**DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS**

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| **Decision title:**  | Variation of Oxpens River Bridge Collaboration Agreement with Oxfordshire County Council |
| **Decision date:** | 14 February 2023 |
| **Source of delegation:**  | Cabinet, [on 16 November 2022](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=527&MId=7378&Ver=4) (‘Appointment of a Contractor for the Oxpens River Bridge’) resolved to:1. **Delegate authority** to the Executive Director (Development) in consultation with the Head of Financial Services/Section 151 Officer, the Head of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery, to agree and enter into contractual terms with Oxfordshire County Council for £2.8 million of additional funding from the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal Funds (OHGDF) and an amended collaboration agreement to cover revised project delivery arrangements including fees and programme.
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| **What decision was made?**  | To amend the collaboration agreement with Oxfordshire County Council to: enable the County Council to provide additional funds of £2.8million (minus funding retained for County Council costs); change the completion date; vary the allocation of design funding within the budget; and allocate more of the design funding to staff costs as set out in the Cabinet report. |
| **Purpose:** | The amendment of the agreement enables additional Growth Deal funds to be provided and ensures the provisions within the agreement reflect the proposals and programme for the works. This will enable proposals for the Oxpens River Bridge to move forward. |
| **Reasons:**  | Construction costs have increased rapidly and the programme for the development have been progressed and this has led to the need for the funding and amendments to the existing funding agreement. |
| **Decision made by:**  | Tom Bridgman, Executive Director (Development)  |
| **Other options considered:** | The option of not accepting the funding was considered but rejected as it would have prevented the delivery of the walking and cycling link across the river. |
| **Documents considered:** | Report to Cabinet of [16 November 2022](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/documents/s70481/Report%20-%20Oxpens%20River%20Bridge.pdf). |
| **Key or Not Key:** | Key (expenditure or savings of £500,000 or greater in the context of the medium term financial strategy) |
| **Wards significantly affected:**  | Osney & St Thomas |
| **Declared conflict of interest:**  | None |
| **This form was completed by:****Name & title:****Date:** | Steve WeitzelRegeneration Manager31/01/2023 |

**Approval checklist**

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| ***Approver*** | ***Name and job title*** | ***Date***  |
| **Decision maker**  | Tom Bridgman - Executive Director (Development)  | 14/02/2023 |

**Consultee checklist**

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| ***Consultees*** | ***Name and job title*** | ***Date***  |
| **Senior officer** | Carolyn PloszynskiHead of Regeneration and Economy Signature Carolyn Ploszynski | 02/02/2023 |
| **Head of Financial Services** | Nigel Kennedy Head of Financial Services (Section 151 Officer) | 02/02/2023 |
| **Deputy Monitoring Officer** | Marcia Ecclestone, Deputy Monitoring Officer | 14/02/2023 |
| **Cabinet Member** | Cllr Alex Hollingsworth - Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery | 02/02/2023 |