

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on 6 September 2010**

1. Date of publication of this summary:-
7 September 2010
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 10 September 2010
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

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6	<p>Local Economic Partnerships (LEP)</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(1) Support the inclusion of Cherwell District in both the Oxfordshire City Region Enterprise Partnership and the South East Midlands Enterprise Partnership as they are submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government for consideration.</p> <p>(2) Request a further report when the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government responds to all the LEP submissions he has received and when he provides final information on any rules which might be put in place which would prevent Cherwell District being part of two LEPs simultaneously (should the Secretary of State accept both the Oxfordshire City Region and South East Midlands LEP bids).</p>	Recommendations Approved
7	<p>Review of the ICT Service</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to agree:</p> <p>(1) Measures to reduce the cost of the Council's ICT Service through the implementation of an integrated, scalable and flexible staffing structure, selective external hosting of systems and improved procurement;</p> <p>(2) By the end of 2012/13, to make savings of a minimum of £300,000 resulting in a minimum 15% reduction to the base budget and which brings the costs of the function to 2.3% total Council spend (based on 2010/11</p>	Recommendations Approved

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	<p>estimated total spend);</p> <p>(3) To continue to explore further cost reductions through shared service and joint opportunities with other Councils;</p> <p>(4) The proposed change to the ICT service desk availability from 8am – 6pm, to 7am – 5.15pm Monday to Friday;</p> <p>(5) Not to implement an additional Out Of Hours support service based on an assessed low risk of failure and impact plus additional cost;</p> <p>(6) The setting up of an Information Systems Corporate Governance group with a remit to provide a corporate overview to the use of ICT resources, approve projects for delivery and realise targeted savings identified in the project business cases.</p>	
8	<p>Overview and Scrutiny: (1) Committee Report on Democratic Engagement with Young People and (2) Task and Finish Group Report on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(1) Note the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutiny review into the Council's approach to Democratic Engagement with Young People.</p> <p>(2) Agree the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendation regarding the Council's approach to Democratic Engagement with Young People as detailed below:</p> <p>Recommendation 1:</p> <p>That the Council should adopt a more pro-active and structured approach to youth engagement in</p>	Recommendations Approved

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	<p>local democracy and that the Young People's Champion and officers should be invited to develop a formal policy and action plan to achieve this.</p> <p>(3) Note the work of the Task & Finish Group scrutiny review into Crime and Anti Social Behaviour.</p> <p>(4) Agree the Task & Finish Group recommendation regarding Crime and Anti Social Behaviour as detailed below:</p> <p>Recommendation 1: That the Council take an active role in promoting the positive activities which young people in the district are involved in.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: That the Council promote the success of the Street Wardens in Bicester and Banbury and that the possibility of developing the scheme in other areas of Cherwell be investigated.</p> <p>Recommendation 3: That Overview and Scrutiny investigate how the Council engages with young people in the District in more detail.</p> <p>Recommendation 4: That the Council embarks on intergenerational activities to tackle the perception of crime in the District.</p> <p>Recommendation 5: That the Council develop a policy on youth engagement and involvement as part of the Council's consultation and decision making arrangements.</p>	

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<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>	<p>Equality Performance Review & Self Assessment</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(1) Note the progress in delivering the Corporate Equalities Action Plan and the Corporate Equalities Improvement Project.</p> <p>(2) Agree the completed 'Achieving' Equality Self Assessment'</p> <p>(3) Agree to continue with the equalities work programme for 2010/2011</p> <p>(4) Not seek external accreditation of our performance under the equalities standard for local government at this time and take the costs of this inspection as an efficiency saving.</p>	<p>Recommendations Approved</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>Asset Management Plan</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(1) Approve the Asset Management Plan for 2010.</p> <p>(2) Approve that the proposal that vacant small industrial units be used for economic development purposes through lettings on flexible terms, and that this policy be monitored through future reporting on the Asset Management Plan.</p>	<p>Recommendations Approved</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>Performance and Risk Management Framework 2010/11 First Quarter Performance Report</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p>	<p>Recommendations Approved, with the additional resolution that officers be requested to prepare a synopsis of the changes to performance management and national performance indicators and what changes this will involve at a local level to the Cherwell Performance Management Framework.</p>

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	<p>(1) Note the many achievements referred to in paragraph 1.4 of the report.</p> <p>(2) Request that officers report in the second quarter on the items identified in paragraph 1.5 of the report where performance was below target or there are emerging issues.</p> <p>(3) Agree the responses identified to issues raised in the end of year performance report in paragraph 2.1 of the report or to request additional action or information.</p>	
12	<p>2010/11 Projected Revenue and Capital Outturn at 30 June 2010 and 2009/10 Treasury Management Annual Report</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(1) Note the projected revenue & capital position at June 2010.</p> <p>(2) Approve the changes in the 2010/11 capital programme as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slip £4.8m of project funding into the 2011/12 capital programme (detailed in Appendix 1) and consider this as part of the 2011/12 budget process <p>(3) Note the performance against the 2009/10 investment strategy and the financial returns from each of the 3 funds (Appendix 2) and recommend that this report is considered by Full Council in line with CIPFA best practice.</p> <p>(4) Note the Q1 performance against 2010/11 investment strategy</p> <p>(5) Note the change in cumulative counterparty limits from £8m</p>	Recommendations Approved

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	to £15m.	
13	<p>Strong Leader Model</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(1) Note that the Government intend to repeal these requirements later in the year and consequently to agree a minimal response to ensure legislative compliance as set out in the following recommendations and endorsed by the minister in his letter as set out in Appendix 1.</p> <p>(2) Note that Cherwell already operates a Strong Leader Model</p> <p>(3) Agree the proposals in 1.3 to 1.7 in the report, including the changes to the approval process for the Scheme of Delegation, the appointment of Leader and Annual Council and recommend them to Council for approval.</p> <p>(4) Agree that a summary of the proposed changes be placed on the internet and any responses will be reported to Council.</p> <p>(5) Agree that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be requested to draft constitutional amendments for consideration by Council to implement the changes.</p>	Recommendations Approved