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## Cherwell District Council

### Executive

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 4 July 2016 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman), Leader of the Council  
Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman), Deputy Leader of the Council

Councillor Ken Atack, Lead Member for Financial Management  
Councillor Colin Clarke, Lead Member for Planning  
Councillor John Donaldson, Lead Member for Housing  
Councillor Tony Ilott, Lead Member for Public Protection  
Councillor Kieron Mallon, Lead Member for Banbury Futures  
Councillor D M Pickford, Lead Member for Clean and Green  
Councillor Lynn Pratt, Lead Member for Estates and the Economy  
Councillor Nicholas Turner, Lead Member for Change Management, Joint Working and ICT

Also Present: Councillor Sean Woodcock, Leader of the Labour Group

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive  
Scott Barnes, Director of Strategy and Commissioning  
Karen Curtin, Commercial Director  
Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer  
Paul Sutton, Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer  
Ed Potter, Head of Environmental Services, for agenda item 7  
Adrian Colwell, Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy, for agenda items 8 and 9  
Jackie Fitzsimons, Shared Public Protection Manager, for agenda item 10  
Nicola Riley, Shared Community Services Manager, for agenda item 13  
Mike Grant, Safer Communities Manager, for agenda item 10  
Natasha Clark, Team Leader, Democratic and Elections

#### 17 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 18 **Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

19 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

20 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

22 **Waste Policies**

The Head of Environmental Services submitted a report to update the Executive on the pressures on the Waste & Recycling service arising from the large housing growth and to review the waste policies with the view of bringing the policies of Cherwell District Council (CDC) and South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) closer together.

**Resolved**

- (1) That the pressures on the waste service resulting from the rapid housing growth and the actions being taken to deal with these demands be noted.
- (2) That the increased revenue pressures from operating additional crews in future years be noted.
- (3) That the revised waste policies (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.

**Reasons**

The district is rapidly growing from a growth rate of less than 1%/year in recent years to more than 3%/year this year and 4%/year next year. This rapid growth has meant the collection rounds are now full. The productivity of the collection rounds is very good and there are few opportunities to increase this further. Consequently, additional rounds will be required in future years. The next round will be required in April 2017 with further rounds needed by April 2019 and April 2021. Each additional round will increase revenue costs by around £150k/year.

One of the major constraints to additional rounds is capacity at Bicester depot. The depot is full and unable to accommodate a growth in vehicle numbers and staff. A project is underway to locate a new depot in the Bicester area.

The waste policies of this Council and SNC have been reviewed with a view to bringing them closer together wherever possible. This should make it easier for a shared Customer Service Centre and for Environmental Services to manage the shared Waste & Recycling service.

### **Alternative options**

Option 1: To reject the proposed changes

Option 2: To ask officers to consider alternative improvements

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### **Statement Community Involvement (SCI) 2016**

The Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy submitted a report to present the results of public consultation on the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2016 and to seek approval for the completed SCI to be presented to Council for adoption.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the completed Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2016 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be endorsed and Full Council be recommended to approve the SCI 2016, subject to any minor typographical or presentational corrections being made by the Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy.
- (2) That it be noted that upon adoption the SCI 2016 would replace the current adopted SCI 2006.

### **Reasons**

A new Statement of Community Involvement is required. Following consultation on a draft document earlier this year, changes have been made and a completed SCI 2016 is presented at Appendix 1 to the report. The completed SCI is considered to be an appropriate basis for community engagement and stakeholder consultation on planning policy documents and in the consideration of planning applications. It is recommended that the Executive approve the SCI for presentation to Council for formal adoption. Upon adoption it will replace the existing SCI 2006 with immediate effect.

### **Alternative options**

Option 1: Continue to use the SCI that was adopted in July 2006. This is not recommended as although the SCI 2006 is comprehensive, it is dated. It does not reflect changes to plan-making and development management processes.

Option 2: To reconsider the content of the proposed SCI 2016. The completed SCI 2016 has been produced having regard to statutory and policy requirements for plan-making and development management. Examples of recently approved SCIs have been considered. Public

consultation has been undertaken. It is considered by officers to be appropriate for presentation to Council for formal adoption.

## 24 **High Speed Rail - HS2 Qualifying Authority Status**

The Head of Development Management submitted a report to consider whether the Council should become a “qualifying authority” (‘Qualified Authority’) or a “non-qualifying authority” for the purposes of the High Speed Rail 2 Hybrid Bill.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That authorisation be given to Cherwell District Council becoming a Qualifying Authority in relation to the High Speed Rail (London to West Midlands) Hybrid Bill and the signing of the HS2 Planning Memorandum and the Service Level Agreement between the Council and HS2 that will provide the costs of implementing the consequent planning regime.
- (2) That Full Council be recommended to agree that constitutional and scheme of delegation changes will be necessary to ensure the satisfactory implementation of the Planning Memorandum.

### **Reasons**

Becoming a Qualifying Authority involves a commitment by the Council to deal with applications appropriately and within specified timescales, in return for greater control over a wider range of matters than would otherwise be the case.

It is considered important that the Council retains as much control as it can over the detailed matters relating to the HS2 proposals, and to do so it is recommended that it would be in the Council’s interests to become a Qualifying Authority.

### **Alternative options**

The alternative option is to not become a qualifying authority. This has been rejected in our assessment and is not recommended as the Council would not be able to exercise the maximum control over elements of this contentious scheme.

## 25 **Banbury Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order**

The Public Protection Manager submitted a report to propose the making of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in Banbury Town centre to prevent the detrimental effect of begging, drinking and sleeping rough on those who reside, work and visit the town centre.

## **Resolved**

- (1) That the outline proposal for a Public Space Protection Order (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.
- (2) That the commencement of a five week consultation process be approved.

## **Reasons**

The evidence required to satisfy section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the "Act") as far as begging, drinking and rough sleeping are concerned, is sufficient to approve a consultation process for a PSPO.

If the Executive is minded to approve the outline proposals, the next step is to approve the commencement of the consultation within the parameters of section 72 of the same Act.

## **Alternative options**

Option 1: Without a PSPO the local authority will continue to work with the police, within current legislation. The current legislation dates to the 1824 Vagrancy Act, to enforce the police officer has to witness the act of begging and hear the words of request. This naturally is something the offenders are aware of and resist from doing when being observed.

The Council does not have any authority to prosecute begging, or enforce drink related disorderly behaviour. With regard to drinking this report has previously alluded to the fact that a drink banning order is limited to irresponsible drinking only, it is not a ban therefore the police will only react to problematic or disorderly drinkers. In choosing to continue within current legislation, this will be a missed opportunity to address what appears to be an escalating activity

## **Annual Equalities Report for 2015/2016**

The Director – Strategy and Commissioning submitted a report to review the performance of the Equalities Annual Work Programme and to agree the planned work programme following the Achieving Standard under the Equality Framework for Local Government.

## **Resolved**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the equalities action plan for 2016/17 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be agreed and the areas of good practice upon which it builds and the areas for development that it addresses be noted.
- (3) That the 3 year rolling plan of Equality Impact Assessments be agreed.

## **Reasons**

Cherwell District Council has made significant progress delivering against the equalities agenda in recent years and has continued to maintain this during 2015/2016 whilst continuing to adopt a proportionate approach to equality performance with meaningful and relevant Corporate Action Plans to support this work.

The updated action plan demonstrates how the Council will continue to deliver its equalities objectives over the coming year. Progress will be reported via the performance management framework on a quarterly basis.

The three year impact assessment rolling plan also provides assurance that the Council is mindful of policy change and seeks to understand and address the impacts of service and policy change where appropriate.

## **Alternative options**

Option 1: To note the report

Option 2: To request additional information on items within this report

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## **The Growth of Bicester: Progress Update 2015/16**

The Commercial Director submitted a report to advise Members of the work that was being undertaken in Bicester including highlighting key achievements; of the expenditure from the Eco Town grant; received in 2010; and, of forward planned expenditure 2016/17.

## **Resolved**

- (1) That the progress on work in Bicester be noted.
- (2) That the expenditure that has taken place and the committed funding from the Eco Town grant be noted.
- (3) That the 2016/17 forward plan be noted.

## **Reasons**

Much is happening in Bicester and this is demonstrated by the delivery of new development such as Franklins House with the new library and CDC link point, the continued housing delivery. Work to provide an appropriate policy basis for the improvement and growth of the town has progressed with the adoption of the NW Bicester SPD and the consultation work to refresh the vision for the town. Never the less there remain challenges in delivering the strategic development sites in the adopted local plan and ensuring sufficient infrastructure is in place to serve the growth of the town and work continues with partners to deliver necessary infrastructure and seek to speed up housing delivery.

The work continues to have a whole town approach, seeking opportunities to improve the existing town as well as deliver new development. A number of projects have been delivered in the town, particularly focussing on energy efficiency and sustainable travel. In the last year this has been focussed on the replacement boiler scheme the energy mapping project LEMUR and securing grants to support other works such as the café and playground at Garth Park. Pursuing a whole town approach remains an important commitment with considerable work going into bids for funding to enable projects to be delivered.

Over £19.5m worth of grant funding is outlined above and this together with previous grants comes to over £50m that has been attracted to Bicester, including the DCLG Eco Town funding and Garden Town funding. This has been instrumental in the range of projects that it has been possible to deliver in the town. This approach of seeking external funding is continuing with further work being done to enable projects to continue to be delivered in the town.

Grant funding is a small proportion of the overall investment that has taken place in the town. A draft study by Montague Evans estimated that 2014/15 that over £150m of private sector funding has been invested in the town in the construction of housing and commercial premises. Furthermore the report concluded in terms of future development as part of the growth of Bicester, the estimated value of the housing sites identified in Bicester by 2031 is £1.2bn which is expected to be supported £750 million of infrastructure investment.

Bicester continues to attract national attention for its growth plans and the delivery of projects in the town. The work to date has attracted considerable investment through grants but also through the private sector investment in the town. Never the less there remains an ambitious programme of work to deliver improvements in the town during 2016/17.

### **Alternative options**

Option 1: Identify alternative approaches to the use of Eco Town Grant or continue to hold the funding.

This option has been rejected as the projects identified have been identified based on the needs identified and arising within the town.

Option 2: To commit to future spend of recycled Eco Town Grant funding  
The timing of the receipt of recycled funding is uncertain and over time priorities and pressures can change. It therefore is difficult to commit to funding specific projects at the current time. Some flexibility is therefore sought to review priorities as funding becomes available.

### **Annual Report and Review of the Brighter Futures in Banbury Programme**

The Director of Operational Delivery submitted a report to consider the activity and achievements of the Brighter Futures in Banbury Programme in 2015/16; the partnership activity and areas of focus for 2016/17.

## **Resolved**

- (1) That both the progress made in 2015/16 in the Brighter Futures in Banbury Programme and the areas requiring continuous improvement be noted.
- (2) That the priorities for focus in 2016/17 be supported.

## **Reasons**

The Brighter Futures partnership has for several years continued to work effectively in focussing the best use of resources on those most in need. Harnessing work related to the six themes is proving valuable but continuous improvement eludes in some areas; specific areas of concern, which are well below comparative averages, remain

The context in which the partnership is operating is changing in relation to population, funding, and organisational change. Organisational and service change in a partnership context is particularly challenging.

The relatively recent 2011 census information has identified changes in the make-up of the ward population in relation to a big increase in private rented households, an increase in single adults, lone parents and HMOs, increasing ethnic diversity, and specific issues such as a lack of qualifications of lone parents. Of particular concern is the comparatively high level of child poverty in our wards.

It is important to periodically review the Programme and in light of the challenges described above, now is an appropriate time. There is a need to take account of current strengths and to consider what other partnership opportunities there are, along with specific issues which are relevant to the people of the wards being supported. This is why the continued focus proposed for partnership activity concentrating on child poverty, educational attainment, supporting the most vulnerable and health inequalities are all inter related, relevant to the Brighter Future's Programme's objectives and capture other partnership opportunities which are in place.

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### **Alternative options**

Given the very wide ranging nature of the Brighter Futures Programme, there can be many different options and permutations of key priorities, areas of focus and mechanisms to progress. Therefore, no specific alternative options are identified.

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### **Proposal for a Joint Property and Investment Service with South Northamptonshire Council**

The Head of Regeneration and Housing submitted a report which presented the final business case for a Joint Property and Investment Service across Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire Councils and sought agreement for the non-staffing elements of the business case.

The proposal was part of the wider transformation programme across the two Councils.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the business case for a Joint Property and Investment Service with South Northamptonshire Council and the consultation responses in relation to non-staffing matters be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that the business case would be considered by the Joint Commissioning Committee with regard to staffing matters on 21 July 2016. This will include consideration of the consultation responses from affected staff and trade union representatives.
- (3) That the proposed final business case to share a joint Property and Investment Service between CDC and SNC be approved for implementation, subject to similar consideration and approval by SNC Cabinet on 11 July 2016 and approval of the staffing implications by the Joint Commissioning Committee.
- (4) That authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration and Housing, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, any non-significant amendment that may be required to the business case following the decision by SNC Cabinet and/or the Joint Commissioning Committee.

- (5) That the allocation of £90,000 from general fund balances to cover 50% of the potential implementation costs be approved.

### **Reasons**

The recommendation is to establish a Joint Property and Investment Service between CDC and SNC. The business case sets out the rationale for establishing the joint service and investing in the service to transform the way both Councils manage their existing assets and to provide the expertise to identify new investment opportunities for Members to consider in order to address the medium term revenue gap.

### **Alternative options**

#### Status quo (no change)

Retaining the status quo is not considered a viable option for either council. Both councils are under resourced to deliver change required to ensure that the councils make the most out their assets.

