



DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

# Forward Plan Summary

**July 2011 to October 2011**

# Cherwell District Council

## Summary of the Forward Plan

This summary of the Forward Plan, (produced by officers on behalf of the Leader of the Council) sets out the key Executive decisions which will be taken at Cherwell District Council. Whilst this document provides details of the key decisions for the next four month period (set out on the front cover of this document), where details of key decisions to be made after this period are known, they will be provided for information. The Forward Plan will be updated and rolled forward on a monthly basis. As this takes place, the programme will be adjusted: further key decisions may be added, or anticipated ones may be rescheduled or removed. The summary shows the decisions programmed to be taken during each month. A likely date of decision is shown, but it is possible that a decision may be rescheduled to a later month. The full Forward Plan, including the latest position on prospective decisions is available on the council website at [www.cherwell.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk), using the link to Council meetings.

This summary sets out the key decisions by month and says whether they will be taken by the Full Executive (see below for details of the membership of the Executive). While key decisions may be taken by officers exercising authority delegated by the Executive, it is the Council's intention that this will very much be the exception.

## Key Decisions

A key decision is a 'significant' decision that is legally within the power of the Council to make, is not precluded by statute from being made under Executive arrangements and is not otherwise retained for decision by Council or delegated to a Committee of Council or officer by the Council's constitution.

Significance – A decision is significant if it meets the financial and / or community impact criteria:

- Financial  
A decision that will result in the Council:
  - Incurring potential revenue expenditure or savings above £50,000
  - Incurring potential capital expenditure or savings above £250,000
  - Procuring or awarding any contract having a total value exceeding £500,000

and / or

- Community Impact  
A decision that is significant in its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards in the area of the Council. That is a decision where:
  - A significant number of users of the service in the Ward(s) will be affected and / or
  - An impact that will last for a number of years, or be permanent; and / or
  - A significant impact on communities in terms of environmental and social well-being.

The following are not regarded by the Council to constitute key decisions:

- Implementing approved budgets or policies and strategies where there is little or no further choice involved and the main decision has already been taken by the council in agreeing the budget and policy framework.
- Implementing approved actions and targets in annual service plans.
- Decisions by the Head of Finance which are part of the ordinary financial administration of the Authority, notably those relating to investments, within the agreed Treasury Management Policy.
- Implementing projects for which specific conditions have been attached by external funders, such as the Government or European Union.
- The award of contract for the provision of works, goods and services, within an agreed policy and budget and where a decision has been made.
- Changes arising from amendments to statute where there is little or no discretion.

For a decision to be key, there must be a significant degree of discretion to be exercised by the decision-maker.

The Forward Plan lists documents which are currently available to decision makers. Generally these are also available to the public but some may have restrictions on the information given in them. Copies of public documents listed may be obtained on request from

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 Bodicote House,  
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 Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 4AA (e-mail: [democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)).

There will be a copying charge for each document. Comments on the matters for decision may be made to the relevant contact officer up to the date of the meeting, unless otherwise specified in the consultation details.

## **Cherwell District Council – Executive Members**

<b><u>Area of Responsibility</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Member</u></b>
Leader of the Council	Includes corporate strategy, human resources, partnership, legal and democratic services	Councillor Wood
Deputy Leader of the Council	Includes communications, safer communities, urban and rural services	Councillor Reynolds
Lead Member for the Environment	Includes environmental services, health and recreation	Councillor Macmara
Lead Member for Planning	Includes planning policy, development and building control	Councillor Gibbard
Lead Member for Housing	Includes housing benefit	Councillor Pickford
Lead Member for Customer Services	Includes ICT	Councillor Turner
Lead Member for Estates	Includes economic development	Councillor Bolster
Lead Member for Change	Includes performance management and improvement	Councillor Morris
Lead Member for Financial Management		Councillor Atack
Lead Member for Banbury Brighter Futures		Councillor Donaldson

## Cherwell District Council Forward Plan

Key decisions on which reports will be submitted to the Executive for consideration:

Subject for Decision	External Consultees/ method of consultation	Executive Lead Member	Contact Officer(s)
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### Likely date of decision: July 2011

<b>Performance Management Framework Report &amp; 2010-11 Outturn</b> To consider the Performance Management Framework report & 2010-11 Outturn		Lead Member for Change	Claire Taylor Tel: 01295 221563
<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)</b> To consider the MTFS		Lead Member for Financial Management	Karen Curtin Tel: 01295 221551
<b>Treasury Management Annual Report</b> To consider the treasury management annual report		Lead Member for Financial Management	Karen Curtin Tel: 01295 221551
<b>HS2 Consultation</b> To consider the consultation for HS2		Lead Member for Planning	Bob Duxbury Tel: 01295 221821
<b>Horton Hospital Update</b> To consider an update on Horton Hospital		Lead Member for the Environment	Ian Davies Tel: 01295 221698
<b>Value for Money Review - Tourism</b> To consider the VFM review of Tourism		Lead Member for Change	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801
<b>Value For Money Review - Economic Development</b> To consider the VFM review of Economic Development		Lead Member for Change	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801

### Likely date of decision: August 2011 - Executive Meeting cancelled in August

### Likely date of decision: September 2011

<b>Banbury Museum Trust Status</b> To consider Banbury Museum Trust Status		Lead Member for the Environment	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801
<b>Value for Money Review - Vehicle Maintenance</b> To consider the VFM review of vehicle maintenance		Lead Member for Change	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801
<b>Value For Money Review - Public Protection</b> To consider the VFM review of public protection		Lead Member for Change	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801

<b>Subject for Decision</b>	<b>External Consultees/ method of consultation</b>	<b>Executive Portfolio</b>	<b>Contact Officer(s)</b>
<b>Local Planning Fees</b> To consider local planning fees		Lead Member for Planning	John Hoad Tel: 01295 227980
<b>Performance Management Framework - Quarter 1</b> To consider the PMF Quarter 1		Lead Member for Change	Karen Curtin Tel: 01295 221551
<b>Bicester Civic Buildings Project</b> To consider the Bicester civic buildings project		Lead Member for Estates	David Marriott Tel: 01295 221603
<b>Housing Strategy</b> To consider Affordable Housing Projects		Lead Member for Housing	Gillian Greaves Tel: 01295 221654
<b>Bolton Road Area Supplementary Planning Document</b> To formally approve the draft Supplementary Planning Document for the Bolton Road area in Banbury, to go forward for public consultation	Key stakeholder workshops and full public consultation with questionnaire, exhibition and use of the consultation portal	Lead Member for Planning	Lisa Chaney Tel: 01295 221843

**Likely date of decision: October 2011**

<b>Bicester Hospital</b> To consider an update on Bicester Hospital		Lead Member for the Environment	Ian Davies Tel: 01295 221698
<b>Banbury Canalside Supplementary Planning Document</b> To consider the representations received to the Banbury Canalside Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to seek endorsement of changes made to the draft SPD. To seek endorsement to adopt the SPD as informal planning policy for development control purposes.	All  Public consultation on Banbury Canalside Draft Supplementary Planning Document for 6 weeks.	Lead Member for Planning	Chris Thom Tel: 01295 221849