



Cherwell

DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Committee: Budget Planning Committee
Date: Tuesday 9 December 2025
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

Councillor Edward Fraser Reeves (Chair)

Councillor Tom Beckett
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Frank Ideh
Councillor Robert Parkinson
Councillor Les Sibley

Councillor Dom Vaitkus (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blakeway
Councillor Andrew Crichton
Councillor Zoe McLernon
Councillor Rob Pattenden
Councillor Barry Wood

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2025.

4. Chair's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chair.

5. Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chair to report on any requests to address the meeting.

6. Urgent Business

The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

7. Budget Proposals 2026/27 - 2030/31 (Pages 9 - 50)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Purpose of report

This report sets out the capital bid, investments, efficiencies and income changes for Cherwell District Council for the period 2026/27 to 2030/31.

Recommendations

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To provide feedback on the capital bid, investments, efficiencies and income changes to provide to the Executive to consider in finalising its 2026/27 budget proposal.

8. Fees and Charges Benchmarking 2026/27 (Pages 51 - 88)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Purpose of report

This report is to provide information to the Committee on proposed Fees and Charges as compared to some other districts to feed back to the Executive as part of the 2026/27 Budget and Business Planning Process.

Recommendations

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

- 1.1 To note the benchmarking information between the council's fees and charges and those of other Oxfordshire districts.
- 1.2 To recommend any changes to the fees and charges schedule to Executive when considering the budget.

9. October Monthly Performance Report 2025-2026 (Pages 89 - 122)

Report of Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Purpose of report

To report to the committee the council's financial position at the end of the financial year 2025-2026 as at 31 October 2025.

Recommendations

The Budget Planning Committee resolves:

1.1 To note the contents of this report.

10. Review of Committee Work Plan (Pages 123 - 124)

To review the Committee Work Plan.

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Lounge at the end of the meeting.

Information about this Meeting

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Declarations of Interest

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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