#### Alternative structure options

There is certainly scope to deliver the proposed joint property and investment service through an alternative delivery vehicle and this option would be explored further should the proposed service be established. However, it is recommended that the corporate property management model be implemented effectively prior to the consideration of an alternative delivery vehicle for the service. Opportunities for wider collaboration through an alternative delivery vehicle potentially aligned to the one public estate programme will also be considered in the future.

#### Three-way collaboration and shared service (with other partners)

Three-way collaboration with other partners is certainly an option to consider in the future. However, there are no other existing relationships at a sufficient stage to consider as part of a three-way shared service at this point. The process of developing such a relationship is likely to be lengthy and while this option should be considered again in the future, it should not be pursued at this time to the detriment of this project.

The approach in the recommendations is believed to be the best way forward. The proposal is to establish a joint property and investment service between CDC and SNC which will deliver significant improvements in existing asset performance.

### **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There being no questions on the exempt appendix to the Proposal for a Joint Property and Investment Service with South Northamptonshire Council, it was not necessary to exclude the press and public.

**Proposal for a Joint Property and Investment Service with South Northamptonshire Council - Exempt Appendix**

**Resolved**

- (1) That the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm

Chairman:

Date:

## Appendix 1 -Policies for Household Bins

### Overview

The policies for providing bins for both authorities have been reviewed and aligned wherever possible. It is important to remember that the colours of bins have not changed and are different in both authorities (with the exception of the blue recycling bins). The policies below do not therefore refer to the colours of the bins but what they are used for.

### Rubbish and recycling bins

The number of bins provided depends on the number of permanent residents in the household:

Household size	Bins provided
Up to 4	180 litre rubbish bin
5 or 6	240 litre rubbish bin + <b>extra</b> 240 litre recycling bin
7 or more	360 litre rubbish bin + <b>extra</b> 240 litre recycling bin
Families including 2+ children in nappies can have the <b>next bin size up</b> for rubbish	

If households do not meet the above criteria and still want another rubbish bin they can **pay £90 a year** for an extra 240l rubbish bin.

### Impact

- The 180 litre bin is a new standard size for SNC and will help to reduce the amount of rubbish collected (already approved by Cabinet).
- The option to pay for an extra bin is new for CDC.
- Extra recycling bins for 5+ residents will encourage more recycling for both authorities (new for both).

### Recycling bins

The first blue recycling bin is supplied to all residents **free of charge**. This applies to brand new households and people moving into an existing house if there are no bins there.

If households do not fit the criteria above, extra recycling bins are a **£30 one off fee** for a 240 litre bin or a 140 litre bin. Bin sales will be held at least twice a year when the price is reduced to £18.

Recycling boxes are **no longer usually supplied**. Where storage space for bins is a problem an officer will visit to determine arrangements and will have discretion to provide sacks or boxes where necessary.

### Impact

- Making the first blue bin free in CDC will remove barriers to recycling and is more fair to residents.
- Stopping the supply of recycling boxes will save money in CDC and ensure consistency of service.
- The price for extra bins will be standardised.

## Compost bins

The first 240 litre compost bin is provided free of charge. Extra bins are charged as follows:

SNC	CDC
£30 a year	£30 one off *

\*(£18 one off during bin sale to be held at least twice a year)

CDC households can buy extra garden waste sacks for £10 for a roll of 25. These are not available for SNC residents due to the way the waste is processed.

### Impact

- There is no change to CDC or SNC.

## Missed bins

Crews will record collection problems and reasons for not emptying bins on Bartec. Customer services will check Lagan for any crew events logged against the missed collection. If no event is logged and a bin is reported as missed then we will return to empty *\*(by the end of the next working day for SNC, within four working days for CDC).*

If an event is logged (e.g. bin not out or contaminated) **we will not return** but can book an excess collection for next time or agree to empty recycling/compost bin on next rubbish collection if contaminated.

Online forms to report missed bins are being redesigned to check for events and will not automatically generate a service request to return for the missed bin if an event is logged.

### Impact

- There is no change for SNC.
- This is a change for CDC but will significantly cut down on the number of unnecessary return visits.

## Policies for Other Services

### **Clinical waste**

We collect infectious clinical waste from households on request from the Health Authority. Sanitary/hygiene waste is collected in the rubbish bin; extra capacity is given if needed on request.

### **Sharps (needles) collections**

No collection service provided for households in CDC as GP surgeries provide bins at surgeries.

Sharps are collected on demand every Tuesday for households in SNC. Some GP surgeries provide bins but not all. This is being reviewed by the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership.

### **Lost/stolen/damaged bins**

Lost/stolen/damaged bins replaced free of charge (householders are asked to wait two working days to report in case bin turns up and online reports are automatically rejected if within two days).

# Statement of Community Involvement 2016

**for Executive**

## **CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT July 2016**

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## I. Introduction

### What is the Statement of Community Involvement?

- I.1 This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out who Cherwell District Council will engage with in preparing key planning policy documents and how and when they will be engaged. The SCI also includes how the Council will consult on planning applications. Its aim is to encourage community and stakeholder involvement. The SCI sets the framework for planning-related consultations which will ensure there is genuine involvement in plan and decision making. It will also enable the Council to demonstrate how it has met statutory requirements. The SCI was consulted upon from 29 January to 11 March 2016.

### Why is a new Statement of Community Involvement required?

- I.2 The Council as Local Planning Authority must produce a Statement of Community Involvement under Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Council must comply with the adopted SCI in preparing relevant planning policy documents and in determining planning applications. The previous existing SCI was adopted by the District Council in July 2006. Since then there have been a number of changes to both planning legislation and policy, particularly as a result of the Localism Act 2011. Technological changes including the increased use and availability of electronic communications such as email and the internet, including social media, have also changed the way public engagement takes place. It was therefore appropriate to prepare a new SCI. Future changes to statutory requirements might affect how the SCI is implemented. Significant changes may necessitate a review.

### Structure of the Statement of Community Involvement

- I.3 The SCI is structured as follows:

- 'Context'
  - sets out the relevant national planning context
  - provides an overview of the plan making system.
- 'Community Involvement in Plan Making'
  - provides an overview of the process, and what is required in relation to Development Plan Documents (DPDs), Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs), the preparation of a potential Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and planning applications. This section also includes a section on engagement methods.
- 'Reviewing and Monitoring the SCI'
  - sets out how the SCI will be monitored and under what circumstances it might be reviewed.
- Appendices



## 2. Context

### Legal Requirements

2.1 The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). It needs to comply with statutory requirements ~~and Government~~ for plan making and consultation on planning matters. However, the Government no longer provides guidance on how to produce a SCI. It is for local planning authorities to decide how they will prepare their own SCI.

### *Changes to Primary Legislation*

2.2 This SCI addresses a number of changes to the planning system, including the statutory Duty to Co-operate with prescribed bodies and Neighbourhood Planning introduced by the Localism Act 2011.

2.3 The main changes affecting the SCI are:

- Duty to Co-operate - The Act establishes the duty to co-operate in relation to the planning of sustainable development. It requires a Local Planning Authority (LPA) to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis on strategic matters with other LPAs and designated bodies.
- Neighbourhood Planning - The Act introduces a new tier of planning policy documents known as Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP). Parish and Town Councils are able to prepare an NDP for all or part of their area. The LPA has a duty to support the preparation of such a plan, including the appointment of a person to examine the document and hold a referendum. Any plan needs to conform with the strategic elements of the Development Plan and national policy. As the SCI relates to the District Council's functions as Local Planning Authority, the SCI cannot legally be applied to the functions of Town and Parish Council's in preparing their Neighbourhood Plans. However, it has some relevance to the District Council's statutory requirements to process and formally seek representations on Neighbourhood Plans once they have been formally submitted.

2.4 It is possible that primary legislation will be amended as the Council produces its planning documents. Any significant change that affects community involvement may lead to a need to review the SCI,

### *Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012*

2.5 These Regulations were introduced in 2012 and are the main 'rules' for the preparation of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). Key Regulations include:

- Regulation 2 – states the 'specific' and 'general' consultation bodies
- Regulations 12 and 13 – public participation in the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)
- Regulation 14 – adoption of SPDs
- Regulation 18 – public participation in the preparation of a local plan
- Regulation 19 – publication of a local plan
- Regulation 20 – representations relating to a local plan

- Regulation 22 – submission of documents and information to the Secretary of State
- Regulation 24 – Independent examination on a local plan
- Regulation 25 – publication of recommendations following an examination
- Regulation 26 – adoption of a local plan
- Regulation 35 – availability of documents
- Regulation 36 – copies of documents.

*Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (April 2012) (as amended)*

2.6 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations contain the provisions for neighbourhood planning, introduced by the Localism Act. This includes the procedures for setting up neighbourhood areas and forums and for preparing NDPs, neighbourhood development orders and community right to build orders. Key Regulations include:

- Regulation 7 – Designation of an area application
- Regulation 16 – Consultation on the submission Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Regulation 19 and 20 – Decision and publication of the made Neighbourhood Development Plan

*The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (April 2010) (as amended)*

2.7 The CIL Regulations set out the provisions for CIL introduced by the Planning Act 2008. They prescribe the procedures and the bodies to be consulted during the preparation of a CIL. Key Regulations include:

- Regulation 15 – Stakeholder engagement and consultation on the preliminary draft charging schedule
- Regulations 16 and 21 – Consultation on the draft charging schedule
- Regulation 19 – Submission of charging schedule
- Regulation 25 – Approval of charging schedule

2.8 Significant changes to statutory regulations or other secondary legislation may necessitate a future review of the SCI.

Planning Policy and Guidance

*National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (March 2012)*

2.9 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development and identifies the following roles for the planning system:

- Economic - building a strong economy by ensuring the right type of land is available in the right places to support growth, including the provision of infrastructure.
- Social - supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing sufficient housing to meet the needs of future generations, and creating a high quality environment with accessible local services that reflect the community's needs.

- Environmental - contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment, minimising waste and pollution, and adapting to climate change.
- 2.10 The NPPF promotes a plan-led system, and re-iterates the duty to co-operate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries, particularly those related to the strategic priorities, including the homes and jobs needed in the area.
- 2.11 The NPPF sets out that LPAs should approach decisions on planning applications in a positive way to help deliver sustainable development, that they should look for solutions rather than problems, and that they should work proactively with applicants to secure development that improves the economic, environmental and social conditions of an area.
- 2.12 The NPPF states that Local Planning Authorities should aim to involve all sections of the community in the development of Local Plans and in planning decisions, and should facilitate neighbourhood planning.
- 2.13 It makes clear that early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods, local organisations and businesses is essential. A wide section of the community should be proactively engaged, so that Local Plans, as far as possible, reflect a collective vision and a set of agreed priorities for the sustainable development of the area, including those contained in any neighbourhood plans that have been made.

#### *Planning Practice Guidance*

- 2.14 Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) provides advice on a wide range of topic areas including the Duty to Co-operate; Local Plans, Neighbourhood Planning, Community Infrastructure Levies (CIL) and consultation on planning applications. It is updated by the Government on an on-going basis.
- 2.15 The PPG advises that Local Planning Authorities will need to identify and engage at an early stage with all those that may be interested in the development or content of the Local Plan, including those groups who may be affected by its proposals but who do not play an active part in most consultations. Those communities contemplating or pursuing a Neighbourhood plan will have a particular interest in the emerging strategy, which will provide the strategic framework for the neighbourhood plan policies. The PPG states that the Local Planning Authority will also need to ensure that it works proactively with other authorities on strategic cross boundary issues in line with the duty to cooperate.

#### Overview of the plan making process

##### *Local Development Scheme*

- 2.16 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a rolling business plan for the preparation of key planning policy documents that will be relevant to future planning decisions. It outlines the programme and resources for completion and adoption of each relevant planning document. It is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) that the Council prepares and maintain a LDS.

##### *Development Plan*

- 2.17 The statutory term for formally adopted Development Plan Documents ~~and/or~~ 'made' Neighbourhood Plans. The Development Plan can include 'saved policies' from earlier adopted plans. Applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with

the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. A material planning consideration is one which is relevant to making the planning decision in question.

#### *Development Plan Documents*

- 2.18 Development Plan Documents (DPDs) are plans which set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area, addressing needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the economy and community facilities and infrastructure as well as a basis for safeguarding the environment, adapting to climate change and securing good design. DPDs are critical tool in guiding decisions about individual development proposals and generally look forward fifteen to twenty years. Upon completion they are adopted as part of the statutory Development Plan. The adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 (Part I) is a Development Plan Document.

#### *Supplementary Planning Documents*

- 2.19 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) expand upon and provide further detail to policies in DPDs. They must be consistent with DPDs and, where relevant, can be considered in determining planning applications. However, they do not form part of the statutory Development Plan.
- 2.20 SPDs can be used to provide additional guidance on the development of a specific site or on a particular issue such as parking or design.

#### *Neighbourhood Planning*

- 2.21 The Localism Act introduced a new right for local communities to draw up Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) for their areas. Neighbourhoods can also grant planning permission through specific Neighbourhood Development Orders (NDOs) or Community Right to Build Orders.
- 2.22 NDPs are required to reflect strategic policies in an up to date Local Plan, and should plan positively to support those policies. A Neighbourhood Plan should not promote less development than is set out in a Local Plan, nor undermine the strategic policies within a Local Plan. A LPA has a duty to support the preparation of an NDP, though is not involved in all stages of preparation.
- 2.23 The preparation of an NDP is optional. ~~However,~~ However, the Council, as a LPA, has a significant role in managing the formal stages of the preparation process and ensuring that the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations are complied with. Neighbourhood Plans are not 'Development Plan Documents' but once they are 'made' they become part of the statutory Development Plan.

