



## Robert Austin

Consultant Solicitor

Robert Austin provides support on all aspects of company commercial and commercial property transactions.

Robert has over 17 years experience in the company commercial and commercial property fields. He was formerly a partner at leading Thames Valley firms Willmetts & Co and Horsey Lightly. Since 2001, Robert has been a consultant solicitor to Oxfordshire County Council and West Oxfordshire District Council working on a wide variety of contracts, partnership projects and associated legal issues.

Robert has substantial experience in acting for clients in both the private and public sector. He has dealt with a number of projects across a wide variety of sectors including, health and social care, transport, leisure, support services and community regeneration.

He has been involved in negotiating complex lease structures for new developments, project agreements and other related documentation. His experience also includes drafting and negotiating commercial contracts for the transfer of day centres including the pension and TUPE related issues.

Robert also has experience in drafting and negotiating transport management contracts for a highways project and a variety of contracts for outsourced IT systems.



### Admitted as a solicitor

1989

### Qualifications

Notary Public

CPE and Law Finals at College of Law, London  
MA in History, St Catherine's College, Cambridge University

### Relevant Project Experience

Oxfordshire County Council - £148m outsourcing & redevelopment of elderly persons homes/day care centres under 30 year contract with The Oxfordshire Care Partnership, a new joint venture between a leading care provider and housing association.

Oxfordshire County Council- transfer of day centres to a housing association, drafting and negotiating Project Agreement, pensions admission agreement, step in agreement, deeds of covenant, advising on TUPE, two-tier workforce code and EU procurement rules.

Children's Services outsourcing – advising on the outsourcing of a play and leisure service-providing strategic advice to rescue an ailing project and ensure a successful outcome.

Outsourcing of services for disabled children-drafting and negotiating contract for services and transfer of assets to an external provider, including advice on TUPE issues, dealing with leases of resource centres, investigating title, dealing with declarations and notices, settling pensions admission agreement and asset transfer agreement.

Supported Living, Supporting People and Keyworker projects: Drafting and settling nomination agreements for supported living projects, drafting and negotiating transfer documents, rights of pre-emption clauses and restrictions.

Public service agreements - Drafting and negotiating PSA between central government and local authority in relation to key worker accommodation schemes, including grant terms, management and marketing agreement and advising on issues around securitisation of loans-charge, registration.