Title of Report:** Enabling Works to facilitate the Decarbonisation project

<b>Summary and recommendations</b>	
<b>Purpose of report:</b>	To instruct Faithful and Gould and Wilmott Dixon to undertake the enabling works required to facilitate the decarbonisation project funded by the stock condition survey budget.
<b>Key decision:</b>	Yes
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Ed Turner, Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Zero Carbon Oxford
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Council Strategy 2020-24
<b>Recommendation(s): That the Chief Executive resolves to take the following decisions using the authority delegated to the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) in Part 9.3(b) of the Constitution:</b>	
1.	<b>Agree</b> to instruct Faithful and Gould and Wilmott Dixon to undertake the enabling works required to facilitate the decarbonisation project.
2.	<b>Agree</b> to allocate a capital budget in the Councils capital programme of £3.066million financed by budgeted capital resources set aside to finance works arising from the stock condition surveys, in the February 2021 refresh of the Medium Term Financial Plan project.

<b>Appendices</b>	
Appendix 1	Exempt Appendix 1 – Not for publication
Appendix 2	Risk Register

## **Introduction and background**

1. The Council was allocated £10.9m from the public sector decarbonisation fund to finance the provision of heat pumps, thermal storage and battery storage at Oxford City Council sites and the development of renewable energy to reduce Council carbon emissions.
2. Cabinet on 10 February 2021 delegated authority to officers to commence expenditure to carry out the work to develop proposals for funding and, subject to their satisfactory conclusion, enter into funding and other necessary agreements, for the purpose of development and delivery of decarbonisation projects across Oxford City Council estate.
3. The sites identified for the decarbonisation project are:
  - Oxford Ice Rink
  - Barton Leisure Centre
  - Leys Pools and Leisure Centre
  - Rose Hill Community Centre
  - Hinksey heated Outdoor Pool
  - Ferry Leisure Centre
4. In March 2009 the Council entered into a contract with Fusion Lifestyle (Fusion) for the continuous development, management and operation of leisure services in Oxford Rose Hill Community Centre is managed directly by the Council.
5. The external project team for the decarbonisation project consists of Faithful and Gould (project management) and Wilmott Dixon (main contractor). Wilmott Dixon (WD) have undertaken extensive condition surveys on the mechanical and electrical plant (M&E) servicing the leisure centres and Rose Hill Community Centre and have advised the Council that the M&E is not compatible with the decarbonisation equipment across all of the sites.
6. In order to facilitate the decarbonisation project, a package of enabling works are to be instructed. These works consist of both repair of the existing M&E plant where compatible, and upgrade of plant where compatibility would not be facilitated by repair.
7. The programme for the decarbonisation works is challenging and it is recommended that both Faithful and Gould (F&G) and WD are instructed on the enabling works in order to successfully manage the programme for both the decarbonisation project and enabling works to completion to meet the Salix deadline of March 2022. It should be noted that the extension of time has been requested from salix but we have not yet had this confirmed. Salix have however issued a letter of comfort to confirm they are likely to approve the extension.
8. The decarbonisation project cannot progress without the instruction of the enabling works package. In order to meet the Salix timelines for completion by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 the works must be instructed by 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

## **Financial implications**

9. The financial impact is detailed within Exempt Appendix 1 – not for publication.

**Legal issues**

10. There are no additional legal issues to be considered.

**Level of risk**

11. Please refer to Appendix 2.

**Equalities impact**

12. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

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<b>Background Papers:</b> None
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