#### *Community Infrastructure Levy*

- 2.24 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that allows local authorities to raise funds from most types of new development in their area to help fund infrastructure to support development growth. This could include open space, leisure centres, cultural and sport facilities, transport schemes, schools among other requirements. Local authorities wanting to introduce a CIL charge in their area must produce a Charging Schedule which sets out the levy rate(s) that the authority will charge. The rate is charged per square metre of new floor space created and the charge is non-negotiable. The Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 (as amended) sets out the procedure that charging authorities must follow



prior to adopting a Charging Schedule. Any review of the CIL charging schedule (a schedule of the CIL rates for different land uses or development types and areas of the District) will also be subject to consultation.

#### *Sustainability Appraisals and Strategic Environmental Assessment*

- 2.25 The Council is required to assess the social, environmental and economic implications of policies and proposals of DPDs and SPDs where it is relevant to do so. Sustainability Appraisals (SAs) and Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) will help to test the soundness of planning policy documents by ensuring they reflect sustainable development objectives, as well as being consistent with each other in terms of their objectives and policies. The Council will consult the local community on its SAs and involve key stakeholders in its preparation. Parish Councils (or other Neighbourhood Forums) may also be required to undertake SEA in preparing Neighbourhood Plans. There is no longer a specific requirement for a SA to be produced for all SPDs.

#### *Habitats Regulations Assessment*

- 2.26 Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is required under the European Directive 92/43/EEC on the "conservation of natural habitats and wild fauna and flora for plans" that may have an impact of European (Natura 2000) Sites. It will determine if a document, such as a DPD, contains proposals that are likely to have a significant effect on international sites (such as the Oxford Meadows Special Area of Conservation which falls within the district) . The Habitats Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires: "*The plan-making authority must for the purposes of the assessment consult the appropriate nature conservation body and have regard to any representations made by that body within such reasonable time as the authority specify.*" (Reg 102 (2)) It continues stating "*They must also, if they consider it appropriate, take the opinion of the general public, and if they do so, they must take such steps for that purpose as they consider appropriate.*" (Reg 102 (3)).

#### *Annual Monitoring Report*

- 2.27 An Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) reviews progress on Local Plans and includes monitoring information on employment, housing and natural environment. An AMR is the tool that can be used to lead to policy change if the policies in the Local Plan are not achieving the desired results. There is no requirement to consult on the AMR but it must be made publicly available.





### 3. Community Involvement in Plan Making

3.1 Cherwell District Council has a duty to put in place a framework of planning policies (known as the Local Plan) which will be used to guide development proposals and to help determine planning applications. As part of the preparation of these planning policies and supporting documents there are statutory stages of consultation that must be undertaken to allow the public and stakeholders to have their say on what is being proposed.

#### Type of engagement methods

3.2 There are a range of methods by which the Council will seek to engage with relevant bodies and the local community in the preparation of its planning documents. These are set out in Table I below. The methods of engagement have one of three purposes:

- Information – to provide the community with balanced, clear and easily understood objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternative or solutions
- Consultation – to obtain the views of the community on proposals, analysis, alternatives or decisions
- Participation – to partner with the community in each aspect of the decision making process, including the development of alternatives and identification of the preferred position. Working cooperatively to seek mutually beneficial outcomes



3.3 The method of engagement will depend on its purpose, whether the scope of engagement is proportionate to the issues and stage of preparation, and 'value for money' considerations

such as the staff resources required and direct costs. The possible engagement methods are listed in Table I.



**Table I: Engagement methods**

Engagement method	Purpose	Commentary
'Cherwell Link'	Information	The District Council's free publication 'Cherwell Link' is sent to every household in the District and can be used to disseminate information about the plan making process, emerging issues and consultation events. This offers an opportunity to reach every household in Cherwell.
Council Meetings	Information	<p>While the public are not able to automatically take part in the majority of scheduled Council meetings they are able to attend most, where they will be able to listen to the debate when the Council makes decisions on key issues and can request to address the meeting. Advanced notice is required and restrictions apply (please see Council's Constitution). It is important in a transparent planning system that the public are fully aware of the issues being debated and have access to observing the decision making process.</p> <p>The Local Development Documents (LDDs) will be considered either the Council's Executive or by full Council as set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme. The agendas and the minutes of previous Council meetings are available on the Council's website normally five days before the meeting takes place. The Council also offers live website broadcasting of some Council meetings. More details on this and Council meeting dates can be found on the Council's website at <a href="http://www.cherwell.gov.uk">www.cherwell.gov.uk</a></p>
Emails	Information	Emails are an affordable and effective method of communication for

		<p>raising awareness, keeping people informed and receiving feedback. Emails will be used as part of statutory and non-statutory consultation. The Planning Policy Team maintains a consultation database of those people who are automatically notified about relevant planning policy consultations. People who respond to consultations are added to the database and the Council is obliged to contact certain specific consultation bodies.</p> <p>People who wish to be added to or removed from the database can contact the Planning Policy Team on 01295 227985, by email to <a href="mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk">planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk</a> or by post to the Planning Policy Team at the Council's offices.</p> <p>For easy reference, emails can also contain hyperlinks to documents on the website. Where email addresses are provided to the Council, by preference emails will be used rather than letters.</p> <p>People who have registered on the Council's Public Access system will receive notifications on certain planning applications.</p>
Exhibitions	Consultation / Participation	<p>Exhibitions are a useful way of presenting information and options to the public, especially local communities. They are an effective visual tool and provide the community with the opportunity to question and resolve issues. They are also a good tool for reporting back the findings of previous consultation exercises. Exhibitions are able to reach large numbers of people if well-advertised. They provide the opportunity for face-to-face contact between Council representatives and local communities.</p>
Focus Groups / Forums	Participation	<p>Focus groups or forums enable local people to discuss planning issues. Focus groups can help local authorities to gain a better understanding of public concerns and help focus consultations in specific matters.</p> <p>Members of the community can sometimes be employed to undertake the engagement exercise and this can help in overcoming barriers. People may be more likely to respond to messages from similar or related groups. Alternatively a representative from an organisation or group could be employed to liaise with specific groups.</p>
Frequently Asked Questions	Information	<p>As appropriate the Council will issue a set of Frequently Asked Questions to supplement a consultation where there are known issues and questions that are likely to arise.</p>
Letters	Information	<p>A traditional but effective method as potentially everyone can be targeted in this way. To ensure high standards in efficiency, the Council will need to keep the consultation database of community members and stakeholders up-to-date so that they could be notified with updates. Letters will be used to accompany new material for consultation and ask for comments.</p> <p>The Planning Policy Team maintains a consultation database of those people who are automatically notified about relevant planning policy consultations. People who respond to consultations are added to the database and the Council is obliged to contact certain specific</p>

		<p>consultation bodies.</p> <p>People who wish to be added to or removed from the database can contact the Planning Policy Team on 01295 227985, by email to <a href="mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk">planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk</a> or by post to the Planning Policy Team at the Council's offices. Where email addresses are provided to the Council, by preference emails will be used rather than letters.</p> <p>Letters of notification on planning applications will be sent out to those who will be affected to advise on the planning application number, proposal and ways to comment.</p>
Online Consultation	Consultation	<p>Online consultation works in conjunction with other consultation techniques and can offer community stakeholders the opportunity to respond to consultations online. It can be used in tandem with online questionnaires to provide responses to consultations.</p> <p>The Planning Policy Team does not presently operate a formal on-line consultation system. If it chose to do so in the future, or if an on-line consultation system were to be used for a particular consultation, people registered on the Planning Policy Team's consultation database would be notified in advance.</p>
Paper copies of documentation	Information	<p>Paper copies of key consultation material will be made available at the 'deposit locations' such as in local libraries (please see Appendix 5 for deposit locations). Where consultations are supported by supplemental documents such as technical evidence, it may only be practicable and cost effective to make those documents available in hard copy at the Council's main offices at Bodicote House. <del>Where particular p</del><u>Key planning policy documents that could affect an area of a Town/Parish Council/Meeting(s) within the district -will generally be sent in hard copy to the Paper copies may be sent to that relevant Town/Parish Council/Meeting(s):</u> Copies of adopted Development Plan Documents will be sent to all Town/Parish Councils/Meetings within the district as a matter of course. Any person may make a request to the Planning Policy Team for a copy of such a document but a reasonable charge may need to be made. Copies of documents can also be obtained in large print, Braille, audio tape or in other languages. All published documents will be made available electronically.</p>
Meetings with Parish Councils/Meetings	Information and Participation	<p>As appropriate, meetings and workshops between the Council and Parish Council/Meeting(s) will be held to discuss particular issues or for the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans.</p> <p>Parish Liaison meetings between the Council and representatives of Parish Councils/Meetings are held twice a year. The purpose is to raise and discuss issues of mutual interest and so Councillors can effectively relay information to local residents. Updates from the Planning Policy Team will be provided at the Parish Liaison meetings when necessary.</p>
Meeting / Discussions with	Information and	<p>As appropriate, meetings and discussions with stakeholders to assist understanding of issues and potential options</p>

Stakeholders	Participation	
Planning Aid England	Participation	<p>Planning Aid England offers independent planning advice and support to individuals and communities. It is funded by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and considers that everyone should have the opportunity to get involved in planning their local area. Its work is supported by volunteers who have a range of skills, interests and expertise. Five main services and types of support are offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free planning advice and guidance – website and advice line</li> <li>• Bespoke support for eligible individuals and communities</li> <li>• Outreach and capacity building</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Planning</li> <li>• Online resources and guides.</li> </ul> <p>Planning Aid can provide independent advice to help the community to comment on planning applications and get involved in the preparation of Development Plan Documents. It can also offer support for local communities particularly in respect to preparing Neighbourhood Development Plans.</p>
Planning for Real®	Participation	<p>‘Planning for Real’ is a highly visible, hands on community empowerment tool that is used to encourage people to get involved in planning by developing their own ideas on how communities can be improved. A large 3 dimensional model of a neighbourhood is constructed, preferably by local people, and is used specifically to address areas where major change is proposed. ‘Planning for Real’ provides an opportunity that people of all abilities and backgrounds find easy and enjoyable to engage in.</p>
Posters / Leaflets	Information	<p>Posters and Leaflets are a good way of presenting planning issues in a graphical form and are easy to understand. They can provide the reader with a quick overview of issues and provide contact details for further information on how to get involved. Distribution of posters and leaflets can be an effective way to raise awareness. They can either be delivered to households alone or with other Council mail outs to save postage costs. They can also be left at the deposit locations (please see Appendix 5) and, with agreement, in other locations accessible to the public.</p>
Press Releases	Information	<p>Press releases are one of the most effective ways of distributing planning and development information to large numbers of people and generating public debate. Press releases are published through the Council’s Communications Team and made available through the Council’s website. They may include details of consultation events, key stages in producing a planning document or specific planning matters. When required, and agreed in consultation with the Council’s Communications Team, press briefings may be held.</p>
Public Meetings / Workshops	Participation	<p>Meetings can assist the Council in presenting information and proposals within a forum that facilitates immediate discussion and feedback. Meetings will be used in conjunction with other techniques and not as the only consultative tool as the participants do not always reflect the views of the wider community. Where appropriate the</p>



		<p>Council will use independent facilitators to run public meetings to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be involved and provide advice on how to maximise the benefits of community consultations.</p> <p>Workshops can be organised to encourage a wide range of issues and options to be debated and discussed in an interactive environment. These may be help on specific topics, for example housing, employment or open spaces. Workshops will be held in accessible locations appropriate for the subject issues and will be held at times of the day best suited for appropriate community involvement.</p>
Questionnaires / Response Forms	Consultation	<p>Questionnaires and response forms are a structured way of obtaining information, which can be easily statistically analysed. They are convenient, economic and thus a good starting point, but need to be well structured and ensure that the questions are not leading. They can be completed and returned to the Council by post or can be set up so that they can be returned electronically online. Questionnaires / response forms do not always achieve high rates of return and therefore must be used as part of wider consultations.</p>
Review Sessions	Participation	<p>Review Sessions are a useful method for providing feedback, monitoring progress and maintaining momentum on a variety of planning issues. Sessions can be held weeks, months, or even years after a consultation event or other community planning initiative during which all those involved in a previous activity are invited back to a review session. Invitations can also be extended to those who may wish to become involved in the future. Where review sessions are used they will appraise current progress, evaluate earlier initiatives and determine the way forward.</p>
Social Media	Information	<p>Social media are now a primary source of information and news for many people. Associated with this is a declining reliance on traditional forms of mass media such as newspapers. The Council's Communications Team will therefore be notified about consultations on planning policy documents so that it can release information via Facebook and Twitter, the two most commonly used social media. However, social media will only be used as a method of notification. Formal comments on Planning Policy consultations and applications will need to be received by email or by letter (or Public Access for applications) with names and addresses provided.</p>
Statutory Notices	Information	<p>Formal advertisements such as statutory notices in local newspapers will be used when necessary during the process of key planning documents production to inform the community of various key consultation dates and the publication of documents. The Council will publish notices in the Banbury Guardian and/or the Bicester Advertiser and/or the Oxford Mail depending on the geographic area affected.</p>
Other Public Notices	Information	<p>Planning applications are advertised in the affected areas and local papers.</p> <p>For particular policy consultations Council officers may consider it appropriate to use site or parish notices. For example, they are produced to advertise consultation on applications to have</p>

		Neighbourhood Areas designated and on submitted Neighbourhood Plans.
TV and Radio	Information	TV and Radio offer the potential to reach a wide range of people and can be used to disseminate information quickly and effectively. TV offers a highly visible approach to planning issues and radio offers a forum for topical debate. Information presented in this way would be arranged through the Council's Communications Team.
Website	Information	<p>The internet provides quick and efficient opportunities for interested stakeholders to engage in the planning process and access up-to-date information on the Local Development Documents (LDDs) process. The Planning Policy Team advertises consultations, publishes its latest news and maintains its library of documents on-line. <u>The Planning Policy homepage is available at <a href="http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/planningpolicy">www.cherwell.gov.uk/planningpolicy</a>. <del>The website will be reviewed and updated on an ad-hoc basis.</del> The Development Management service ensures that planning applications can be accessed via a public access system at <a href="http://www.publicaccess.cherwell.gov.uk/">http://www.publicaccess.cherwell.gov.uk/</a>. <u>Weekly or monthly lists for all planning applications can be accessed.</u> – The Council's website address is <a href="http://www.cherwell.gov.uk">www.cherwell.gov.uk</a>.</u></p> <p>For communities and stakeholders, the internet offers :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• readily accessible information on proposals, opportunities, constraints and studies</li> <li>• a platform on which organisations can respond to issues known to be of community concern</li> <li>• a way for people to invite others to comment on the specific proposals and a means of receiving feedback</li> <li>• an interactive medium allowing discussion and debate.</li> </ul> <p>The Council will publish on its website regular updates on the progress of the LDD's, proposal documents and provide contact details for the Planning Policy Team.</p>

Who will we engage?

