

## DECISIONS DELEGATED TO CABINET MEMBERS

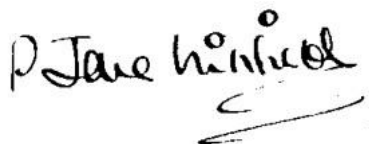
<b>Decision title:</b>	Grant of Easement Over Land
<b>Decision date:</b>	14 August 2023
<b>Source of delegation:</b>	<p>The Leader may delegate executive responsibilities to a single Cabinet Member with or without consultation with officers or other Cabinet Members (Part 4.6 of the Constitution). The Leader agreed on 31 July 2023 to delegate the decision to the Deputy Leader - Finance and Asset Management.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader – Finance and Asset Management resolved on 14 August to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the outline terms negotiated in relation to the proposed grant of the easement and ancillary surrender of part of a lease as set out in Exempt Appendix 1 of a Cabinet Member Report dated 2 August 2023; and</li> <li>2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director – Development (in consultation with the Head of Financial Services and the Head of Law and Governance) to approve the final form of documents, any form of payment due from the Council and enter into the transactions.</li> </ol>
<b>What decision was made?</b>	To enter into a tripartite agreement with Cowley Baldon Green Limited and Thames Water Utilities Limited for the grant of an easement over land and ancillary surrender of part of an existing lease. The terms of the agreement are set out in Appendix 1 of the report to the Deputy Leader (Statutory) – Finance and Asset Management dated 4 August 2023 (exempt from publication as it contains commercially sensitive information).
<b>Purpose:</b>	The decision allows the Council to enter into a contract which will result in land leased to Thames Water being surrendered back to the Council and the Council then being obliged to grant an easement to Cowley Baldon Green Limited.
<b>Reasons:</b>	Oxford City Council has been approached by a developer (Cowley Baldon Green Limited) which is proposing to develop a solar farm on and adjacent to the southern boundary of the Council's land leased by Thames Water (TW). The developer cannot proceed without securing an easement from the Council to lay



	services under the land currently leased to TW.
<b>Decision made by:</b>	Councillor Ed Turner, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management  Tom Bridgman, Executive Director, Development
<b>Other options considered:</b>	Not to grant the easement. This option was rejected as it would not allow the proposal to proceed.
<b>Documents considered:</b>	Report to the Deputy Leader (Statutory) – Finance and Asset Management dated 4 August 2023.
<b>Key or Not Key:</b>	Key
<b>Wards significantly affected:</b>	None
<b>This form was completed by:</b> <b>Name &amp; title:</b> <b>Date:</b>	Christopher Wood, Corporate Asset Manager 3 August 2023

#### Approval checklist

<b>Approver</b>	<b>Name and job title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Decision maker</b>	Councillor Ed Turner, Deputy Leader (Statutory) - Finance and Asset Management	14.08.2023
<b>Decision maker</b>	Tom Bridgman, Executive Director, Development  	14.08.2023

#### Consultee checklist

<b>Consultees</b>	<b>Name and job title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Senior officer</b>	Jane Winfield, Head of Corporate Property  	02.08.2023

<b>Head of Financial Services</b>	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services 	02.08.2023
<b>Head of Law and Governance (Interim)</b>	Rhian Davies, Interim Head of Law and Governance 	02.08.2023