



**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on Monday 8 January 2018**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 9 January 2018
2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution (and not therefore subject to the call-in procedure): None
3. Date by which notice of call-in of any of the following decisions must be received in writing by the Chief Executive (see notes below):- Noon on Friday 12 January 2018
4. Notes:-
 - (a) For background documentation to the following decisions, please refer to the agenda and supporting papers (copies of which are available on the Council's website (www.cherwell.gov.uk) or from Democratic Services);
 - (b) Notice of call-in must be submitted in writing, by email or text to the Chief Executive by the deadline specified above, and must state the reason or reasons why "call-in" has been requested;
 - (c) Call-in can be requested by any six non-executive members of the Council.
However, if at any point during a municipal year the total number of opposition councillors is six or less the total number of non-executive members required to call-in a decision shall be the total number of opposition councillors less two.
 - (d) Decisions not called-in by the deadline specified above will become effective immediately the deadline has expired (unless they are recommendations to the Council).
 - (e) The Council has stipulated that the call-in procedure should not be used to challenge decisions as a matter of course and should be used only when fully justified.

**Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive**

Agenda Item and Recommendation	Decision	Reasons	Alternative Options	Conflicts of Interest Declared and Dispensations Granted by Head of Paid Service
<p>Agenda Item 7 Bespoke / Custom Build Mortgage Pilot Scheme</p> <p>Report of Executive Director: Finance and Governance</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended to:</p> <p>1.1 Agree to join the Bespoke/Custom Build (BCB) scheme, but limited to an initial pilot scheme of 10 BCB mortgages, for launch in early 2018.</p> <p>1.2 Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Finance and Governance, in</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That agreement be given to join the Bespoke/Custom Build (BCB) scheme, but limited to an initial pilot scheme of 10 BCB mortgages, for launch in early 2018.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director: Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management, to extend the scheme to new applications once the success of the pilot has been assessed and further capital</p>	<p>The scheme has been developed as an evolution of the local authority mortgage scheme (LAMS) to be relevant and available for customers wanting to self or custom build. The approach generates small returns for the authority and as a partnership activity does not require significant investment in people and expertise to run the scheme. The primary benefits are the ability to start small and test the extent to which the product may increase access to the self-build market.</p>	<p>Option 1: To not join the scheme. This option has been rejected because the council may fail to meet housing needs in the district.</p> <p>Option 2: To join the scheme without first conducting a pilot. This option has been rejected because it is more prudent to test the waters with a pilot to manage the expectations of the custom and self build community.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management, to extend the scheme to new applications once the success of the pilot has been assessed and further capital funding is in place for additional bridging loans.</p> <p>1.3 Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Lead Member for Financial Management, to enter into legal agreements required for the BCB scheme where land is owned by third parties.</p> <p>1.4 Delegate authority to</p>	<p>funding is in place for additional bridging loans.</p> <p>(3) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director: Finance and Governance, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Lead Member for Financial Management, to enter into legal agreements required for the Bespoke/Custom Build scheme where land is owned by third parties.</p> <p>(4) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director: Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Director:</p>			

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<p>the Executive Director: Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Director: Place & Growth and the Lead Member for Housing and the Lead Member for Estates & Economy to set the criteria for prioritising access to the scheme for applicants with a local connection.</p>	<p>Place & Growth and the Lead Member for Housing and the Lead Member for Estates & Economy to set the criteria for prioritising access to the scheme for applicants with a local connection.</p>			
<p>Agenda Item 8 Council Tax Base 2018-2019</p> <p>Report of Executive Director: Finance and Governance</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 That the report of the</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That having given due consideration to the report of the Executive Director: Finance and Governance for the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for 2018-2019, the following be agreed:</p>	<p>For the purposes of Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the Council is required to calculate the tax base (which will be used for tax setting purposes in February 2018) in respect of:</p>	<p>Option 1: None. The Council has to set a tax base in order to set its council tax for 2018-2019.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Executive Director: Finance and Governance for the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for 2018-2019 be considered and:</p> <p>(a) That pursuant to the Executive Director: Finance and Governance's report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Cherwell District Council as its Council Tax Base</p>	<p>(b) That pursuant to the Executive Director: Finance and Governance's report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Cherwell District Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2018-2019 shall be 52,681.6 This shall be subject to final</p>	<p>(a) the whole of its area and; (b) for any parts of its area for the purposes of:</p> <p>(i) Apportioning precepts and levies and;</p> <p>(ii) Calculating the tax base for each area subject to a special item</p>		

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<p>for the year 2018-2019 shall be 52,681.6 This shall be subject to final confirmation by the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management.</p> <p>(b) As for the parishes which form part of its area shown in Appendix 2, the amount calculated as the Council Tax Base for the year 2018-2019 in respect of special items shall be as indicated in the</p>	<p>confirmation by the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management.</p> <p>(b) As for the parishes which form part of its area shown in the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book), the amount calculated as the Council Tax Base for the year 2018-2019 in respect of special items shall be as indicated in the</p>			

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<p>1.2 To delegate final approval of the Council Tax Base for 2018-2019 to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management.</p>	<p>(2) That final approval of the Council Tax Base for 2018-2019 be delegated to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management.</p>			