3.4 A public sector Equality Duty came into force across Great Britain on 5 April 2011. It means that public bodies have to consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work – in shaping policy, in delivering services and in relation to their own employees. It also requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination
- advance equality of opportunity
- foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities.

3.5 Having due regard means consciously thinking about the three aims of the Equality Duty as part of the process of decision-making. This means that consideration of equality issues must influence the decisions reached by public bodies.

3.6 Cherwell District Council’s Equality Vision in its Equality and Diversity Framework is:

*‘Cherwell District Council, working to ensure equality, access and fairness in all we do’*

3.7 The Council intends that all people have the opportunity to have their say in how Cherwell District is spatially planned irrespective of their differences including by way of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.

3.8 The Council publishes its planning policy consultations on a geographic basis and any individual may comment. On occasions, it may be appropriate to narrow the geographic scope of the consultation, for example for a planning matter that only affects a particular town or parish.

3.9 The scope of a consultation will only be narrowed to a specific group of stakeholders if the consultation is only relevant to that group. Similarly, there might be a need to produce technical evidence with the particular input of a specific group of stakeholders; for example the Travelling Communities on their accommodation needs or a developer panel to assess issues of development viability. A ‘tailored’ approach to engagement may sometimes be needed.

3.10 The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 identify Specific and General Consultation Bodies that the Council has to consult in preparing Local Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents at certain stages of their preparation. Specific Consultation Bodies must be consulted where the Council consider that the proposed subject matter will be of interest to them. The Council must consult such of the General Consultation Bodies as the Council considers appropriate. There is also a requirement that the Council invites representations from such residents and persons carrying on business as it considers appropriate.

3.11 The Specific and General Consultation Bodies presently prescribed by the Regulations for Local Plans and SPDs are presented at Appendix I.

3.12 The Council will maintain a consultation database of specific and general consultees and others that have expressed a specific interest to be consulted. Where consultation is required in the production of a Local Development Document (LDD) or other policy document, the Council will normally notify all those on the Planning Policy consultation database. When an individual or organisation makes a representation on a planning policy document they will be added to the consultation database. People who wish to be added to or removed from the database can contact the Planning Policy Team on 01295 227985, by email to [planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or by post to the Planning Policy Team at the Council’s offices. A postal registration can be requested (rather than email) if required or preferred.

*Duty to Cooperate*

3.13 Section 110 of the 2011 Localism Act inserts the Duty to Co-operate as a new Section 33A in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Section 33A came into effect on 15 November 2011. It is not retrospective.

3.14 Section 110 of the Localism Act sets out the ‘Duty to Co-operate’. The Duty:

- relates to “sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is a strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas”;
- requires that councils and public bodies “engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis” to develop strategic policies; and
- requires councils to consider “joint approaches” to plan making.

3.15 Section 33A (1) and (3) of the 2004 Act impose a duty on a local planning authority to co-operate with other local planning authorities and other prescribed bodies when it undertakes certain activities, including the preparation of development plan documents, activities that can reasonably be considered to prepare the way for such preparation and activities that support such preparation so far as they relate to a strategic matter. This is to maximise the effectiveness with which those activities are undertaken.

3.16 Section 33A (4) states that a strategic matter is: “sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas.”

3.17 Section 33A (2) requires a local planning authority “to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis” in respect of the activities that are subject to the duty.

3.18 For Cherwell the local planning authorities that border Cherwell District are:

- Aylesbury Vale District Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Northamptonshire County Council\*
- Oxford City Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- South Northamptonshire Council\*
- South Oxfordshire District Council
- Stratford-on-Avon District Council
- Vale of White Horse District Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- West Oxfordshire District Council

\* *Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council, South Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire County Council have established the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit to prepare joint development plan documents, including the Joint Core Strategy and other joint Supplementary Planning Documents.*

3.19 The Oxfordshire Councils are assisted in meeting the Duty to Cooperate by an ‘Oxfordshire Growth Board’ (a joint committee) which includes the local authorities within the

Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) comprising, Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council. It also includes co-opted non-voting named members from the following organisations:

- LEP : Chairman
- Oxford University
- Skills Board
- Harwell/Diamond Light Source
- LEP Business Representative
- LEP Oxford City Business Representative
- Homes and Communities Agency

3.20 In addition, when considering matters that sit under the purview of the Local Transport Board then Network Rail and the Highways Agency have the right to attend the Growth Board as non-voting investment partners.

3.21 The Growth Board is supported by officer and working groups as required. A separate Oxfordshire Planning Policy Officers (OPPO) group also assists engagement with the other Oxfordshire Councils on planning matters.

3.22 Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out the other prescribed bodies for the purposes of implementing Section 33A of the 2004 Act. Of those bodies listed in the Regulation it is considered that the following bodies are relevant to Cherwell District:

- The Environment Agency
- Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (Historic England)
- Natural England
- The Civil Aviation Authority
- The Homes and Communities Agency
- The NHS Oxfordshire
- The Office of Rail Regulation
- The Highway Authority – Section 1 of the Highways Act 1980:
  - Oxfordshire County Council (Highways)
  - The Highways Agency (Highways England)
- Local Enterprise Partnerships:
  - The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OXLEP)
  - The South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP)
- The Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership

3.23 The Council will liaise with the duty to co-operate bodies to ascertain what aspect of the plan preparation they wish to be engaged with and how. This may also provide an opportunity for joint working and establishing a shared evidence base. There will be ongoing engagement between Cherwell District Council and all the Oxfordshire local authorities on strategic priorities and cross boundary issues and as required on a bilateral basis.

#### *Sustainability Appraisal*

3.24 Local Planning Authorities are required to undertake SA for Local Plans under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The SA incorporates the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment under European Directive 2001/42/EC. The SEA requirement

applies to relevant plans, policies (such as a Local Plan) but is not required for the SCI, the Local Development Scheme (LDS), Annual Monitoring Reports (AMRs) or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). There is no obligation for Neighbourhoods Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) but SA/SEA can be necessary, particularly where the social, economic and environmental effects have not yet already been assessed during the preparation of a higher level Plan or programme.

- 3.25 Preparing a scoping report is part of the first required steps to meet the SEA Directive requirements. As part of the scoping work on the SA/SEA we will consult Natural England, Historic England (formerly known as English Heritage) and the Environment Agency and possibly others. As requested by the regulations there will be public consultation on other stages of the SA.

#### *Hard to reach groups*

- 3.26 The Council will use a wide range of engagement methods as referenced earlier in seeking to engage with 'Hard to Reach' groups, particularly in the context of the Equality Duty. The use of the term 'Hard to Reach' simply highlights that there may be groups of people within the wider Cherwell community that would not readily use or access the planning system, may be unfamiliar with the Council, but which because of their needs and priorities are potentially affected by planning issues and policies. Examples might include some older or younger people, those with disabilities or those within the Travelling Communities.
- 3.27 To engage with such people, officers may need to employ engagement methods that will help to overcome the barriers that prevented them from participating in the first place. For example, this might include using specialist advisers, third parties, interpreters or specific facilities for disabled people, etc. With regard to arranging consultation events, flexibility over the timing, location and venue may also need to be considered. Council officers will determine the most appropriate way for engaging with hard to reach groups taking specialist advice where required. This might mean tailoring the engagement methods employed.



When will we engage?

- 3.28 Relevant regulations set out the stages in the preparation process for each type of planning document, when we must formally publish the documents for comment, and for how long. These requirements will always be met. The SCI reflects statutory requirements for the length of formal consultation periods. Additional days will be added where statutory Public Holidays (England) fall within the formal consultation period. The early stage of plan preparation will involve engagement with specific stakeholders, prescribed bodies, partners and consultees to inform the identification of issues and options. Engagement will continue on a continuous basis to ensure options are thoroughly tested and policy preparation is robust. Stakeholders wishing to discuss specific policy matters can contact the Council's Planning Policy Team directly.— :

*Consultation Stages*

- 3.29 The opportunity for community involvement in the preparation of planning policy documents is summarised below:

## Documents Produced by Cherwell District Council

- **Development Plan Documents (DPDs)**
  - Formal consultation on issues and options
  - Stakeholder engagement in considering issues and options
  - Formal consultation on Sustainability Appraisal
  - Stakeholder engagement in developing proposals
  - Formal consultation on proposals
  - Participation in the formal examination of plans (those seeking a change to the proposed Plan).

- **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)**
  - Stakeholder engagement in preparing the SPD
  - Formal consultation on the draft SPD
  
- **Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule**
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Formal consultation on a Preliminary Draft CIL Charging Schedule
  - Formal consultation on the Draft CIL Charging Schedule (public participation)
  - Participation in the formal examination (Inspector to invite participants)

Produced by Parish or Town Councils or designated Neighbourhood Forums

- **Neighbourhood Plans**
  - Formal consultation on the designation of Neighbourhood Area or Forum (by Cherwell District Council)
  - Pre-Submission consultation in preparing a draft Plan (by the Parish/Town Council of designated Forum)
  - Formal consultation on a plan proposal (by Cherwell District Council)
  - Community Referendum (organised by Cherwell District Council)

How will we engage?

3.30 The tables below describe the formal stages of document production, explaining how community involvement will take place. Significant changes in circumstances may lead to a review of the SCI.

**Table 2: Local Plans (Development Plan Documents)**

Stage	Regulation (The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012)	Community Involvement	How
Pre-production	N/A	Initial contact with key stakeholders as required.	Telephone/ Email / Letter / Meetings
Project planning		On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies.	Oxfordshire Growth Board  OGB Working Groups / Oxfordshire Planning Policy Officers Group
Preparation Scoping,	Regulation 18	Consultation on Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – at least 5 weeks - with statutory bodies	Telephone / Email / Letter / Website / Meetings



<p>Identification of Issues and Options, Assessment of Options</p>		<p>On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies.</p> <p>Formal consultation on issues and options with public, statutory &amp; prescribed bodies and with other stakeholders – 6 weeks per consultation</p> <p>Targeted consultation with communities / stakeholders</p>	<p>Oxfordshire Growth Board</p> <p>OGB Working Groups / Oxfordshire Planning Policy Officers Group</p> <p>Publication and ‘deposit’ of consultation documents</p> <p>Workshops</p> <p>Evidence gathering (consultation as appropriate)</p>
<p>Publication</p>	<p>Regulations 19 and 20</p>	<p>Consult on Proposed Local Plan, SA/SEA and supporting evidence. Consultation period – 6 weeks</p> <p>The Council must ensure that a statement of the representations procedure and a statement of fact that the proposed submission documents are available for inspection and of the places and times at which they can be inspected, is sent to each of the general consultation bodies and each of the specific consultation bodies invited to make representations under Regulation 18(1).</p>	<p>Publication and ‘deposit’ of proposed documents</p> <p>Email / Letter / Website</p> <p>Explanatory meetings / press as required</p>
<p>Submission of proposed documents to the Secretary of State</p>	<p>Regulation 22</p>	<p>Notification only</p> <p>Submission of Local Plan and all associated documents to the Secretary of State – electronic and paper copies.</p> <p>Make the relevant documents available at the deposit locations and on the Council’s website as soon as reasonably practicable.</p> <p>Documents to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan</li> <li>• Sustainability Appraisal report</li> </ul>	<p>Publication and ‘deposit’ of submission documents</p> <p>Email / Letter / Website</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission Policies Map</li> <li>• Statement of Consultation</li> <li>• Copies of representations</li> <li>• Statement of fact</li> <li>• Supporting documents as in the opinion of the Council are relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan.</li> </ul> <p>The Council must send to each of the general consultation bodies and each of the specific consultation bodies which were invited to make representations under Regulation 18(1), notification that the Local Plan and relevant documents are available for inspection and of the places and times at which they can be inspected.</p> <p>The Council must also give notice to those persons who requested to be notified of the submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State that it has been so submitted.</p>	
Examination	Regulation 24	<p>Notification only</p> <p>Right to appear and be heard limited to those persons legally defined as having made representations seeking a change to the proposed Plan.</p> <p>Or, if invited by the Inspector where he or she thinks that a person is needed to enable the soundness of the Plan to be determined.</p> <p>Public hearing sessions are held which helps the Inspector to determine whether the Local Plan is sound and legally compliant.</p> <p>The Council must make the matters available at least 6 weeks before the opening of a hearing. Matters include the date, time and place which the hearing is to be held, and the name of the person appointed to carry out the independent</p>	Email / Letter / Website

