

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on 7 December 2009**

1. Date of publication of this summary:-

8 December 2009

2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16 (and not therefore subject to the call-in procedure):-

None

3. Date by which notice of call-in of any of the following decisions must be received in writing by the Chief Executive (see notes below):-

Noon on Friday 11 December 2008

4. Notes:-

- (a) For background documentation to the following decisions, please refer to the agenda and supporting papers (copies of which are available on the Council's website (www.cherwell.gov.uk) or from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services);
- (b) Notice of call-in must be submitted in writing, by email or text to the Chief Executive by the deadline specified above, and must state the reason or reasons why "call-in" has been requested;
- (c) Call-in can be requested by any six non-executive members of the Council.
- However, if at any point during a municipal year the total number of opposition councillors is six or less the total number of non-executive members required to call-in a decision shall be the total number of opposition councillors less two.
- (d) Decisions not called-in by the deadline specified above will become effective immediately the deadline has expired (unless they are recommendations to the Council).
- (e) The Council has stipulated that the call-in procedure should not be used to challenge decisions as a matter of course and should be used only when fully justified.

**M Harpley
Chief Executive**

Decisions

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>Countywide Interim Planning Advice Note - Renewable Energy & Sustainable Construction</p> <p>Report of Head of Planning and Affordable Housing Policy</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To seek approval of an ‘Advice Note’ document which has been prepared by Oxfordshire County Council in liaison with district councils across Oxfordshire to provide advice on renewable energy and sustainable construction issues in the interim period before Core Strategies are adopted. The Advice Note does not establish new planning policy, but seeks to emphasise the relevant policies in the adopted South East Plan. It also provides further information which will be of use in making applications for planning permission, and in the decision making process.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>Approve the Advice Note attached as appendix 1 to this report for use as a guide to assist applicants in making planning applications and development control in making decisions regarding the need to improve renewable energy provision and sustainable construction standards.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p>Banbury Cultural Quarter</p> <p>Report of Strategic Director Environment and Community</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To consider proposals for the development of a Banbury Cultural Quarter in conjunction with The Mill Management Committee and Oxfordshire County Council.</p> <p>Recommendations</p>	<p>Agreed, subject to the amendment of recommendation 3 below:</p> <p>“To agree a supplementary capital estimate of £60,000 to progress the Cultural Quarter components to the level of detail required and to submit an outline planning application; <i>subject to County Council agreeing to fund the new library and Mill Arts Centre refurbishment.</i>”</p>

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	<p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Support the concept of a Cultural Quarter in Banbury to the east of the Oxford Canal as outlined in the report; (2) Support Oxfordshire County Council in the development of an integrated new library and Mill as outlined in the report; (3) Agree a supplementary capital estimate of £60,000 to progress the Cultural Quarter components to the level of detail required and to submit an outline planning application; (4) Receive further reports on the further design work, outline capital costs and anticipated revenue implications of progressing the District Council's components of the Cultural Quarter prior to any commitment. 	
7	<p>Sports Centres Modernisation Update</p> <p>Report of Strategic Director Environment and Community</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To consider the progress made on the Sports Centres Modernisation project and the temporary use of the land of the current Spiceball Sports Centre site.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (5) Note the current position and progress to date; (6) Note the plans for the official opening of the new Spiceball Leisure Centre; 	Agreed.

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	<p>(7) Agree that following demolition, part of the site of the current Spiceball Park Sports Centre be used for a temporary car park and a planning application be submitted for its change of use;</p> <p>(8) Make a car park order, subject to the planning consent, for a temporary car park at Spiceball Park Sports Centre.</p> <p>(9) Agree to fund the costs of creating the temporary car park from the Sports Centres Modernisation project fund in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Recreation and Health.</p>	
8	<p>ICT Service Provision Strategy</p> <p>Report of Head of Customer Service and Information Services</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>This report seeks Member approval for a major strategic project to improve the resilience of the Council's computer systems, and to progress the means of identifying options for the medium and long term delivery of ICT services.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(10) To approve the project to complete the virtualisation and thin client projects and related staffing changes using the £125,000 already approved for ICT investment, but released by reducing the 2009/2010 ICT capital programme.</p> <p>(11) To approve a supplementary estimate of up to £150,000 for the purposes of (1) above.</p> <p>(12) To request that a Member and</p>	Agreed

