


DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Decision title:	Pre-Construction Services Agreement (PCSA) following first phase of Value Engineering, fee increases and extension of programme
Decision date:	19 March 2024
Source of delegation:	<p>Cabinet, on 16 November 2022, resolved to:</p> <p>3. 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 enter into contractual terms with a contractor for the pre-contract stages of the Oxpens River Bridge by signing a PCSA for providing detailed design, programme and 100% market tested estimate for the bridge, subject to the Council's normal procurement procedures.</p>
What decision was made?	<p>The Executive Director (Development), on 24 January 2023, made a decision to enter into a PCSA with Balfour Beatty under the terms of the SCAPE Framework to undertake works necessary to enable a value engineering (VE) exercise to be undertaken to bring the cost estimate to within the current budget (provided from Growth Deal funding) and to develop a construction programme that complies with the Growth deal requirements. The PCSA had a break clause so that if the VE target was not achieved the PCSA would be terminated.</p> <p>The target has been met and the second phase of the PCSA has proceeded within the target deadline for overall completion remaining as 25 March 2025.</p> <p>However, the Council has received notification from the contractor that additional works, principally around the progression of the planning application, have become necessary. Certain design elements have also been brought forward to satisfy the ongoing technical review of structural elements of the bridge.</p> <p>As a result, a decision has been taken to increase the existing PCSA value from £1,193,858 to £1,428,787.07 (an increase of £234,929.07) and extend the PCSA completion date to 20 June 2024. These additional costs are within the contingency allowed and the overall project budget position (provided by Growth Deal funding) and the end date for project completion</p>


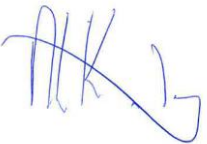
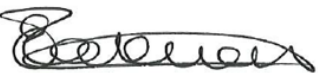
	<p>remains unchanged.</p> <p>The Executive Director (Development) is satisfied that the increase in the value of the PCSA reflects the variations that are required and has decided to approve the additional spend on the PCSA to allow the works to continue.</p>
Purpose:	The decision enables work to progress on the design, programme and cost for the delivery of the Oxpens River Bridge. The PCSA covers work necessary in advance of entering into a delivery contract.
Reasons:	<p>It is necessary to make these changes to the PCSA now to maintain the delivery of the bridge within the identified programme of delivery by end of March 2025, the contracted end date for the Growth Deal Funding.</p> <p>By including the additional planning work within the PCSA rather than main contract this allows Balfour Beatty to recover times lost on the programme earlier due to consultant appointment delay.</p>
Decision made by:	Tom Bridgman, Executive Director (Development)
Other options considered:	<p>Other options considered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To attempt to shorten other items of the programme, however, all options were interrogated, and this was the optimum option to keep to programme and budget. • Not to proceed with the project. This was rejected as it would not have supported the Council's aim of supporting active travel by providing a pedestrian and cycle bridge over the river facilitating movement between Osney Mead and the city centre as well as wider north south links to the city centre and rail station.
Documents considered:	<p>PCSA Document (05 CEN Pre Con Services Opt A - Oxpens River Footbridge - Rev6)</p> <p>Exempt</p>
Key or Not Key:	Not Key
Wards significantly affected:	None
Declared conflict of interest:	None
This form was completed by: Name & title:	<p>Gary Meeds Regeneration Project Manager 15 March 2024</p>

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Approval checklist

Approver	Name and job title	Date
Decision maker	Tom Bridgman, Executive Director (Development) 	19 March 2024

Consultee checklist

Consultees	Name and job title	Date
Senior officer	Carolyn Ploszynski, Head of Regeneration & Economy 	15 March 2024
Head of Financial Services	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services 	13 March 2024
Head of Law and Governance	Emma Jackman, Head of Law & Governance 	5 March 2024
Cabinet Member	Councillor Louise Upton, Council Member for Planning and Healthier Communities Councillor Ed Turner, Deputy Leader (Statutory), and Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management	11 March 2024 15 March 2024