		<p>examination. The Council must also notify any person who has made a representation in accordance with Regulation 20 and not withdrawn that representation, of those matters.</p>	
Main Modifications	N/A	<p>Possible further consultation</p> <p>On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies.</p> <p>Optional stage – where the Council agrees, the Inspector can propose changes or ‘main modifications’ to the Plan to avoid it being found ‘unsound’ (unless there is a fundamental issue with ‘soundness’)</p> <p>The Inspector will set out arrangements and seek agreement on a timetable for any necessary sustainability appraisal work and public consultation.</p> <p>The precise arrangements for public consultation may vary from case to case.</p> <p>The scope and length of the consultation should reflect the consultation at Regulation 19 stage</p> <p>Further hearing sessions will only be scheduled exceptionally</p>	<p>Telephone / Email / Letter / Website / Meetings</p> <p>Oxfordshire Growth Board</p> <p>OGB Working Groups / Oxfordshire Planning Policy Officers Group</p> <p>Publication and ‘deposit’ of proposed documents</p>
Adoption	Regulation 26	<p>Notification only</p> <p>As soon as reasonably practicable after the Council adopt a Local Plan they must make the following available at the deposit locations and on the Council’s website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Local Plan</li> <li>• Adoption Statement</li> <li>• Sustainability Appraisal report</li> <li>• Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement</li> <li>• Habitats Regulations Assessment</li> </ul>	<p>Publication and ‘deposit’ of proposed documents</p> <p>Email / Letter / Website</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of where the Local Plan is available for inspection and the places and times at which the document can be inspected</li> </ul> <p>The Council must send a copy of the adoption statement to any person who has asked to be notified of the adoption of the Local Plan. A copy must also be sent to the Secretary of State.</p>	
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**Table 3: Supplementary Planning Documents**

Stage	Regulation (The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012)	Community Involvement	How
Pre-production	N/A	Initial contact with key stakeholders as required.	Telephone / Email / Letter / Meetings
Project planning		On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies as required	
Preparation Scoping, Identification of Issues and Options, Assessment of Options	Regulation 12	<p>Informal consultations may be carried out and the nature/extent of this will be determined by the subject matter of document.</p> <p>Determine if an SEA is required. Consult with statutory bodies on formal screening</p> <p>If required, consult on Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – 5 weeks - with statutory bodies</p> <p>On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies as required</p> <p>Formal consultation on issues and options with public, statutory &amp; prescribed bodies and with other stakeholders – at least 4 weeks per consultation</p>	<p>Telephone / Email / Letter / Website / Meetings</p> <p>Publication and ‘deposit’ of consultation documents</p> <p>Workshops</p> <p>Evidence gathering (consultation as appropriate)</p>

		Targeted consultation with communities / stakeholders	
Consultation	Regulation 12/13	<p>Consult on draft SPD and any supporting evidence, including the Consultation Statement.</p> <p>Consultation period – minimum of 4 weeks</p> <p>The Council has to produce a statement (referred to as the ‘Regulation 12(a) Statement’) setting out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The persons who were consulted</li> <li>• A summary of the main issues raised</li> <li>• How any issues raised have been taken into account</li> </ul> <p>After reviewing any responses received, the Council will consider the need for any further consultation, which may relate to a specific topic.</p> <p>On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies as required</p>	<p>Email / Letter / Website</p> <p>Publication and ‘deposit’ of consultation documents</p>
Adoption	Regulation 14	<p>Notification only</p> <p>As soon as reasonably practicable after the Council adopt a SPD the Council must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make the SPD and adoption statement available at the deposit locations and on the Council’s website</li> <li>• Send a copy of the adoption statement to any person, who has asked to be notified of the adoption of the SPD.</li> </ul>	<p>Publication and ‘deposit’ of proposed documents</p> <p>Email / Letter / Website</p>

**Table 4: Community Infrastructure Levy**

(Cherwell District Council is the Charging Authority for the purpose of Part 11 Section 206 of the Planning Act 2008.)

Stage	Regulation (The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended))	Community Involvement	How
Pre-production	N/A	Initial contact with key stakeholders as required.	Telephone / Email / Letter / Meetings
Project planning		On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies as required	
Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule	Regulation 15	<p>Stakeholder engagement</p> <p>Formal consultation – 6 weeks</p> <p>On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies as required</p> <p>The charging authority must send a copy of the preliminary draft to each of the prescribed consultation bodies, and invite each of those bodies to make representations on the preliminary draft.</p> <p>Consultation bodies are those listed below whose area is within or adjoins the charging authority's area, in this case Cherwell District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Councils (including Oxford City Council)</li> <li>• County Councils</li> <li>• Any other person exercising the functions of a local planning authority and Parish Councils/Meetings whose area is in the Council's administrative area</li> </ul> <p>Using mechanisms it considers appropriate the charging authority must also invite representations on the preliminary draft from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons who are resident or</li> </ul>	<p>Telephone / Email / Letter / Meetings</p> <p>Evidence Gathering / Targeted stakeholder review</p> <p>Publication and 'deposit' of draft schedule</p>

		<p>carrying on business in its area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit the charging authority's area (if considered appropriate)</li> <li>• bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the charging authority's area (if considered appropriate).</li> </ul> <p>CIL regulations do not specify how charging authorities should consult or how long a consultation period to offer, although they should consider an appropriate period to ensure that respondents have enough time to comment.</p>	
Publication of a Draft Charging Schedule	Regulations 16 and 21	<p>Formal Consultation – 6 weeks</p> <p>On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies as required</p> <p>Before submitting a Draft Charging Schedule, the charging authority must make a copy of the draft charging schedule, the relevant evidence and a statement of the representations procedure available for inspection. These must be made available at its principal office and at such other places within its area as it considers appropriate.</p> <p>The relevant documents must also be published on the Council's website alongside a statement indicating they are available for inspection and where.</p> <p>The Draft Charging Schedule and statement of the representations procedure must be sent to each of the consultation bodies.</p> <p>The charging authority must give by local advertisement notice which sets out a statement of the representations procedure and a statement of the fact that the Draft Charging Schedule and relevant</p>	<p>Email / Letter / Website / Meetings</p> <p>Publication and 'deposit' of draft schedule</p>

		<p>evidence are available for inspection and of the places at which they can be inspected.</p> <p>CIL Regulation 17 establishes that the consultation must be for a period of no less than 4 weeks. Although Planning Practice Guidance indicates that allowing at least 6 weeks is considered good practice and longer if the issues are particularly complex.</p>	
<p>Modifications to the Draft Charging Schedule after Publication</p>	<p>Regulations 11, 15 and 19</p>	<p>Possible consultation – 6 weeks</p> <p>On-going cooperation with prescribed bodies as required</p> <p>If modifications on the Draft Charging Schedule were made by the charging authority after publication under Regulation 16, the charging authority must produce a Statement of Modifications (as set out in Regulations 11 and 19), publish it on its website and send a copy of the statement to each of the consultation bodies invited to make representations under Regulation 15.</p> <p>This must be complied with before submission of documents to the examiner.</p>	<p>Email / Letter / Website / Meetings</p> <p>Publication and ‘deposit’ of documents</p>
<p>Submission of documents and information to the examiner</p>	<p>Regulation 19</p>	<p>Notification only</p> <p>Submission of documents to the examiner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Draft Charging Schedule</li> <li>• A Statement setting out the representations made and a summary of the main issues raised by the representations</li> <li>• Copies of any representations</li> <li>• A Statement of Modifications (if modifications to the Draft Charging Schedule was made)</li> <li>• Copies of the relevant evidence.</li> </ul> <p>As soon as practicable after</p>	<p>Email / Letter / Website</p>



		<p>submission, the documents above must be published on the Council's website and be made available at places where documents were made available under Regulation 16.</p> <p>The charging authority must give notice to those persons who requested to be notified of the submission of the Draft Charging Schedule to the Examiner that the draft has been so submitted.</p>	
<p>Examination</p>	<p>Regulation 21</p>	<p>Notification &amp; right to be heard (as invited)</p> <p>Independent examination of the Charging Schedule by an Independent Examiner.</p> <p>It is for the examiner to decide how the hearings are conducted.</p> <p>A person who makes representations about a draft charging schedule under Regulation 17 must (if so requests) be heard by the examiner. This request must be made in writing within the consultation period specified by the charging authority.</p> <p>Where a person has submitted a request to be heard by the Examiner, the charging authority must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publish the matters on its website (time and place at which the examination is to be held and the name of the Examiner)</li> <li>• Notify any person who has made a representation in accordance with Regulation 17 and any person who has made a request to be heard in relation to the modifications.</li> </ul> <p>The charging authority must also give notice by local advertisement of the matters above.</p> <p>The local advertisement, notification</p>	<p>Email / Letter / Website</p>

		<p>and website publication must be undertaken at least four weeks before the opening of the examination. A two week notice is needed for those who have made a request to be heard in relation to the modifications.</p> <p>When a charging authority modifies a draft charging schedule, any person may request to be heard by the examiner in relation to these modifications. This applies only to the modifications as set out in the schedule of modifications. This request must be submitted in writing to the charging schedule within 4 weeks commencing on the day the draft schedule is submitted and must include details of the modifications on which the person wishes to be heard.</p> <p>The charging authority must submit a copy of each request it receives to the Examiner as soon as practicable after the end of the period of four weeks beginning with the day on which the Draft Charging Schedule is submitted to the Examiner in accordance with Regulation 19(1).</p>	
<p>Publication of the Examiner's recommendations</p>	<p>Regulation 23</p>	<p>Notification only</p> <p>As soon as practicable after the Council adopt the Charging Schedule, the charging authority must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make the Examiner's recommendations and reasons available for inspection at the places where documents were made available under Regulation 16.</li> <li>• Publish the recommendations and reasons on its website</li> <li>• Give notice to those persons who requested to be notified of the publication of the Examiner's recommendations and reasons that they have been so published.</li> </ul>	<p>Publication and 'deposit' of the Examiner's recommendations and associated documents</p> <p>Email / Letter / Website</p>

Approval and Publication of a Charging Schedule	Regulation 25	<p>As soon as practicable after the charging authority approves a charging schedule it must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publish the charging schedule on its website</li> <li>• Make the charging schedule available for inspection at places where documents were made available under Regulation 16.</li> <li>• Give notice by local advertisement of the approval of the charging schedule, that a copy of the charging schedule is available for inspection, and of the places at which it can be inspected</li> <li>• Give notice to those persons who requested to be notified of the approval of the charging schedule that it has been so approved</li> <li>• Send a copy of the charging schedule to each of the relevant consenting authorities.</li> </ul>	Email / Letter / Website
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**Table 5: Neighbourhood Plans**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Regulation (The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) and Amendment (2015)</b>	<b>Community Involvement</b>	<b>How</b>
Publicising an Area Application	Regulation 6	<p>Consult on the area application.</p> <p>As soon as possible after receiving an area application the Council must make it available for public consultation.</p> <p>Consultation period – minimum of 4 weeks (or 6 weeks if a wider area is being considered)</p>	<p>Publication of application</p> <p>Email / Letter / Website</p> <p>Site Notices to Parish or Town Council or designated Neighbourhood Forum</p>

		<p>The Council has to produce a public notice setting out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of the consultation</li> <li>• Details of how to make representations</li> </ul> <p>If a deposit location is not available in the affected area, the Council will agree with the relevant neighbourhood plan steering group on a suitable location for the documents to be made available to the public.</p> <p>A public notice will also be published in the relevant local paper and copies will be sent to the relevant neighbourhood plan steering group for publicising in the area.</p> <p>The Council must determine the area application by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 weeks for areas of two or more local planning authorities</li> <li>• 8 weeks for whole of the area of the Parish Council</li> <li>• 13 weeks for other cases.</li> </ul>	
Publicising a Designation of a Neighbourhood Area	Regulation 7	<p>Notification only</p> <p>As soon as possible after designating a neighbourhood area the Council must publish the decision on the area application including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name of the neighbourhood area</li> <li>• A map which identifies the area</li> <li>• The name of the relevant body who applied for the designation.</li> </ul>	Email / Letter / Website
Publicising a Plan Proposal	Regulation 16	<p>Consult on the submission neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>As soon as possible after receiving a Neighbourhood Development Plan the Council must make the Plan and associated documents available for public consultation.</p>	<p>Publication and 'deposit' in relevant area of proposed documents</p> <p>Email / Letter / Website</p>

		<p>Consultation period – minimum of 6 weeks</p> <p>The Council must publish the submission neighbourhood plan and associated documents and produce a public notice setting out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of the consultation</li> <li>• Details of how to make representations</li> </ul> <p>If a deposit location is not available in the affected area, the Council will agree with the relevant neighbourhood plan steering group on a suitable location for the documents to be made available to the public.</p> <p>In addition a public notice will be published in the relevant local paper and copies will be sent to the relevant neighbourhood plan steering group for publicising in the area.</p>	
Publication of the Examiner’s Report and Plan Proposal Decisions	Regulation 18	<p>Notification only</p> <p><u>As soon as possible after making a decision</u> the Council must publish the Examiner’s Report and a decision notice.</p>	<p>Publication and ‘deposit’ in relevant area of Examiner’s Report</p> <p>Publication of decision notice</p> <p>Email / Letter / Website</p>
Referendum (Neighbourhood Planning (Referendum) Regulations 2012)	N/A	<p>Local referendum</p> <p>The Council’s Democratic Services team will facilitate the local referendum concerning the area affected.</p>	Notification of venue and date
Decision on a Plan Proposal	Regulation 19	<p>Notification only</p> <p>As soon as possible after deciding to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan the Council must publish a decision statement and send to the qualifying body and any person who asked to be notified of the decision.</p>	Email / Letter / Website
Publicising a	Regulation 20	Notification only	Publication and ‘deposit’

Neighbourhood Development Plan		<p>As soon as possible after making a Neighbourhood Development Plan the Council must make the following available at the deposit locations and on the Council's website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Neighbourhood Development Plan</li> <li>• Details of where and when the Neighbourhood Development Plan may be inspected.</li> </ul> <p>The Council must also notify any person who asked to be notified of the making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan that it has been made and where and when it may be inspected.</p>	Email / Letter / Website
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*Planning Applications*

3.31 The Council's Development Management team is responsible for the processing of all planning applications within the District. Both publicity and consultation are a key part of the process. There are various stages for planning applications which are referred to in Table 6.

