



**Cherwell**

DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting  
of the Executive held on Monday 6 March 2023**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 7 March 2023
2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution (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 March 2023
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](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk)) or from 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.

**Yvonne Rees  
Chief Executive**

Agenda Item and Recommendation	Decision	Reasons	Alternative Options	Conflicts of Interest Declared and Dispensations Granted by Head of Paid Service
<p><b>Agenda Item 6 Monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report January 2023</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director of Finance and Assistant Director – Customer Focus</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report for January 2023.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report for January 2023 be noted.</p>	<p>This report provides an update on progress made during January 20223, to deliver the council's priorities through reporting on its performance, risk and financial positions.</p>	<p>This report summarises the council's performance, risk and financial positions up to the end of January, therefore there are no alternative options to consider. However, members may wish to request further information from officers or for inclusion.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 7 Reducing Food Insecurity in Cherwell</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the progress made over the last 7 months to reduce food</p>	<p>The progress made to date in this area of work has to a great extent fulfilled the ambitions of the July 2022 Council Motion. Putting</p>	<p>Option 1: Not to endorse the response to the Food Strategy developed by the Food Insecurity Working group – Rejected. This</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Wellbeing and Housing</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To acknowledge progress made over the last 7 months to reduce food insecurity across the district through coproducing projects, enabling community food network partners to make their offer more sustainable and accessible to residents experiencing difficulty in securing food.</p> <p>1.2 To endorse Cherwell District Councils input into a Food Strategy for the district; promoting partnerships with volunteer groups and</p>	<p>insecurity across the district through coproducing projects, enabling community food network partners to make their offer more sustainable and accessible to residents experiencing difficulty in securing food be acknowledged.</p> <p>(2) That Cherwell District Councils input into a Food Strategy for the district; promoting partnerships with volunteer groups and charities, businesses and system partners to improve outcomes for residents be endorsed.</p> <p>(3) That the continuation of the Community Food Grant for 2023-</p>	<p>residents at the centre of the tasks enabled improvements in access, information, and delivery. Working with a range of partners is central to how Cherwell District Council enables and supports improvement in the outcomes of programmes. Results are cost effective and more sustainable. The working group recognise the interconnected nature of food insecurity, the cost-of- living crisis and health inequalities.</p> <p>The Executive is invited to endorse the proposed approach to developing a Food Strategy for the District, articulating what the District Council can offer to enable the delivery of a local food strategy in conjunction with Good Food Oxfordshire. The Food Action Working Group</p>	<p>work has brought together a cross party group who have considered what the District Council could offer to enable partners and use its influence to best effect, to improve the food security of many local residents.</p> <p>Option 2: Not to approve the continuation of the Community Food Grants – Rejected. The small-scale contribution of funds enables community groups to develop new offers and respond to local need.</p>	

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<p>charities, businesses and system partners to improve outcomes for residents.</p> <p>1.3 To approve the continuation of the Community Food Grant for 2023-2024 financial year at £20,000.</p>	<p>2024 financial year at £20,000 be approved.</p>	<p>(FAWG) will begin its work in Cherwell on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The Food Insecurity Working Group will provide oversight and consider the developing data to shape future action plans.</p>		
<p><b>Agenda Item 8</b>  <b>Consultation on a New Public Spaces Protection Order for Banbury Town Centre</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Regulatory Services &amp; Community Safety</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended to:</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That it be agreed that Cherwell District Council will commence a public consultation on the introduction of a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Banbury town centre covering the area shown in the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book) and</p>	<p>Discussions with the Police and Banbury Town Council confirmed that there is support for a further PSPO for Banbury town centre. Limitations with the previous PSPO led to a decision not to seek to renew that Order. A new PSPO has been developed addressing those limitations and encompassing a wider geographic area to support the work of the Council and partners in tackling Anti-Social</p>	<p>Option 1: To not seek to introduce a new PSPO for Banbury town centre. Key stakeholders have indicated that they support the introduction of a new PSPO and therefore this option has been rejected.</p> <p>Option 2: Re-issue the PSPO with no changes. Given that the previous PSPO has lapsed a public consultation would be required to reintroduce it.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>1.1 Agree that the Council will commence a public consultation on the introduction of a new PSPO for Banbury town centre as outlined in this paper.</p>	<p>including the prohibitions as outlined in the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book).</p>	<p>Behaviour.</p> <p>In order to introduce a new PSPO for Banbury town centre it is necessary to undertake a public consultation on the proposals. Therefore, it is recommended that a consultation is undertaken on the proposed new PSPO, with the outcome of the consultation informing the proposals that are then further reviewed by the Executive before a final decision is made on any new PSPO for Banbury town centre.</p>	<p>Since it is recognised that the previous PSPO could be improved, this option is rejected.</p>	