

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on 12 January 2009**

1. Date of publication of this summary:-

13 January 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 16 January 2009

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-dc.gov.uk) or from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services);
- (b) Notice of call-in must be submitted in writing 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:-
- (i) the Chairman of the relevant Select Committee;
 - (ii) any five Members of the relevant Select Committee;
 - (iii) any six Members of the Council, or the combined total of Opposition Group members less two, whichever is the smaller number.
- (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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5	<p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Report of the Chief Executive</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To review the Forward Plan of the key Executive decisions which will be taken over the next four months. These are the key decisions of which the Council's Executive is currently aware.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To resolve to note the Forward Plan for the period referred to above.</p>	<p>Agreed, with amendments:</p> <p>Officers to update and circulate a revised Forward Plan which corrects duplication on conservation area appraisals and community planning items and omission of the Q3 Performance Management report.</p> <p>The Chief Executive to include on the Forward Plan a report on the council re-organisation.</p>
6	<p>GP Led Health Centre in Banbury</p> <p>Report of Strategic Director Environment and Community</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To consider the Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust's (PCT) Proposals For A New GP Led Health Centre in Banbury</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(1) To receive a presentation on the proposal from the Oxfordshire PCT.</p> <p>(2) To determine the Council's position regarding the new GP led Health Centre in Banbury.</p>	<p>Agreed, with the amendments:</p> <p>Recommendation 2: The Executive welcomes the Primary Care Trust's reassurance that the new GP led health centre in Banbury will not impact on the services at the Horton Hospital and is likely to have only a limited impact on the existing GP surgeries in Banbury.</p>
7	<p>Sustainable Communities Act 2007</p> <p>Report of the Chief Executive</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To provide the Executive with information</p>	<p>Agreed, with the amendment:</p> <p>Recommendation 2: invite officers to continue to work on this issue and to come back with firm proposals.</p>

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	<p>on this Act and the timetable for the submission of first round proposals.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(1) Note the purpose of the Sustainable Communities Act and the timetable associated with the first bidding round.</p> <p>(2) Agree if Executive Members wish to develop a bid to this timetable.</p>	
8	<p>Bicester Town Centre Redevelopment</p> <p>Report of the Head of Economic Development and Estates</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To update the Executive on progress made on the scheme, and to consider the request that the Developer be granted a further Exclusivity Agreement</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To note the changes being made to the ownership of Town Centre Retail (Bicester) Ltd, (TCR) the Council's development partner.</p> <p>(2) To approve the grant of an Exclusivity Agreement to TCR for a period expiring on 31.12.09.</p>	Agreed
9	<p>Affordable Housing Issues Paper</p> <p>Report of the Head of Housing Services</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To provide Executive with information on the delivery of affordable housing within the context of a recession, and to consider a way forward that maximises opportunities for increasing the number</p>	Agreed

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	<p>and range of affordable housing units available for our community.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>(1) Note the current position on affordable housing policy, Corporate Plan targets and delivery.</p> <p>(3) To consider, in the context of the 2009/10 budget process, options for extending local initiatives to maintain affordable housing delivery.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Service Plans and Budget</p> <p>Report of Strategic Director for Customer Service and Resources and the Chief Accountant</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>The Council has to adopt a budget for 2009/10 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 second of three opportunities that the Executive has to shape and refine the interaction between service plans and financial matters before the final budget is presented to the Council on the 23rd February 2009. This report also considers an updated Medium Term Financial Forecast to 2013/14 building on the latest projection for 2008/09 and draft budget for 2009/10.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>1) to consider the draft revenue budget 2 (detailed in Appendix 1) in the context of the Council's service objectives</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

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	<p>and strategic priorities;</p> <p>2) to agree the approach to the overall capital programme and 09/10 expenditure profile (detailed in Appendix 2);</p> <p>3) to note the draft MTFS position (detailed in Appendix 3)</p> <p>4) to request Officers review the current treasury management strategy in light of the current economic climate and present their recommendations at the February 1st Executive</p> <p>5) to advise of any matters they would like taken into consideration in producing a balanced budget for the next meeting of the Executive ;</p> <p>6) to consider the recommendations of the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board from their meeting of December 9th 2008 (detailed in Appendix 4)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">to note the workshop conclusions from the meeting on 9 December 2009 and to consider them as part of their final discussions on the draft budget; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">to note the request that officers ensure that in 2009 the process for scrutiny of the budgets involves members at an earlier stage and provides additional detail.</p> <p>7) to consider the recommendations of the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board in relation to concessionary fares. (detailed in Appendix 5)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">not to change the current arrangements for the Concessionary Fares Travel Scheme at the</p>	

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	<p>present time but that the situation should be reviewed again in six months</p> <p><i>Appendices 1,2 and 3 to follow</i></p>	
11	<p>Council Tax Base for 2009/2010</p> <p>Report of the Head of Exchequer</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>To consider the calculation of the council tax base for 2009/10</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To approve the report of the Head of Exchequer, made pursuant to the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as amended, and the calculations referred to therein for the purposes of the Regulations;</p> <p>(2) To resolve that, in accordance with the Regulations, as amended, the amount calculated by the Cherwell District Council as its council tax base for the year 2009/2010 shall be 49,923; and</p> <p>(3) To resolve that the tax base for parts of the area be in accordance with the figures shown in column 13 of Appendix 2.</p>	Agreed
12	<p>Meeting Dates 2009/10</p> <p>Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>The Executive is asked to consider a draft calendar of meetings for 2009/10, and to recommend the Council accordingly.</p>	<p>Agreed, with the amendments:</p> <p>Executive: confirm all meeting dates and remove "reserve" designation.</p> <p>Planning Committee: delete 12 March 2010; insert 11 March 2010.</p> <p>Personnel & General Committee: delete 11 March 2010; insert 10 March 2010.</p> <p>Overview & Scrutiny Committee: delete 5 October 2010.</p>

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	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) to recommended to the Council to approve the draft calendar of meetings for 2009/10;</p>	<p>Accounts, Audit & Risk: confirm meetings on 20 January and 14 April 2010. Insert additional meeting on 26 October 2009. Note need for Annual Governance panel meetings in April/May 2010.</p>
15	<p>Town Centre Offices</p> <p>Report of Head of Economic Development and Estates</p>	<p>Agreed the recommendations as set out in the exempt report.</p>
17	<p>Dry Recycling - Gate Fees</p> <p>Report of the Head of Environmental Services</p>	<p>Agreed the recommendations as set out in the exempt report.</p>