



Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of Council held on 21 July 2025

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| 9 | <p>Submission of the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2042</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Planning and Development</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To present the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2042 (draft) and to seek approval for its submission to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To approve:-</p> <p>a) the submission of the Local Plan at Appendix 1 to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination with all necessary prescribed and supporting documents; and</p> <p>b) the Schedule of Proposed Changes and Minor Modifications to the Proposed Submission Local Plan draft of the Cherwell Local Plan Review presented at Appendix 2.</p> <p>1.2 To note:-</p> <p>a) the responses to the</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the submission of the Local Plan (Appendix 1 to the report) to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination with all necessary prescribed and supporting documents be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the Schedule of Proposed Changes and Minor Modifications to the Proposed Submission Local Plan draft of the Cherwell Local Plan Review (Appendix 2 to the report) be approved.</p> <p>(3) That the responses to the consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan draft of the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2042 summarised in the Statement of Consultation (Appendix 6 to the report) be noted.</p> <p>(4) That the supporting documents relevant to the preparation of the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2042 (Appendices 3 to 9 and available online at https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/local-plan-review-2042-submission) be noted.</p> |

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| | <p>consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan draft of the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2042 summarised in the Statement of Consultation at Appendix 6;</p> <p>b) the supporting documents relevant to the preparation of the Cherwell Local Plan Review 2042 presented at Appendices 3 to 9 and available online at https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/local-plan-review-2042-submission .</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy 2025</p> <p>Report of Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>Draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy, amendments made following consultation on the policy from 12 January to 14 February 2025. The Policy was considered and approved by the Licensing Acts Committee on 9 July 2025, which recommended it to Council for adoption.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the draft policy for adoption and publication by Cherwell District Council.</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the draft Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy 2025 be approved for adoption and publication by Cherwell District Council be approved.</p> |
| 11 | <p>Treasury Management Report - Annual Performance Report 2024/25</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Finance</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Treasury Management Annual Performance Report and the Capital Prudential</p> |

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| | <p>(S151 Officer)</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To provide information on treasury management performance and compliance with treasury management policy for 2024-25 as required by the Treasury Management Code of Practice.</p> <p>To demonstrate that all treasury management activities undertaken during the reporting period complied with the CIPFA Code of Practice and the council's approved Treasury Management Strategy.</p> <p>The Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee considered and recommended this report to Council at their meeting of 28 May 2025.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To note the contents of this Treasury Management Annual Performance Report and the Capital Prudential indicators attached in appendix 1.</p> | <p>indicators be noted.</p> |
| 12 | <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2024-25</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Law & Governance/Monitoring Officer</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>For Council to consider and note the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report for 2024-25.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council resolves:</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2024-25 be noted.</p> |

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| | 1.1 To note the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2024-25. | |
| 13 | Amendment(s) to Committee Membership To note amendment(s), if any, to Committee membership notified to the Monitoring Officer by Group Leaders. | There were no changes to Committee membership. |
| 15 | The Granting of a New Lease at 36/37 Bridge Street, Banbury Exempt report of Assistant Director Property | Recommendation agreed as set out in the exempt report. |
| 17 | Motions To debate the following motions which have been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the Constitution (to be debated in the order submitted). Motion: Cherwell Affordable Housing Emergency Proposer: Cllr Dr Isabel Creed Motion: Primary Care Facilities in North Oxfordshire Proposer: Cllr David Rogers Motion: Government Review of Local Authority Funding Proposer: Cllr Eddie Reeves | Resolved (1) That the following motion, as amended by a friendly amendment, be agreed: “The Office for National Statistics data suggests that the average house price in Cherwell is £362,000 in December 2024, a 9% rise in cost since December 2023. The cost of housing means that for many young people the costs are too high to realistically get on the housing ladder. Rents in the District are also extremely high, in December 2024 the average cost was £1215 up from £1121 in December 2023, making even renting in the district unaffordable for many residents Cherwell District Council has an ever-increasing housing waiting list, which has increased by 10% in the last year alone. The waiting times |

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| | | <p>are significant ranging from 243 days for 1-bedroom properties to 991 days for 4-bedroom properties, leaving many families waiting up to several years for appropriate accommodation.</p> <p>In the last financial year alone, the council has spent £332,800 on housing residents in temporary accommodation. The need for housing in Cherwell is greater than ever.</p> <p>This Council resolves that Cherwell District Council declares it has an affordable and social housing emergency and recognizes that the way forward is to focus on housing delivery in the context of the emerging Local Plan 2042, the approved housing strategy 2025-30 and the housing delivery action plan.”</p> <p>For information, having been proposed, seconded and responded to by the Leader, the motions “Primary Care Facilities in North Oxfordshire” and “Government Review of Local Authority Funding” were referred to Executive.</p> |