



Committee: Executive

Date: Tuesday 6 January 2026

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

Councillor David Hingley (Chair)	Councillor Lesley McLean (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Tom Beckett	Councillor Chris Brant
Councillor Jean Conway	Councillor Nick Cotter
Councillor Ian Middleton	Councillor Robert Parkinson
Councillor Rob Pattenden	

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

4. Minutes (Pages 9 - 22)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2025.

5. Chair's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chair.

6. Urgent Business

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

7. Response to Motion: Supporting Young Women's Community Action for Safe Public Spaces (Pages 23 - 30)

Report of Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety

Purpose of report

To respond to the motion raised at full council in October 2025 requesting Executive to consider supporting young women's community action for safe public spaces.

Recommendations

The Executive resolves:

- 1.1 To be supportive of the principles identified in the motion set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report.
- 1.2 To continue to support the initiatives identified in the motion through its Community Safety Team, through partnerships such as the Cherwell Community Safety Partnership and the area oversight groups, through engagement with organisers of community initiatives, specifically those referenced in the motion, and by using our communication channels to promote and support these initiatives.

8. Mental Health Provision for Young People (Pages 31 - 72)

Report of Interim Executive Director Neighbourhood Services

Purpose of report

Following a motion agree at Council in July 2024 to look at increasing spending in mental health initiatives from policy contingency budget for young people. It was subsequently agreed at the November 2024 Executive that the next step was for an increase in mental health provision within the Youth Activator team along with a research paper to be carried out by external provider to assess the needs of young people in Cherwell around mental wellbeing.

This report will outline the key findings from the research paper "*Unmet Mental Health & Wellbeing Need in Primary School - Aged Children*" that was delivered by MIND and agree next steps to address findings.

Recommendations

The Executive resolves:

- 1.1 To endorse the research paper *“Unmet Mental Health & Wellbeing Need in Primary School - Aged Children”* in Cherwell.
- 1.2 To note the key findings in the research paper and agree to deliver a pilot movement and psychological support programme for a year for 8 – 11 year-olds in fifteen targeted schools through £50,000 Public Health funding and Wellbeing Team staff time to coordinate.

9. Simpler Recycling (Pages 73 - 88)

Report of Assistant Director Environmental Services

Purpose of report

This report sets out the possible options and the proposed recommendation for the waste collection service, following new requirements driven by The Environment Act.

Recommendations

The Executive resolves:

- 1.1 To approve the completion of a TEEP (Technically, Environmentally & Economically Practical) assessment covering paper & cardboard (Appendix 1) until the implications of DRS on the kerbside recycling service is fully understood.
- 1.2 To support a review of the frequency of residual waste collection.
- 1.3 To approve that any changes in the waste collection service should involve consultation with our Waste & Environmental Services Project (WESP) partners.

10. Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2025 – 2030 (Pages 89 - 202)

Report of Assistant Director Planning

Purpose of report

To consider and endorse the Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2025 – 2030.

Recommendations

The Executive resolves:

- 1.1 To endorse the Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030.

11. **Climate Action Update** (Pages 203 - 228)

Report of Climate Change Programme Manager

Purpose of report

To update Executive on progress made across Council and District Climate Programmes, including delivery against the Climate Action Plan (CAP), Performance KPIs, and Annual Development Plan (ADP) targets.

Recommendations

The Executive resolves:

- 1.1 To note the progress achieved against the Climate Action Plan (CAP), Performance KPIs, and Annual Development Plan (ADP) targets between April 2024 and September 2025. As a part of periodic updates, the Climate Team is intending to bring this report annually.

12. **Council Tax Base 2026/2027** (Pages 229 - 250)

Report of Assistant Director Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Purpose of report

To provide the Council tax Base for 2026/27.

Recommendations

The Executive resolves:

- 1.1 To approve the report of the Assistant Director of Finance for the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for 2026/27
- 1.2 To agree that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Cherwell District Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2026/27 shall be **60,654.5**
- 1.3 To agree for the parishes which form part of its area shown in Appendix 1, the amount calculated as the Council Tax Base for the year 2026/27 in respect of special items shall be as indicated in the column titled Tax Base 2026/27.
- 1.4 To agree for the Flood Defence Areas which form part of its area, the amount calculated as the Council Tax Base for the year 2026/27 for the purposes of levies on Oxfordshire County Council by River Authorities, shall be:

Thames Flood Defence Area	58,217.8
Anglian (Great Ouse) Flood Defence Area	1,965.2
Severn Region Flood Defence Area	471.5
TOTAL	60,654.5

13. Finance Monitoring Report November 2025 (Pages 251 - 274)

Report of Assistant Director Finance (S151 Officer)

Purpose of report

To report to Executive the council's forecast year-end financial position as at the end of the November 2025. Further detail can be found in the report and its appendices.

Recommendations

The Executive resolves:

- 1.1 To consider and note the contents of the council's financial management report as at the end of November 2025.
- 1.2 To approve the release of £0.060m from Policy Contingency for development resource required for property projects, associated planning advisors, consultancy and initial ground condition reports, as well as information on flooding.
- 1.3 To approve the proposed write offs, set out in exempt Appendix 4.

14. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following item contains exempt information as defined in the following paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Members are reminded that whilst the following item has been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider it in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

No representations have been received from the public requesting that this item be considered in public.

Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to pass the following recommendation:

“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest

in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

15. **Finance Monitoring Report November 2025 - Exempt Appendix** (Pages 275 - 276)

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Declarations of Interest

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Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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