

**Cherwell District Council  
Performance Pledges 2012/13**

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**A District of Opportunity**

1. Continue to support skills development, apprenticeships and job clubs in order to reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training.
2. Deliver 100 affordable homes in the district and support opportunities for self build and developing self build skills
3. Continue to strengthen the leisure and retail facilities in Banbury and Bicester town centres.
4. Complete the local plan as the foundation for economic growth in the district.

**A Cleaner, Greener District**

1. Increase the household recycling rate to 60%
2. Improve local residents' satisfaction with street and environmental cleanliness continuing our successful programme of neighbourhood litter blitzes.
3. Reduce the Council's carbon footprint by 4% by further improving the energy efficiency of our buildings and vehicles.
4. Continue to give Cherwell residents the opportunity to access low cost insulation and improve their energy efficiency through the Cherwell £99 insulation scheme.
5. Begin construction of eco-Bicester houses.

**A Safe, Healthy and Thriving District**

1. Continue working with our partners to provide support to the most vulnerable individuals and families in the district.
2. Support the local health sector in building a new community hospital in Bicester
3. Complete the lay out of the sports pitches at the South West Bicester sports village and finalise plans for the pavilion.
4. Inspire young people to take up new sporting opportunities offered throughout the district during the Olympic year.
5. Work with the local police and licence holders to roll out the 'best bar none scheme' which will help make our town centres safer in the evenings.

**A Value for Money Council**

1. Secure savings of at least £800,000 to help meet the medium term financial deficit
2. Improve levels of customer satisfaction with our services.
3. Continue to improve our website and the ease of accessing our services and giving feedback online.