



**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on Monday 4 February 2013**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 5 February 2013
2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution (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 8 February 2013
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 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.

**Sue Smith
Chief Executive**

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<p>Agenda Item 6 Draft Budget 2013-14</p> <p>Report of Head of Finance and Procurement</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To approve the changes to the draft budget since 7 January 2013 and consider the draft revenue budget (detailed in Appendix 1) in the context of the Council's service objectives and strategic priorities.</p> <p>(2) To approve the balanced budget.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the changes to the draft budget since 7 January 2013 be approved and the draft revenue budget in the context of the Council's service objectives and strategic priorities be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the balanced budget be approved.</p> <p>(3) That Full Council be recommended to approve a Council tax freeze.</p> <p>(4) That the proposed 2013/14 capital programme be agreed.</p> <p>(5) That the review of</p>	<p>This report presents a final analysis of the Council's draft 2012/13 Revenue and Capital Budget. The details in Appendix 1-6 will form the basis of the budget book to be presented to Council on 25 February to support the setting of Council Tax.</p>	<p>Option One - To review draft revenue and capital budget to date and consider actions arising</p> <p>Option Two - To approve or reject the recommendations above or request that Officers provide additional information</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>(3) To recommend to full council a Council tax freeze or amend the proposals contained within this report to recommend a different level of Council Tax.</p> <p>(4) To agree the proposed 2013/14 capital programme (detailed in Appendix 2).</p> <p>(5) To note the review of earmarked revenue reserves undertaken by the Lead Member Financial Management and the Head of Finance and Procurement and approve re-allocation between various earmarked reserves.</p> <p>(6) To endorse the draft</p>	<p>earmarked revenue reserves undertaken by the Lead Member Financial Management and the Head of Finance and Procurement and approve re-allocation between various earmarked reserves be noted.</p> <p>(6) That the draft corporate plan and public pledges be endorsed and authority be delegated to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Lead Member for Performance and Customers to make any minor amendments to the</p>			

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<p>corporate plan and public pledges and to delegate authority to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Lead Member for Performance and Customers to make any minor amendments to the plan or pledges as required. (detailed in Appendix 4 & 5).</p> <p>(7) To note the 2013/14 Business Plan and Budget Equality Impact Assessment (detailed in Appendix 6).</p> <p>(8) To note the latest MTFS financial forecast is currently being refreshed and will be part of the budget book.</p>	<p>plan or pledges as required.</p> <p>(7) That the 2013/14 Business Plan and Budget Equality Impact Assessment be noted.</p> <p>(8) That it be noted the latest MTFS financial forecast was currently being refreshed and would be part of the budget book.</p> <p>(9) That officers be requested to produce the formal 2013/14 budget book on the basis of Appendices 1-6 (annex to the minutes as set out in the Minute book).</p> <p>(10) That the updated Draft</p>			

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<p>(9) To request officers to produce the formal 2013/14 budget book on the basis of Appendices 1-6.</p> <p>(10) To recommend ,subject to any further changes Members may wish to include tonight, the updated draft for adoption by the Council on 25 February 2013 (as a key decision).</p> <p>(11) To delegate authority to the Head of Finance and Procurement, in consultation with Director of Resources and the Lead Member Financial Management to amend the contributions to or from general fund balances</p>	<p>Budget 2012/13 be recommended for adoption by the Council on 27 February 2012.</p> <p>(11) That authority be delegated to the Head of Finance and Procurement, in consultation with Director of Resources and the Lead Member Financial Management to amend the contributions to or from general fund balances to allow the Council Tax increase to remain at the level recommended by Executive to Full Council following the announcement of the final settlement figures and as a result of any</p>			

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<p>to allow the Council Tax increase to remain at the level recommended by Executive to full council following the announcement of the final settlement figures and as a result of any financial implications arising from recommendation 10.</p>	<p>financial implications arising from resolution 10.</p>			
<p>Agenda Item 7 New Homes Bonus</p> <p>Report of Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To approve the proposed use of the New Homes Bonus for</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the proposed use of the New Homes Bonus for the first two year awards be approved as set out in the report as amended (annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book).</p>	<p>There is no obligation on Cherwell Council to pass the New Homes Bonus on, but a clear expectation that this will be done. CDC has published this policy note to guide the use of any monies received from the New Homes Bonus to provide consistency, transparency and guidance for the how the first award might be used to the benefit of the District.</p>	<p>Option One - To support the proposed use of the New Homes Bonus</p> <p>Option Two - To amend the proposed use of the New Homes Bonus</p> <p>Option Three - To not support the proposed use of the New Homes Bonus</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>the first two year awards as set out in the report.</p>				
<p>Agenda Item 8 High Speed 2 Consultation Responses - Property and Compensation; and Safeguarding</p> <p>Report of Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To approve the draft response to the government's two consultation documents as set out in appendix 1 and appendix 2.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the draft responses to the Government's High Speed 2 Consultation documents on Property and Compensation and Safeguarding be approved for submission, subject to the inclusion of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of support for leaseholders and tenants in relation to properties and businesses 	<p>It is our duty as a local planning authority to ensure that our district, our residents and businesses do not suffer as a result of High Speed 2. The draft consultation responses have identified substantial flaws within the Government's proposed approach to compensation and safeguarding.</p>	<p>Option One – Do nothing</p> <p>Option Two - Respond as proposed. CDC is the Local Planning Authority and the only public body able to respond on matters of detail relating to the route now that it has been confirmed by Government. Failure to discharge this role will leave the District at considerable disadvantage.</p> <p>Option Three - Amend the proposed response.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Agenda Item 9 Revised Opening Hours</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To revise the opening time on Wednesday from 08.45 to 09.45 with effect from 1 April 2013, subject to South Northamptonshire Council agreeing to do the same.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the opening time on Wednesday from 08.45 to 09.45 with effect from 1 April 2013 be revised, subject to South Northamptonshire Council agreeing to do the same.</p>	<p>Opening later on Wednesday will facilitate the holding of regular and effective team meetings amongst staff.</p>	<p>Option One - To accept the recommendation</p> <p>Option - To reject the recommendation and make no change to office opening hours</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 12 Oxfordshire County Council Sites Acquisition and Supported Housing Scheme</p> <p>Exempt Report of Head of Regeneration and Housing</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) As set out in the exempt decision notice</p> <p>(2) That the intention to bid for additional</p>	<p>The negotiations between OCC and CDC in respect of these sites have been complex and at times challenging. The proposals protect the interests of both councils and deliver some</p>	<p>Option One - To approve all the recommendations ~ whilst this is the most challenging option, it clearly delivers the most outcomes.</p>	<p>None</p>

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	<p>funding from the Homes and Communities Agency, to enable the Council to deliver 12 units of supported housing for adults with autism and 10 units of supported housing for people with physical disabilities be noted.</p> <p>(3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration and Housing, in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration, Head of Law and Governance, Head of Finance and Procurement and Lead Member for Financial Management, to conclude the outstanding</p>	<p>significant outcomes for local people and the local physical and economic environment.</p>	<p>Option Two - To approve none of the recommendations ~ this will risk the council delivering its HCA contracts and limit opportunity to respond to housing need and attract further inward investment.</p>	

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	negotiations for the relocation of Bicester Town Library, into the new Community Building in Bicester town centre.			