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	<p>Officer review group is established to review the options available to the Council for the future delivery of strategic ICT services.</p> <p>(13) Approve the proposal for interim arrangements for ICT service delivery pending the findings of the review group, at an estimated cost of £50,000 to be met from the ICT reserve.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Draft Budget , Corporate Plan and Service Plans 2010 - 2011</p> <p>Report of Head of Finance</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>The Council has to adopt a budget for 2010/11 as the basis for calculating its level of Council Tax and has to base that budget on its plans for service delivery during the year, recognising any changes in service demand that may arise in future years. This is the first of three opportunities that the Executive has to shape and refine the interaction between the Corporate Plan, the service plans that underpin the corporate plan and financial matters before the final budget is presented to the Council on the 22nd February 2010.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) to consider the draft budget (detailed in Appendix 1) and service plans in the context of the Council’s service objectives and strategic priorities; 2) to endorse the proposed service priorities and the draft Corporate Plan for 2010-11 (detailed in Appendix 2); 3) to note the areas of unavoidable revenue growth (detailed in Appendix 3); 4) to agree the approach to the overall capital programme and 	<p>Agreed, subject to the amendments to recommendations 2 and 4 below:</p> <p>Recommendation 2</p> <p>“to endorse the proposed service priorities and the draft Corporate Plan for 2010-11 (detailed in Appendix 2); <i>and to request officers to draft revised corporate plan aims regarding i) NW Bicester Eco Town ii) and around designing services to meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents.</i></p> <p>Recommendation 4</p> <p>“to <i>note</i> the approach to the overall capital programme and 2010/11 expenditure profile (detailed in Appendix 4); <i>and that officers note the request of scrutiny for a review of the capital programme which should be brought forward and reported to the January Executive meeting, with particular attention paid to minimising the extent of the programme in 2010/11 in particular.</i>”</p>

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	<p>2010/11 expenditure profile (detailed in Appendix 4);</p> <p>5) to advise of any other matters they would like taken into consideration in producing a balanced budget for the next meeting of the Executive on 11th January 2010 ;</p> <p>6) to note that any recommendations of the scrutiny reviews on the non consulted services and capital programme to be considered at the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board on 1st December 2009 will be reviewed as part of the second draft of the budget:</p> <p>7) to endorse the draft budget and corporate plan as the basis for consultation;</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Approval for Funding at Claypits Lane, London Road, Bicester</p> <p>Report of Head of Housing Services</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To seek approval for expenditure of £187,250 grant funding from the Capital Reserves for Affordable Housing towards the land for affordable housing at Claypits, Bicester.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(14) Approve a supplementary capital estimate of £187,250 to secure nomination rights to four affordable housing units at Claypits, London Road, Bicester.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Authorisation of Supplementary Revenue Estimate</p> <p>Report of Head of Development Control and Major Developments</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

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	<p>Summary</p> <p>To recommend authorisation of a budget for payment of compensation via a Supplementary Revenue Estimate to be funded from Development Control and Major Developments Reserve.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(15) Note the attached report to the Planning Committee and the committee resolution to pay Mr Whithead and Ms Simons of the Marlborough Arms, Gatteridge Street Banbury £11,274.35 compensation for losses arising from the Council's maladministration.</p> <p>(16) Approve a Supplementary Revenue Estimate of £11,274.35 to be funded from Development Control and Major Developments reserve.</p>	
14	<p>Old Bodicote House Refurbishment</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive and Head of Economic Development and Estates</p>	Agreed