**Table 6: Stages of planning applications**

Stage	Summary
Pre-application discussions and consultations	<p>Early discussions between developers and planning officers will provide the opportunity to create proposals in the right form that will be attractive to the community and the local planning authority. They can be of great benefit to the application by identifying the key planning issues, avoiding abortive work and speeding up the statutory process.</p> <p>The Council offers a confidential formal pre-application service for a fee which is charged depending on the scale of the proposed development. The pre-application guidance note and fee schedule are available at <a href="http://www.cherwell.gov.uk">www.cherwell.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>Developers of larger sites will generally be expected to engage with local communities – residents and community associations and relevant interest groups and statutory consultees or service providers. The Council will expect developers, as part of their application to detail the pre-application consultation they have undertaken (in a statement of consultation) and how comments have been addressed in progressing a proposal – which could take the form of a 'statement of community involvement'. This will ensure that the standard requirements for involving the local and/or wider community are met.</p>
Submission of an application	<p>As soon as a planning application has been submitted and validated, the Council will undertake notification and consultation with the local community (other than for applications considered by the County Council which is responsible for 'County</p>

~~Matters' – Minerals and Waste development who are responsible for further consultation as they deemed appropriate).~~ All applications ~~are~~ will be available to view on the Council's website (via Public Access ~~at~~ <http://www.publicaccess.cherwell.gov.uk/>) which enables people to:

- comment on an application (validated applications should be available for comment within 5 working days of being received, or major applications within 10 working days)
- search and view planning application details (historic applications back to 1995)
- research the planning history of a property (back to 1995)
- register to receive email notifications of certain planning applications
- view ~~the weekly or monthly~~ lists of new and recent planning applications
- comment on current applications (like all comments received by the Council, these are open to public inspection)
- see planning decisions
- monitor planning application progress
- view details of planning appeals
- search and view enforcement details back to 2008

As well as being available through the Public Access system, a copy of the application may be inspected at the Council offices at Bodicote House during normal working hours (8.45am to 5.15pm Monday to Friday) or may be available for inspection from the Clerk to the relevant Town or Parish Council or Parish Meeting. Applications for development within the town of Banbury may also be inspected at Banbury Town Council, Town Hall, Bridge Street, Banbury. Copies of applications may also be obtained at Bodicote House for a fee.

The Council uses the following methods to consult the public on planning applications:

- Notifications – where there are people in buildings that are likely to be affected by a planning application and also the relevant Town/Parish Council/Meeting, the Council will normally notify them by letter that an application has been submitted and that they can inspect the application and make written comments to the Council within 21 days.
- Public Access System – all planning applications are available to view and comment on via an on-line public access system available at [http://www.publicaccess.cherwell.gov.uk.](http://www.publicaccess.cherwell.gov.uk/) Weekly or monthly lists of applications can be obtained through the system. Town and Parish Councils/Meetings are notified about individual applications. Local Members are also notified. – Each week the Council publishes a list setting out the application reference number, a description of the application and the name of the person making the application for planning applications received during that week. The weekly list is available on the Council's website and also circulated to Cherwell District Council Councillors, Parish Councils/Meetings, libraries and to those who subscribe to receive them. The lists are also available from the Council Offices.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press Notice - Planning legislation requires local planning authorities to publish details in the local press of all planning applications for major development, applications for development affecting listed buildings, conservation areas, tree preservation orders or public rights of way and applications accompanied by Environmental Statements.</li> </ul> <p>The Council's letters/notifications/advertisements set out the deadline by which comments should be submitted, which is 21 days of the date of publication. Only comments relating to planning matters will be taken into account.</p>						
<p>Processing the application</p>	<p>Dialogue between applicants and the Planning Officers is an important part in the <del>development management</del> <del>planning control</del> process, and the negotiation can steer development towards more acceptable forms. This negotiation may lead to amendments to a scheme which may resolve particular objections or take on board recommendations made by interested parties.</p> <p>Where negotiation with the applicant results in an amendment to the proposal being submitted the requirement for re-notification will depend upon the scale of the amendment. Below outlines the guidelines that will be applied in considering the re-notification procedure.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="469 965 1445 2040"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="469 965 876 1025">Type of amendment</th> <th data-bbox="876 965 1445 1025">Re-notification procedure</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="469 1025 876 1570"> <p>Minor amendments</p> <p><i>(such as a small alteration to the approved materials of proposal)</i></p> </td> <td data-bbox="876 1025 1445 1570"> <p>The re-notification of neighbours on minor amendments can significantly delay the consideration of a planning application. On the whole, most amendments are normally made to seek better quality development or resolve particular areas of conflict. On this basis and in order to avoid unnecessary delay for minor amendments, no additional re-notification is undertaken. Copies of the amendments will normally be sent to appropriate Parish Councils/<u>Meetings</u> for information only. Minor amendments will not be re-advertised. The modified plan will be available immediately on the Council's website upon receipt.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="469 1570 876 2040"> <p>Significant amendments</p> <p><i>(such as major structural changes or significant modifications to the proposal)</i></p> </td> <td data-bbox="876 1570 1445 2040"> <p>More significant amendments will require neighbour re-notification with the decision to re-notify neighbours at the discretion of the case officer. There will be a shorter response period of normally ten days in order to reduce delay in the process unless the amendment is deemed to warrant a longer period, in which case it may be extended to 21 days. All significant amendments will also be re-advertised in the local press.</p> <p>Where appropriate Parish Councils/<u>Meetings</u>, statutory consultees and</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type of amendment	Re-notification procedure	<p>Minor amendments</p> <p><i>(such as a small alteration to the approved materials of proposal)</i></p>	<p>The re-notification of neighbours on minor amendments can significantly delay the consideration of a planning application. On the whole, most amendments are normally made to seek better quality development or resolve particular areas of conflict. On this basis and in order to avoid unnecessary delay for minor amendments, no additional re-notification is undertaken. Copies of the amendments will normally be sent to appropriate Parish Councils/<u>Meetings</u> for information only. Minor amendments will not be re-advertised. The modified plan will be available immediately on the Council's website upon receipt.</p>	<p>Significant amendments</p> <p><i>(such as major structural changes or significant modifications to the proposal)</i></p>	<p>More significant amendments will require neighbour re-notification with the decision to re-notify neighbours at the discretion of the case officer. There will be a shorter response period of normally ten days in order to reduce delay in the process unless the amendment is deemed to warrant a longer period, in which case it may be extended to 21 days. All significant amendments will also be re-advertised in the local press.</p> <p>Where appropriate Parish Councils/<u>Meetings</u>, statutory consultees and</p>
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	<p>anyone that had made a representation during the original notification period are also re-consulted if a significant amendment is received. This again will normally be a reduced period of ten days unless the amendment is deemed to warrant a longer period, in which case it may be extended to 21 days.</p>
<p>Determination of the application</p>	<p>Any consultation responses received will be considered in decisions made by the Council. As outlined above planning applications are determined by the Council either through Planning Committee or powers delegated to Council Officers. Some 90% of the applications submitted to the Council are determined under delegated powers to help ensure that applications are dealt with efficiently within the eight week timescale set by the Government.</p> <p>The Council publishes on its website the details of all Planning Committees normally 5 days in advance of the meetings along with the agendas and items for consideration. Where requested, the Council will inform the applicant of the time, date and location of the Committee meeting along with the officer recommendation.</p>
<p>Post determination</p>	<p>Where a planning application is determined by Planning Committee a letter is sent to everyone who made representations advising them of the decision except on those applications which have generated a significant degree of public interest. In those cases a notification of the decision is put in the local press.</p> <p>Where decisions are taken at Planning Committee the decision will be publicised in the Committee minutes on the Council’s website.</p>
<p>Planning appeals</p>	<p>Where an applicant has an application refused, not determined or disagrees with the conditions attached to a planning permission they have the right of appeal within six months of the decision. When an applicant appeals the Planning Inspectorate, which is an independent body, will determine the appeal through one of the following methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written representations – where the appeal is determined based solely upon the written representations sent to the Planning Inspectorate</li> <li>• Informal hearing – where the appeal is determined based upon the written representations sent to the Planning Inspectorate and a discussion led by an independent Inspector involving the Council, the person making the appeal and any third parties who wish to comment</li> <li>• Public inquiry – where the appeal is determined based upon the written representations sent to the Planning Inspectorate and a formal public inquiry procedure where evidence is cross-examined.</li> </ul> <p>If an appeal is made the Council will notify in writing everyone who made representations on the application and tell them how to make their views known to the Planning Inspector. This may be in writing or in person according to the appeal method. There is no need to re-submit previous information sent to the Council on the planning application as the Council will forward all previous representations to the Planning Inspectorate. Ward Councillors are also</p>

informed that an appeal has been made.

Where an appeal is to be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate through written representations the appeal will be determined based upon the evidence contained within those statements and following a site visit by the Inspector.

Where an appeal is to be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate through an informal hearing or public inquiry the Council will display a site notice and advertise in the press the date, time and location of the hearing or inquiry. Third parties are able to attend both informal hearings and inquiries if they wish to do so, providing that the Planning Inspectorate is notified beforehand.





#### 4. Reviewing and Monitoring the SCI

- 4.1 Monitoring of the SCI is important in ensuring that the Council has conformed to what it has set out. We will monitor the effectiveness of the SCI to ensure that the requisite community involvement has been appropriate and effective in the production of planning policy documents and in decision making. We will also monitor any changes to national legislation and policy.
- 4.2 The SCI will also be updated if other significant changes suggest a review is required. For example this might be the result of changes to:
- Groups we engage with
  - Legislation / national policy
  - Consultation methods
  - Council protocol
  - Technology
  - Results of the review of consultations, including the effectiveness of consultation methods in engaging particular groups.
- 4.3 If it becomes clear that the SCI is failing to deliver effective community involvement on planning matters, or where significant changes are required, the Council will consider reviewing the SCI. Should this be the case, the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will set out the need for a review of the SCI and clearly identify where the SCI has failed to deliver effective community engagement or where there is a need for significant change.



**Appendix I - Local Development Documents – Specific and General Consultation Bodies**

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Part 1, Regulation 2

‘Specific Consultation Bodies’ means:

- (a) the Coal Authority
- (b) the Environment Agency
- (c) The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (now known as Historic England)
- (d) The Marine Management Organisation
- (e) Natural England
- (f) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
- (g) the Highways Agency (Highways England)
- (h) a relevant authority any part of whose area is in or adjoins the local planning authority’s area
- (i) prescribed electronic communications providers
- (j) relevant Primary Care Trust
- (k) relevant electricity providers
- (l) relevant gas providers
- (m) relevant sewerage undertaker
- (n) relevant water undertaker
- (o) Homes and Communities Agency

‘General Consultation Bodies’ means:

- (a) Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit any part of the local planning authority’s area
- (b) Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the local planning authority’s area
- (c) Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the local planning authority’s area
- (d) Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the local planning authority’s area
- (e) Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the local planning authority’s area

**Appendix 2 - Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Bodies**

The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 set out that any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a Neighbourhood Development Plan should be consulted. (Note: it is not always the responsibility of Cherwell District Council to engage with the following groups, as this depends on the relevant stage of the Neighbourhood Plan preparation, in some instances, it will be the responsibility of the qualifying body who is preparing the Plan (i.e. a Parish/Town Council). The list of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation bodies is from the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (paragraph 1 of Schedule 1):

- A Local Planning Authority, County Council or Parish Council whose area is within or adjoins the area of the relevant Local Planning Authority
- Coal Authority
- Environment Agency
- Highways England
- Historic England
- Homes and Communities Agency
- Natural England
- Network Rail Infrastructure Company
- NHS Oxfordshire
- Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies or who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in part of the area of the Local Planning Authority.
- Any person to whom a licence has been granted under the Electricity Act (if it exercises a function in any part of the neighbourhood area)
- Any person to whom a licence has been granted under the Gas Act (if it exercises a function in any part of the neighbourhood area)
- Sewerage undertaker
- Water undertaker
- Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit any part of the neighbourhood area
- Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area
- Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area
- Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area
- Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area

### **Appendix 3 – Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation Bodies**

The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (regulation 15) defines the consultation bodies that a Charging Authority must engage with during the different stages of CIL preparation:

- A local planning authority whose area is within or adjoins the charging authority's area
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Each Parish Council whose area is in the charging authority's area

The charging authority must also invite representations on the preliminary draft charging schedule from:

- persons who are resident or carrying on business in its area
- voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit the charging authority's area
- bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the charging authority's area



**Appendix 4 – Deposit Locations**

<b>Deposit Location Name</b>	<b>Deposit Location Address</b>
Cherwell District Council Offices	Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA
Banbury Town Council	Town Hall Buildings, 1 Bridge Street, Banbury, OX16 5QB
Banbury Library	Marlborough Road, Banbury, OX16 5DB
Neithrop Library	Community Centre, Woodgreen Avenue, Banbury, OX16 0AT
Bicester Town Council	The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, OX26 6PS
Bicester Library	<del>Old Place Yard, Bicester, OX26 6AU</del> Franklins House, Wesley Lane, Bicester, OX26 6JU
Kidlington Library	Ron Groves House, 23 Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 2BP
Adderbury Library	Church House, High Street, Adderbury, OX17 3LS
Deddington Library	The Old Court House, Horse Fair, Deddington, OX15 0SH
Hook Norton Library	High Street, Hook Norton, OX15 5NH
Banbury LinkPoint	43 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX15 5UW
Bicester LinkPoint	<del>Franklins House, Wesley Lane, Bicester, OX26 6JU</del> 38 Market Square, Bicester, OX26 6AL
Kidlington LinkPoint	Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 1AB

