

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to surrender and re-grant the existing farm business tenancy at Ashley Farm to obtain possession of the land required for the bypass.
Date of decision:	11/12/2025
Decision maker:	Commercial and Investment Manager
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated April 2025 (line 35 & line 39) gives the Commercial and Investment Manager the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Wormside
Consultation:	N/A
Decision made:	Decision taken to surrender and re-grant the existing farm business tenancy at Ashley Farm, Grafton, to release land required for the bypass.
Reasons for decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Part of the land at Ashley farm is required for the southern link road/bypass. 2. The farm business tenancy break notice was not served so the property team approached the tenant directly to negotiate a surrender and re-grant of the tenancy. 3. The tenant will take responsibility for the residual part of their original Ashley Farm FBT and a section of Veddoes Farm (formerly held under licence by another party) that is not required for the bypass. 4. On completion of the surrender and re-grant, the full extent of the land required for the bypass will be within the Council's control.
Equality Considerations	N/A
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The Council requires part of the farm back in control for the bypass development.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None proposed.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	N/A

Signed..... Date: 9th January 2026

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