

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

1. Date of publication of this summary:-

7 April 2009

2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16 (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 Tuesday 14 April 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-dc.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell-dc.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
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Forward Plan</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Resolve to note the Forward Plan for the next four months.</li> </ol>	<p>Agreed, it was noted that there would only be one Executive meeting in May.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Annual Audit and Inspection Letter March 2009</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Note the contents of the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter and question the Comprehensive Area Assessment Lead directly after his presentation.</li> <li>2) Thank the Audit Commission team for their support this year.</li> <li>3) Ask the Chief Executive and Head of Improvement to ensure that the areas of improvement highlighted are appropriately reflected in the Improvement Plan 2009/10 which will be considered by the Executive on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009</li> </ol>	<p>Agreed</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Note this overview of the Comprehensive Area Assessment.</li> <li>2) Take the opportunity of the attendance of our Comprehensive Area Assessment Lead at the meeting to ask him any further questions about this new assessment.</li> <li>3) Endorse Cherwell's participation in a county-wide officers group working to</li> </ol>	<p>Agreed</p>

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	<p>ensure that the Oxfordshire Local Authorities, Thames Valley Police and NHS Oxfordshire are best-placed for the first inspection of their work <i>together</i> to tackle local issues.</p>	
8	<p><b>Oxfordshire 2030 - A Sustainable Community Strategy for Oxfordshire (including a review of the Local Area Agreement 2)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Invite Council to adopt Oxfordshire 2030, Oxfordshire's Sustainable Community Strategy, as a key strategic document for Cherwell District Council.</li> <li>2) Invite Council to agree the renegotiated targets for the Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement.</li> <li>3) Request that a detailed report outlining the implications of the Place Survey is brought to Executive when national comparison data is available.</li> </ol>	Agreed
9	<p><b>Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2008/09 Projected Revenue and Capital Out-Turn</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve the new Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and, specifically: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the objective to eliminate revenue dependence on investment income by 2012/13</li> <li>ii) the intention to relax our 'debt-free' policy to give us future flexibility (although any proposal to do this will be subject to further discussion)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Agreed

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	<p>2) Note the revenue and capital projections at Feb/May 2009 (<u>Appendix 2 and 3</u>).</p> <p>3) Agree that a provision of £80,000 be made from the Investec interest gains achieved in December 2008 to fund support for the Horton Hospital and to fund work to increase the community benefit of places of worship in Bicester.</p> <p>4) Agree that the accrued interest expected from investments at risk in the Icelandic Bank Glitner of £551k be written off to zero in the 2008/09 financial statements.</p> <p>5) Agree that £3,897,623 of capital schemes listed in Appendix 2a approved as part of the 2008/09 budget and profiled for expenditure in 2008/09 are carried forward for utilisation in 2009/10.</p> <p>6) Agree that £300,000 of the Woodgreen capital schemes profiled for expenditure in 2009/10 be brought forward for utilisation in March 2009.</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Addressing Health Inequalities in Cherwell</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p> <p>1) Endorse the approach outlined in the report to address health inequality and deprivation in Banbury.</p> <p>2) Agree to develop clear targeted outcomes for improvement.</p> <p>3) Nominate the Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment as the lead member.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Environmental Crime Enforcement</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive is recommended to:</p>	<p>Agreed, with the amendment to Recommendation 4 'That the Head of Environmental Services be delegated to authorise additional staff able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices.</p>

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	1) Note the achievements of the enforcement team  2) Authorise the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for smoking related litter following a publicity campaign during the Summer 2009  3) Reduce the fixed penalty notice fine for litter to £50 if paid early (within 7 days)  4) Authorise additional staff able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices	
<b>12</b>	<b>Corporate Scorecard</b>  <b>Recommendations:</b>  The Executive is recommended to:  1) Agree the format and content of the proposed 2009/10 Corporate Scorecard	Agreed
<b>13</b>	<b>Support for the Horton Hospital</b>  <b>Recommendations</b>  The Executive is recommended to:  1) Agree to donate £30,000 to support the Brodey Centre Cancer Care Appeal Fund	Agreed
<b>14</b>	<b>Constitutional Changes</b>  <b>Recommendations</b>  The Executive is recommended to:  1) Consider and comment on the proposed changes to the constitution  2) Approve, subject to any amendments the Executive may wish to make, and subject to any comments or amendments from the Standards committee on 8 April, the attached Introduction, Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation, Rules of Procedure and Planning Guidance and to recommend to Council that these	Agreed, with the amendment that Recommendation 3 be amended to: Recommend to Council that delegated powers be given to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any minor or consequential amendments that may be needed, in particular with inconsistencies or duplications that may exist within the part of the constitution not yet reviewed.

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	<p>documents be approved.</p> <p>3) Recommend to Council that delegated powers be given to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to make any minor or consequential amendments that may be needed, in particular with inconsistencies or duplications that may exist within the part of the constitution not yet reviewed.</p> <p>4) Recommend to Council that the financial limit for key decisions for 2009/2010 be £50,000</p>	
<b>17</b>	<p><b>Hurran's Garden Centre</b></p> <p>Recommendations as set out in exempt report</p>	Agreed.