## Appendix 5 – Glossary

Phrase	Definition
Adoption	The approval, after independent examination, of the final version of a Local Development Document by a local planning authority for future planning policy and decision making.
Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	A report produced at least annually assessing progress of the LDS and the extent to which policies in Local Development Documents are being successfully implemented.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	A levy allowing local authorities to raise funds from owners or developers of land undertaking new building projects in their area.
Development Plan	The statutory term used to refer to the adopted spatial plans and policies that apply to a particular local planning authority area. This includes adopted Local Plans (including Minerals and Waste Plans) and Neighbourhood Development Plans and is defined by Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
Development Plan Documents (DPDs)	Documents which make up the Local Plan. All DPDs are subject to public consultation and independent examination.
Duty to Co-operate	A statutory duty placed on public bodies to cooperate constructively, actively and on an on-going basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters.
Examination	The process by which an independent Planning Inspector considers whether a Development Plan Document is 'sound' before it can be adopted.
Hard to reach groups	Groups of people or organisations within the community that have traditionally been more difficult to engage in the planning system. They include older people, children and young people, religious, disabled and ethnic minority groups.
Local Development Documents (LDDs)	The collective term for Development Plan Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents and other documents containing statements relating to planning policy and the development and use of land.
Local Development Scheme (LDS)	A Local Development Scheme is a statutory document required to specify (among other matters) the documents which, when prepared, will Local Development Scheme (LDS) comprise the Local Plan for the area. It sets out the programme for the preparation of these documents.
Local Plan	The plan for the local area which sets out the long-term spatial vision and development framework for the District and strategic policies and proposals to deliver that vision.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	A document setting out the Government's planning policies.
National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG or PPG)	The Government's planning guidance supporting national planning policy.
Neighbourhood	A plan prepared by a Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum for a particular neighbourhood area (made under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act

Plans	2004).
Planning Inspectorate	The Government body responsible for providing independent inspectors for planning inquiries and for examinations of Development Plan Documents.
Policies Map	Maps of the local planning authority's area which must be reproduced from, or based on, an Ordnance Survey map; include an explanation of any symbol or notation which it uses; an illustrative geographically the application of the policies in the adopted development plan. Where the adopted policies map consists of text and maps, the text prevails if the map and text conflict.
Soundness	A term referring to the justification of a Local Plan Document in line with legislation and national and regional guidance. To be tested at an Examination in Public.
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	An assessment of the environmental effects of policies, plans and programmes, required by European legislation, which will be part of the public consultation on the policies.
Submission	The stage at which a Development Plan Document is sent to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)	Documents which provide guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents.
Sustainability Appraisal (SA)	The process of assessing the economic, social and environmental effects of a proposed plan. This process implements the requirements of the SEA Directive. Required to be undertaken for all DPDs.



**CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014  
SECTION 59  
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER**

Cherwell District Council being satisfied on reasonable grounds that the below detailed activities are carried on in a public space, namely, Banbury Town Centre, shown coloured red on the attached map ( "the Restricted Area"), and that those activities:-

- Have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality
- Are of a persistent or continuing nature such as to make the activities unreasonable
- Justify the restrictions imposed by this Order

HEREBY MAKES the following Order:

**1. CONSUMING ALCOHOL**

- No person shall consume alcohol or have in their possession an open container of alcohol in the open air within the Restricted Area.

Where a constable or authorised person reasonably believes that you are or have been consuming alcohol, or intend to consume alcohol in breach of this Order a constable or authorised person may require you:-

- Not to consume alcohol or anything which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol;
- To surrender anything in your possession which is, or which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol

The constable or authorised officer may dispose of anything surrendered in whatever way he or she thinks appropriate.

**2. BEGGING**

No person shall beg in the Restricted Area.

**3. SLEEPING ROUGH**

No person shall sleep rough in the Restricted Area. For the purpose of this Order sleeping rough is defined as sleeping in the open air or in/ under a temporary structure.

**PENALTIES**

Any person who without reasonable excuse consumes alcohol in breach of this Order or fails to surrender alcohol to a constable or authorised person in breach of this Order commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500.

Subject to the above, any person who without reasonable excuse carries on an activity which is prohibited by this Order or fails to comply with a requirement of this Order commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1000.

**THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THIS ORDER HAS EFFECT**

The Order will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dated.....

The Common Seal of  
Cherwell District Council  
was affixed in the presence of

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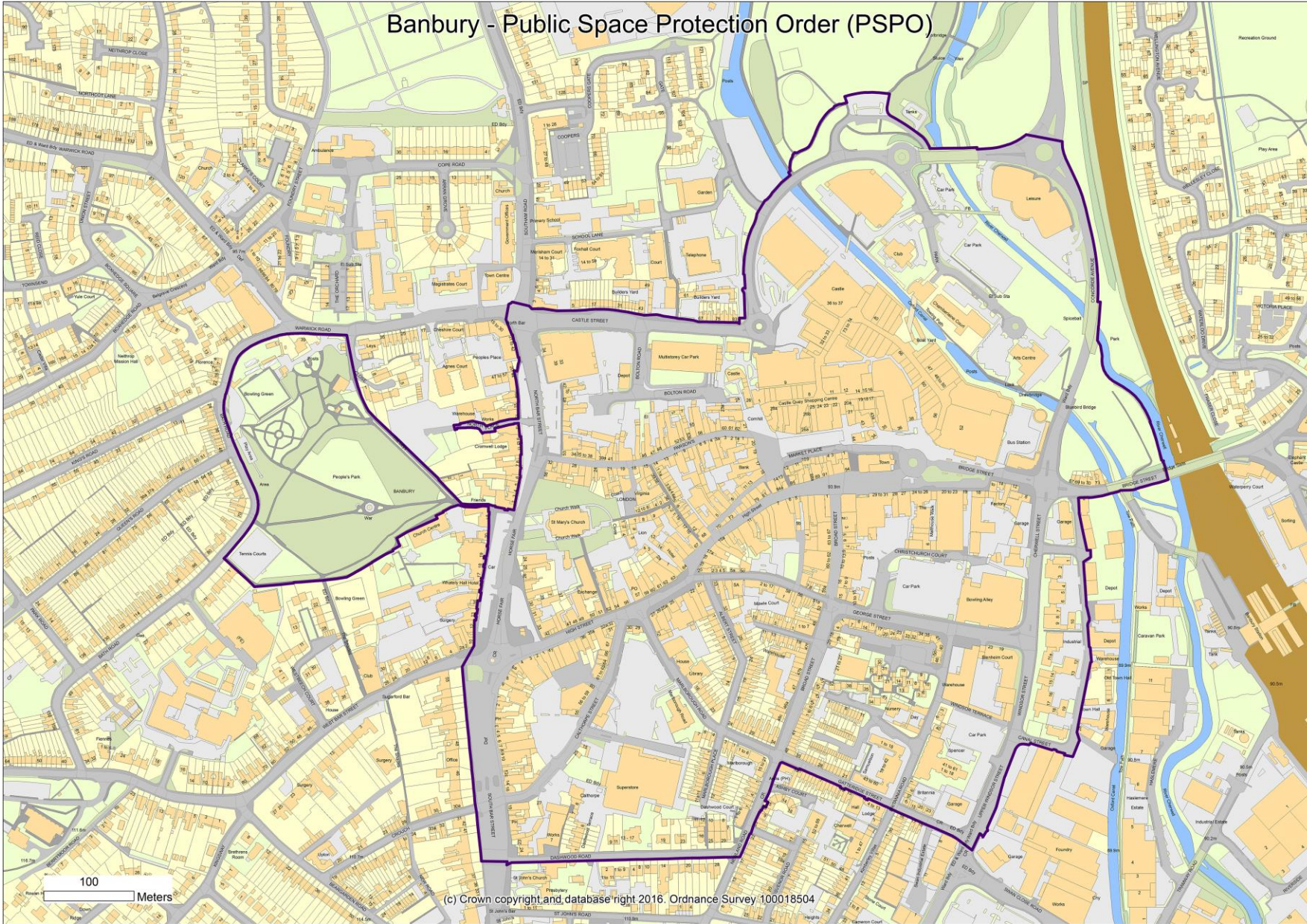
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# Banbury - Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)



No	URN	Date	Call/Statement From	Relates To	Location
<b>BRIDGE STREET</b>					
1		12/03/2015	Email to PS 4429 Percival from PC 1692 Froggatt on behalf of Banbury Museum Staff	Rough Sleeper and Drug Use	Bridge Street
2	745	12/12/2015	PCSO on duty C8034 Whiting	Drinking ASB	Bridge Street
3	556	15/01/2016	Member of the Public	Begging	Bridge Street
4			Letter from - Local Resident	Begging	Bridge Street
<b>HIGH STREET</b>					
5		23/02/2015	Statement from Manager Post Office, High Street	Begging	High Street
6		26/02/2015	Email to PS 4429 Percival on behalf of Manager of Savers, Banbury	Begging	High Street
7		16/03/2015	Statement from Store Manager Tesco, High Street	Begging	High Street
8		16/03/2015	Statement from- Store Manager, Henrys Menswear, High Street	Begging	High Street
9		16/03/2015	Statement from - Retail Manager, SH Jones, High Street	Begging	High Street
10		16/03/2015	Statement from - Lloyds Bank, High Street	Begging	High Street
11		16/03/2015	Statement from - owner Chandler's Cafe, Church Lane, Banbury	Begging	High Street
12		17/03/2015	Statement from PC 7290 Leach	Begging	High Street
13		29/03/2015	Statement from PC 6155 Robinson	Begging	High Street
14	1274	01/04/2015	South Central Ambulance Service	ASB	High Street
15		13/04/2015	Statement from PC 127 Shatford	Begging	High Street
16		13/04/2015	Statement from Customer Liaison Officer Castle Quay Security	Drinking ASB	High Street
17		13/04/2015	Statement from Customer Liaison Officer Castle Quay Security	Drinking ASB	High Street
18		21/06/2015	Statement from SC 9047 Walsh	Begging	High Street
19		24/06/2015	Statement from PC 1692 Froggatt	Begging	High Street



20		24/06/2015	Statement from PC 1692 Froggatt	Begging	High Street
21		26/06/2015	Statement from PC 3298 Shatford	Homeless	High Street
22		27/06/2015	Statement from PC 127 Shatford	Begging	High Street
23		27/06/2015	Statement from PC 908 Smith	Begging	High Street
24		02/07/2015	Statement from PC 3298 Shatford	Begging	High Street
25		05/07/2015	Statement from PC 908 Smith	Begging	High Street
26		07/07/2015	Statement from PC 127 Shatford	Homeless	High Street
27		13/07/2015	Statement from Lloyds Bank, High Street	Rough Sleeper and Begging	High Street
28		13/07/2015	Statement from PC 1692 Froggatt	Begging	High Street
29		13/07/2015	Statement from PC 908 Smith	Homeless	High Street
30	654	14/07/2015	Henrys For Men	Begging	High Street
31		22/07/2015	Statement from PC 908 Smith	Begging	High Street
32	780	31/07/2015	Henrys For Men	Begging	High Street
33		11/08/2015	Banbury Crime Partnership Intel Report	Begging	High Street
34	543	17/08/2015	Member of the Public	ASB	High Street
35	1288	17/08/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	High Street
36	798	28/08/2015	Anon Caller	Begging	High Street
37	330	03/09/2015	Braids Barbers	Begging	High Street
38		04/09/2015	Statement from PC 5473 Harris	Begging	High Street
39	1445	07/09/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	High Street
40	1124	08/09/2015	Security Tesco Express, High Street	Drinking ASB	High Street
41	687	11/09/2015	Member of the Public	ASB	High Street
42	758	12/09/2015	Tesco Express	Begging	High Street
43	852	17/09/2015	Anon Caller	Drinking ASB	High Street
44	1246	17/09/2015	Braids Barbers	Drinking ASB	High Street
45	1346	24/09/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	High Street
46	907	05/10/2015	Tesco Express	Begging	High Street
47	793	06/10/2015	Tesco Express	Begging	High Street
48	629	08/10/2015	Banbury Police CCTV	ASB	High Street
49	1088	11/10/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	High Street
50	535	12/10/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	High Street
51	521	12/10/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	High Street
52	880	12/10/2015	Member of the Public	Begging	High Street
53	711	14/10/2015	Achille Hair Salon	Begging	High Street
54	730	14/10/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	High Street
55		21/10/2015	Letter from Victoria Prentiss on behalf of Achille Hair Salon	Complaint re: Begging	High Street
56	1118	30/10/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	High Street
57	750	08/11/2015	The Mens Room	Drinking ASB	High Street
58	811	09/11/2015	Leeds Building Society	Drinking ASB	High Street

