

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on 10 January 2011**

1. Date of publication of this summary:-

11 January 2011

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 Friday 14 January 2011

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.

Ian Davies
Interim Chief Executive

Decisions

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>Housing in Cherwell and the Current Economic Climate</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To note the progress and completion of the Affordable Housing and the Recession Action Plan (Appendix A) (2) To endorse a Housing and the Current Economic Climate Action Plan for moving forward (Appendix B) (3) To endorse the response to the Government consultation paper (Appendix C) (4) To note the current and proposed housing and welfare benefit changes and the potential impact upon the Housing Service (Appendix D) (5) To approve the plans to bring forward a Cherwell Housing Strategy and approve the structure for Member involvement in the Housing Strategy Programme Board 	<p>Recommendations Approved</p> <p><u>Note</u> – Members requested a seminar be arranged on the changes to social housing.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p>Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To consider the Planning Obligations Draft Supplementary Planning Document (a copy is available in the Members Room and on request from the Planning Policy Team, it can also be viewed on the website) and endorse it for public consultation. (2) To approve the use of the draft 	<p>Recommendations Approved, subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>Recommendation 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To consider the Planning Obligations Draft Supplementary Planning Document (a copy is available in the Members Room and on request from the Planning Policy Team, it can also be viewed on the website) and endorse it for public consultation, <i>the timing of which to be at the discretion of the Portfolio holder.</i>

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	<p>Supplementary Planning Document as informal guidance with immediate effect.</p> <p>(3) To authorise the Strategic Director, Planning, Housing and Economy, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Planning and Housing, to make any further minor non-substantive changes as are necessary to the draft Supplementary Planning Document prior to the publication for public consultation.</p>	<p>Recommendation 2 – Withdrawn</p> <p><u>Note</u> - Members made a number of observations which it was agreed would be considered prior to public consultation.</p>
7	<p>Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Committee- Car Parking Charges Call-in</p> <p>To consider recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 January 2011 (if any) resulting from the Call-in of the Executive decisions regarding car parking charges.</p>	<p>**Not available for Call-in**</p> <p>Resolution agreed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reaffirm the decisions of the Executive on 6 December 2010 in connection with the implementation of car parking proposals, in order to get a balanced budget, and for these to be introduced on or as soon after 4 April 2011 as is practicable: 2. Reaffirm the decision of the Executive on 6 December 2010 to begin negotiations with Eames with regard to the covenant for Watt's Way car park, Kidlington 3. Request the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to take forward in its work programme in 2011/12 further investigation of the following strategic parking issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The balance and location of long stay/short stay parking in Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington • The wider economic impact of Parking Policy on the Districts urban centres • The cost benefit of alternative management arrangements for car parks, including 'Pay on Exit'. 4. Report back to the Executive at the end of 2011 the outcome of its findings from 3 above and any recommendations for change. <p>**Not available for Call-in**</p>
8	Budget 2011/12 Draft 2	Recommendations Approved

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	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To note the outcome of the 2011/12 provisional settlement (detailed in Appendix 1);</p> <p>(2) To consider the draft revenue budget 2 (detailed in Appendix 2a) in the context of the Council's service objectives and strategic priorities; (see the corporate plan Appendix 2b);</p> <p>(3) To note the draft corporate plan for 2011/12 which is currently subject to consultation. (Detailed in Appendix 2b)</p> <p>(4) To agree the approach to the overall capital programme and 10/11 expenditure profile (detailed in Appendix 3);</p> <p>(5) To advise of any matters they would like taken into consideration in producing a balanced budget for the next meeting of the Executive ;</p> <p>(6) To consider the Tax Base Report (Appendix 4) and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to resolve that, in accordance with the Regulations, as amended, the amount calculated by the Cherwell District Council as its council tax base for the year 2011/2012 shall be 50,337; and • to approve the report of the Head of Finance, made pursuant to the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as amended, and the calculations referred to therein for the purposes of the Regulations; and • to resolve that the tax base for parts of the area be in accordance with the figures shown in column 13 of 	

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	<p>Appendix 4b.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to resolve to continue with the discretionary awards that it resolved to give on December 1 2008. 	
<p>9</p>	<p>Culture and Heritage Value for Money Review</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive is recommended:</p> <p>(1) To endorse the overall conclusion of the review that the service is low cost for the Museum but high cost for its Arts service, has high performance in terms of visitor numbers to the museum and is high quality in terms of user satisfaction for the museum.</p> <p>(2) To agree that improvements in value for money be sought and approve the following recommendations for achieving savings of £81,130 in 2011/12;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce single staffing at Banbury Museum, saving £13,385 2. Reduce the Museum exhibitions budget and operational costs, saving £15,476 3. Reduce arts funding by £31,906, ending grant aid support for all provision other than The Mill, Banbury 4. Reduce Arts Officer hours to 43 per week, saving £15,108 5. Reduce the operational revenue budget for Arts officers by 26%, saving £5,255 	<p>Recommendations Approved</p>

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	<p>(3) To cease core service funding of The Courtyard, Bicester due to the intended change in use of the facility from a dedicated youth arts centre which, prima facie, negates the operational agreement the Council is party to. However, retain the provision of a dedicated arts officer to the facility to continue support for the remaining youth arts provision. Subject to further negotiation with OCC and the Arts Council Lottery Unit, this will enable further savings of £38,000 in 2011/12.</p> <p>(4) To agree in principle subject to further assessment, to transfer the operation of the Museum and Tourist Information Centre (TIC) into a bespoke Trust developed for the purpose from 2013/14, saving an estimated £64,000 in NNDR.</p> <p>(5) To ask officers to bring a detailed report on the creation of a Trust for the Museum and TIC to a future meeting.</p>	