

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on 6 July 2009**

1. Date of publication of this summary:-

7 July 2009

2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure 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 10 July 2009

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 the Head of Legal and 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.

**M Harpley
Chief Executive**

Decisions

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
5	<p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>1) To resolve to note the Leader's Forward Plan for the next four months.</p>	Agreed
6	<p>Cherwell Sustainable Community Strategy</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>1) Agree a draft of the Cherwell Sustainable Community Strategy prior to three months of public consultation.</p> <p>2) Agree that any amendments on the draft arising from Cherwell Community Planning Partnership be agreed with the Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning.</p>	Agreed
7	<p>Update on the Government's Ecotown Programme</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>That Executive note the report and consider any decision issues that arise (further information may be available by the time of the meeting).</p>	<p>That officers be instructed to prepare and report back on full proposals for:</p> <p>1. A small, single purpose, local authority committee charged by relevant Councils with all decision making on implementation issues for a defined development area. This to include options for a formal joint committee including the County Council as highway authority / service provider and the Town Council as service provider. The committee should hold appropriate delegated powers from all the councils involved. The committee should be led and chaired by Cherwell.</p> <p>2. A dedicated, multi-disciplinary, officer team / network to provide project management, administrative and technical / regulatory support to the Committee.</p>

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		<p>3. Direct involvement of the Government in the Committee preferably through co opted, non voting, membership of the Committee from the Homes and Communities Agency (the Government body expected to take responsibility for implementation of the eco towns programme following finalisation of the policy position) and other relevant Government bodies and agencies.</p> <p>4. Negotiation of appropriate resource contributions to the officer team / network from local partners and Government agencies. This to include staff support and project funding.</p> <p>5. Exploration of appropriate mechanisms, initially for liaison, and eventually for formal partnership, with the private sector on implementation of the development.</p> <p>6. A programme for early and strong public engagement between the Council (via the new Committee) and local stakeholders and the public on detailed plans for the new development and the relationship between the those plans and overall economic and community development of Bicester.</p>
8	<p>Investment Strategy</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>1) Recommend to Council approval of the revised Investment Strategy 2009/2010.</p>	<p>Agreed, with the amendment that the split between specified and non-specified investments should be 50/50.</p>
9	<p>Integrated Vehicle Parking Strategy: Taxi Ranks</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>1) Note the review and options appraisal.</p> <p>2) Approve further detailed</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

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	<p>design/investigation into additional rank space on the preferred options of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banbury: Bridge Street • Banbury: Horsefair • Banbury: North Bar • Bicester: Bell Lane • Kidlington: Oxford Road <p>3) Delegate responsibility to the Head of Urban and Rural Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek agreement with Oxfordshire County Council on funding and implementation of the final scheme's • Undertake formal consultation on the selected options, and • Secure any approvals from Department for Transport 	
10	<p>Concessionary Fares - A Task & Finish Group Scrutiny Review Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Note the work of the Task and Finish Group scrutiny review into Concessionary Fares as detailed in Appendix 1; 2) Agree the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations regarding concessionary regarding concessionary travel as detailed below: <p>Recommendation 1: Smart Card Reader Scheme That Cherwell District Council should not pursue the introduction of a Smart Card Reader scheme at this time due to the significant financial investment required and reservations about the current technical capacity of such schemes to meet the Council's needs.</p>	<p>Agreed, with the amendment that following further discussion between Oxfordshire local authorities that the response from this authority to the Government should state that the concessionary travel scheme be operated nationally by the Government (who would deal with the cost of the scheme and reimbursements), but administered locally by District Councils (who would deal with local residents).</p> <p>Additionally portfolio holder requested to investigate adverts on buses regarding mis-ticketing and the cost per user of the dial-a ride service.</p>

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	<p>Recommendation 2: Mis-ticketing That the Portfolio Holder should publicise the importance of checking bus tickets and encourage bus pass holders to submit examples of mis-ticketing. The Portfolio Holder should follow-up examples of mis-ticketing with the bus companies; monitor the scale and value of the problem for the remainder of the financial year; and report on the results and proposed actions to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the spring of 2010.</p> <p>Recommendation 3: Management Information That the Portfolio Holder should encourage the concessionary fare service providers to move to a monthly rather than quarterly claim and settlement cycle.</p> <p>Recommendation 4: National Travel Tokens That the current arrangements for the issue of national travel tokens should continue for 2009/10 and that the Portfolio Holder should monitor the take up and use of the national travel token scheme. The Council's continued participation in the national travel token scheme should be reviewed against the findings of the independent research into the provision of community transport schemes in the district (see recommendation 5).</p> <p>Recommendation 5: Community Transport That Cherwell District Council should continue to support and promote the provision of community transport schemes across the District. In support of this corporate priority the Portfolio Holder should commission research into the feasibility of introducing alternative community</p>	

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	<p>transport schemes in those parts of the district where residents do not benefit from the concessionary bus pass, national travel tokens or the Dial-A-Ride service.</p> <p>Recommendation 6: Consortium approach That the Portfolio Holder should open discussions with colleagues at the County Council and the District/City councils with a view to promoting a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of the national concessionary travel scheme, subject to the outcome of the government's consultation on the administration of concessionary fares schemes.</p> <p>Recommendation 7: Government Consultation That the Portfolio Holder should be invited to use the work of this Task & Finish Group and the conclusions and recommendations in this report to inform the Council's response to the government's consultation on the administration of concessionary fares schemes.</p> <p>Recommendation 8: Concessionary Travel Scheme That the start time for the concessionary travel scheme in Cherwell should not be reviewed again and should remain at 09.30 am, in line with the statutory scheme, until April 2011 when the new arrangements for the administration of the concessionary travel scheme will come into force.</p>	
11	<p>Definition of Waste and Collection from Schools and Charities</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>1) Approve the approach to dealing with chargeable household waste</p>	Agreed

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	<p>2) Agree the proposed fees for the collection of waste from schools and charities</p> <p>3) Work with other authorities in Oxfordshire through the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership to ensure a consistent approach to the different waste categories to minimise any additional cost to the taxpayer</p>	
12	<p>Cotswold Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2008-2013</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended to</p> <p>1) Endorse the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan as supplementary guidance as allowed by the provisions of paragraph 6.3 of Planning Policy Statement PPS12.</p>	Agreed
15	Banbury Market Future Management	Recommendations as set out in the exempt report agreed with the amendment to recommendation 5 that the proposal set out in recommendation 5 be taken forward for future decision.