59	970	10/11/2015	Tesco Express	Begging	High Street
60	918	10/11/2015	Tesco Express	Begging	High Street
61	881	13/11/2015	Tesco Express	Begging	High Street
62	827	17/11/2015	Henrys For Men	Begging	High Street
63	1126	18/11/2015	Tesco Express	Begging	High Street
64	706	22/11/2015	Member of the Public	ASB	High Street
65	1243	23/11/2015	Police Banbury CCTV	Begging	High Street
66	602	25/11/2015	Tesco Express	Begging	High Street
67	695	04/12/2015	Sweet Celebrations	Drinking ASB	High Street
68	597	05/12/2015	C7708 Sandford - PCSO Off Duty	Begging	High Street
69	829	12/12/2015	Member of the Public	ASB	High Street
70		15/12/2015	Statement from PS 4429 Percival	Begging	High Street
71	1280	17/12/2015	Anon Caller	Drinking ASB	High Street
72	1441	18/12/2015	NHW Co-ordinator	ASB	High Street
73	881	31/12/2015	Anon Caller	Begging	High Street
74	807	04/01/2016	Member of the Public	Begging	High Street
75		05/01/2016	Section 35	Begging	High Street
76		05/01/2016	Section 35	Begging	High Street
77	546	06/01/2016	Tesco Express	Begging	High Street
78	610	11/01/2016	CDC	Begging	High Street
79		11/01/2016	Statement from PC 5473 Harris	Begging	High Street
80	613	22/01/2016	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	High Street
81		27/01/2016	Letter from - Local Resident	Begging	High Street
82	1435	29/01/2016	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB and begging	High Street
83	757	01/02/2016	Member of the Public	Begging	High Street
84	586	03/02/2016	Member of the Public	Begging	High Street
85	590	03/02/2016	Member of the Public	ASB	High Street
86	524	03/02/2016	Lloyds Bank	Begging	High Street
87			Letter From - Local Resident	Begging	High Street
88			Letter from - Local Resident	Begging	High Street

### **MALTHOUSE WALK**

89		24/06/2015	Statement from PC 6915 Loggin	Homeless	Malthouse Walk, Banbury
90	855	15/09/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	Malthouse Walk, Banbury
91	527	28/09/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	Malthouse Walk, Banbury

92	298	24/12/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	Malthouse Walk, Banbury
93			Letter From- Local Resident	Begging	Malthouse Walk, Banbury
<b>ST MARYS CHURCH</b>					
94	980	06/07/2014	Member of the public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
95	86	12/07/2014	Anon Caller	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
96	847	13/07/2014	Member of the public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
97	896	13/07/2014	Northants Police	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
98	1493	31/07/2014	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
99	940	22/11/2014	Member of the public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
100	596	27/11/2014	Member of the public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
101	174	20/12/2014	PC 284 Devonish	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
102	1040	03/03/2015	Anon Caller	Begging	St Marys Church
103	1031	13/04/2015	Banbury Police Station Front Desk	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
104	1205	14/04/2015	Member of the public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
105	822	18/04/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
106	849	18/04/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
107	113	09/05/2015	PC 7290 Leach	Drugs ASB	St Marys Church
108	1046	13/05/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
109	640	25/05/2015	Sean Woodcock - Councillor	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
110	551	30/05/2015	Sean Woodcock - Councillor	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
111	611	31/05/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
112	650	06/06/2015	Sean Woodcock - Councillor	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
113	1228	12/06/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
114	1695	19/06/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church

115	1456	20/06/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
116	1412	25/06/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
117	1419	26/06/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
118	1337	27/06/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
119	1984	01/07/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
120	1489	09/07/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
121	1377	14/07/2015	Sean Woodcock - Councillor	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
122	1112	23/07/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
123	1417	19/09/2015	YMCA Training	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
124	1622	27/11/2015	Member of  Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
125		07/12/2015	Letter from Victoria Prentiss on behalf of - Local Resident	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
126	1370	18/12/2015	Member of the public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
127	1110	18/12/2015	Member of the Public	Drinking ASB	St Marys Church
128			Letter from - Local Resident	Issues in St Marys Churchyard	St Marys Church

## Business Responses

Issue	Good Practice	Business Suggestions
Thieving – issue last week for a business in Parsons Street (not in my group) and think they are still waiting for a response from the police	Street Parsons Scheme also seen as a positive. Should be supported	
Enforcement of traffic rules in pedestrian area, CDC need to talk to TVP		
Enforcement of street-drinking and ASB is inconsistent. Businesses feel this can and does have a direct impact on business as it deters shoppers and impacts on the shopping experience		
Feeling that the police have taken decisions about not taking some enforcement issues seriously enough (or resources have dictated not a priority) and there doesn't seem to be anybody else able to take up the slack		
Always seems to be the same individuals carrying out the ASB/drinking and businesses feel like more could be done to ensure these persons aren't allowed to persist in carrying on in this way		
It would be good if location of CCTV cameras close to businesses could be shared as this would provide some security and also means that they might report things more if there is a possibility that persons might be identified. Also business awareness of 'Shop Watch' could be improved, profile doesn't seem to be the same as Pubwatch		
People defecating and urinating in the street can be a problem- particularly at night.		
Better policing in the daytime (they felt there was little or no daytime Policing).		
Removal of the Street beggars, and people drinking on benches in the Town Centre.		
ASB, problem drinkers and the homeless mean consumers stay away or don't want to go down certain streets		



## **Cherwell District Council Corporate Equality Action Plan 2016 -2019**

**The Corporate Equality Action Plan sets out the Council's programme of work for three years, using the following themes:**

- **Fair Access and Customer Service**
- **Tackling Inequality and Deprivation**
- **Building Strong Communities**
- **Positive Engagement and Commitment**
- **Demonstrating Our Commitment**

**Performance against the Corporate Equality Action Plan will be monitored and reported on a quarterly basis via Performance Matters. This document will be refreshed on an annual basis. An Equality Report, Self-Assessment and an Improvements paper will be produced on an annual basis.**

## Fair Access and Customer Satisfaction

3 Year Corporate Objective	2015/2016 Corporate Targets	2016/2017 Corporate Targets	2017/2018 Corporate Targets	People/Resources
To provide accessible and meaningful consultation events throughout the Cherwell community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly Equality &amp; Access Panels</li> <li>2 Faith Forums</li> <li>2 Disability Forums</li> <li>Quarterly Connecting the Community Consultation Wall Events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Connecting Communities events developed in line with needs of that community but one with a direct link to Interfaith week.</li> <li>Joint working with agencies to share engagement events including the use of the 'Consultation Wall'</li> </ul>	To continue to provide accessible and meaningful consultation events throughout the Cherwell community	Tracie Darke
To ensure that the Councils services are accessible to everyone and delivered at an excellent standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To continue to monitor the amount and nature of complaints received via the Corporate Complaints Procedure</li> <li>To create a joint Community Consultation and Engagement Strategy</li> <li>To conduct, review and action outcomes from the leisure centres Mystery Visitor feedback.</li> <li>To engage with the Rural Member Champion to ensure 'Rural Impact' is taken into consideration during policy reviews.</li> <li>Undertake a range of Housing Customer Service Satisfaction measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To continue to monitor the amount and nature of complaints received via the Corporate Complaints Procedure</li> <li>Provide a joint Community Consultation and Engagement Strategy with annual action plan</li> <li>To conduct, review and action outcomes from the leisure centres Mystery Visitor feedback.</li> <li>Undertake user surveys relating to the directly managed Joint Use Leisure Facilities</li> <li>To continue to engage with the Rural Member Champions to ensure 'Rural Impact' is taken into consideration during policy reviews.</li> <li>Undertake a range of Housing Customer Service Satisfaction measures</li> </ul>	To continue to ensure that the Councils services are accessible to everyone and delivered at an excellent standard.	Caroline French  Tracie Darke  Sharon Bolton  Sharon Bolton  Kevin Larner  Marianne North





## Building Strong Communities

3 Year Corporate Objective	2015/16 Corporate Targets	2016/2017 Corporate Targets	2017/2018 Corporate Targets	People/Resources
<p>Improve opportunities for different groups within communities to work together and build strong community relations</p> <p>Joint working with Thames Valley Police to highlight and reduce any community tension and build trust in local services.</p> <p>Continue to increase Cherwell's knowledge and understanding of the wider community to ensure we fulfil all residents' needs within our services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To Complete quarterly themed 'Connecting Community' events</li> <li>To continue to attend TVP Advisory Panel to improve consultation and community relations</li> <li>In partnership deliver 80% of actions from the CSCP Plan</li> <li>Enable communities to access wellbeing through high quality arts opportunities in both rural and urban areas.</li> <li>Raise the profile of safeguarding within the authority so employees are aware of policies and procedures in relation to the safety of children young people and vulnerable adults</li> <li>New Communities: Produce an evidence-based study to determine appropriate community facilities and pump-priming community assistance for new housing developments. Enabling residents to build strong, cohesive new communities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Connecting Communities events developed in line with needs of that community but one with a direct link to Inter-faith week.</li> <li>Joint working with agencies to share engagement events including the use of the 'Consultation Wall'</li> <li>Attend TVP Independent Advisory Groups (Banbury &amp; Bicester)</li> <li>Publish and assist planning the locations and information of the Village Network community Bus.</li> <li>Raise the profile of safeguarding within the authority so employees are aware of policies and procedures in relation to the safety of children young people and vulnerable adults</li> <li>Enable communities to access wellbeing through high quality arts opportunities in both rural and urban areas</li> <li>To deliver the priorities of the CSP Action Plan</li> </ul>	<p>To continue to build strong communities within the district by improving opportunities to work together and increasing our knowledge.</p>	<p>Tracie Darke</p> <p>Tracie Darke</p> <p>Tracie Darke</p> <p>Tracie Darke</p> <p>Nicola Riley</p> <p>Nicola Riley</p> <p>Mike Grant</p>

3 Year Corporate Objective	2015/16 Corporate Targets	2016/2017 Corporate Targets	2017/2018 Corporate Targets	People/Resources
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1169 403 1614 779">• New Communities: Using the Cherwell Community Spaces &amp; Development Study (CCSDS), secure appropriate indoor community indoor space facilities for new housing developments. Develop and deliver programmes of pump priming community development activity, to enable residents to build strong, cohesive new communities.</li> </ul>		Kevin Larner

## Positive Engagement and Understanding

3 Year Corporate Objective	2015/16 Corporate Targets	2016/2017 Corporate Targets	2017/18 Corporate Targets	People/Resources
<p>To work with local schools, colleges and sixth forms to engage with the districts younger generation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To use the Cherwell Youth Website effectively to engage with young people in the district</li> <li>Continue OCC lead Oxfordshire Youth Parliament</li> <li>Local Democracy Week</li> <li>Implement OCC's Children and Young People's Action Plan</li> <li>To allocate a Member to each of our Secondary schools to improve links to Young People, giving them a stronger voice and promoting local democracy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To use the Cherwell Youth Website effectively to engage with young people in the district</li> <li>Local Democracy Week</li> <li>Implement OCC's Children and Young People's Action Plan</li> <li>Chair quarterly Children Young People &amp; wellbeing partnership meetings to strengthen work with voluntary youth partners and organisations to deliver positive opportunities in the district</li> </ul>	<p>To continue to improve our local knowledge by positive engagement and increased knowledge and understanding.</p>	<p>Jon Wild</p> <p>Jon Wild</p> <p>Jon Wild</p> <p>Jon Wild</p>
<p>Explore and establish links with minority representation and community groups to help us improve our services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To work with the Community Engagement and Consultation Officer to establish a 'Hard to Reach' consultative forum</li> <li>Increase provision of disabled sport by continuing to implement the Disability Sport Development Plan. This will enhance communication and visibility of existing opportunities in Cherwell along with establishing new opportunities for adults and young people</li> <li>Customer Service Specialist Officers to continue to take our services out to community groups and events</li> <li>To continue to provide a third party reporting system to support the increase of hate crime reporting within Cherwell District.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To work with the Community Engagement and Consultation Officer to establish a 'Hard to Reach' consultative forum</li> <li>To continue the provision of disabled sport through the Disability Sport Development Plan. This will enhance communication and visibility of existing opportunities in Cherwell along with establishing new opportunities for adults and young people</li> <li>Customer Service Specialist Officers to continue to take our services out to community groups and events</li> <li>To continue to promote and provide a third party reporting system to support the increase of hate crime reporting within Cherwell District.</li> </ul>		<p>Caroline French</p> <p>Phil Rolls</p> <p>Natasha Barnes</p> <p>Caroline French</p>

3 Year Corporate Objective	2015/16 Corporate Targets	2016/2017 Corporate Targets	2017/18 Corporate Targets	People/Resources
Raise Cherwell District Council Employees and Partners awareness of diversity within our community	To hold two Knowing Our Community events a year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To hold two Knowing Our Community events a year</li> </ul>	To hold two Knowing Our Community events a year	Tracie Darke

### Demonstrating Our Commitment to Equality

3 Year Corporate Objective	2015/2016 Corporate Targets	2016/2017 Corporate Targets	2017/2018 Corporate Targets	People/Resources
To ensure Cherwell District Council meets all government requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To publish Cherwell District Council's workforce profile</li> <li>Monitor, report and publish results from the Equality Scorecard</li> <li>Review EIA Rolling Plan and Equality Action Plan</li> <li>To continue to publish externally all completed EIA's</li> <li>To implement Cherwell District Council Member Training</li> <li>To Monitor lettings outcomes under the Allocations Scheme and ensure this information is made regularly and publicly available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To publish Cherwell District Council's workforce profile</li> <li>Monitor, report and publish results from the Equality Scorecard</li> <li>Review EIA Rolling Plan and Equality Action Plan</li> <li>To continue to publish externally all completed EIA's</li> <li>Council Member training on the Equalities Act 2010 to be delivered in line with the 4 year Joint Member Training programme</li> <li>To continue to monitoring lettings outcomes under the allocations scheme and ensure information is made regularly and publicly available.</li> </ul>	To continue to ensure Cherwell District Council meets all government requirements	Paula Goodwin  Caroline French  Caroline French  Caroline French  James Doble   Marianne North
To continue to review Cherwell District Council's performance against the 'Achieving' criteria to maintain and improve standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Equality Self-Assessment and development of improvement programme</li> <li>To activate E-Equality Steering Group to support performance and legislation requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Equality Self-Assessment and development of improvement programme</li> <li>To activate E-Equality Steering Group to support performance and legislation requirements</li> </ul>	To continue to review Cherwell District Council's performance against the 'Achieving' criteria to maintain and improve standards	Caroline French  Caroline French

