



**Cherwell**

DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting  
of the Executive held on Tuesday 6 January 2026**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 7 January 2026
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. Item 11 (Climate Action Update) is not for call-in as the report is for information only.
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 Monday Tuesday 13 January 2026
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 five non-executive members of the Council.
  - (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.

**Shiraz Sheikh  
Monitoring Officer**

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<p><b>Agenda Item 7</b>  <b>Response to Motion:</b>  <b>Supporting Young Women's Community Action for Safe Public Spaces</b></p> <p>Report of Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To be supportive of the principles identified in the motion set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report.</p> <p>1.2 To continue to support the initiatives identified in the motion through its Community Safety Team, through</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the principles identified in the motion be supported.</p> <p>(2) That it be agreed to continue to support the initiatives identified in the motion through the 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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The council recognises the value and importance of community led initiatives in this space and will provide advice and networking opportunities for groups to benefit from as needed. Contact will be made with the organisers of the initiatives referred to in the motion to see how support might be provided. The promotion of the work already underway to make it more visible and easier to connect with for voluntary schemes or businesses will highlight the</p>	<p>No alternative options have been identified.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>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.</p>	<p>and support these initiatives.</p>	<p>depth and consistency of the work already delivered by the Community Safety Team.</p>		
<p><b>Agenda Item 8</b> <b>Mental Health Provision for Young People</b>  Report of Interim Executive Director Neighbourhood Services  <b>Recommendations</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the research paper <i>"Unmet Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Need in Primary School - Aged Children"</i> in Cherwell be endorsed.</p>	<p>Option 3 (access and deliver the £55,000 of Public Health funding to deliver a year-long pilot (April 2026–March 2027) across 15 Cherwell schools. The intervention will combine movement activities with evidence-based psychological strategies,</p>	<p>Option 1: Do not access and deliver the £55,000 funded intervention from Public Health targeting 15 schools piloted first in Cherwell for a year April 2026–March 2027 combining movement activities with evidence-</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To endorse the research paper “<i>Unmet Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Need in Primary School - Aged Children</i>” in Cherwell.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>(2) That the key findings in the research paper be noted and it be agreed 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.</p>	<p>coordinated by a current member of the Wellbeing Team, utilising existing hours to provide 18.5 hours per week for implementation in the targeted schools) is the most cost-effective approach, as it fully utilises the £55,000 Public Health funding without requiring additional internal budget. By reallocating existing Wellbeing Team hours to provide 18.5 hours per week for coordination, this option avoids extra staffing costs while still ensuring dedicated support for delivery.</p> <p>The intervention combines movement activities with evidence-based psychological strategies, directly improving pupil wellbeing and resilience. Targeting 15 as a pilot in</p>	<p>based psychological strategies alongside not providing a wellbeing worker for 18.5 hours a week to coordinate the work in the targeted schools. Has been rejected due to it would mean not taking up the £55,000 Public Health-funded intervention, resulting in no pilot across 15 Cherwell schools, no integration of movement activities with psychological strategies along with coordination.</p> <p>Option 2: Access and deliver the £55,000 of Public Health funding to deliver a year-long pilot (April 2026–March 2027) across 15 Cherwell schools. The intervention will combine movement</p>	

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		Cherwell schools and communities means that pupils can benefit first from provision along with measuring impact, and a scalable model for future expansion into more schools and communities.	activities with evidence-based psychological strategies, coordinated by a Wellbeing Worker employed for 18.5 hours per week, funded from the policy contingency budget, to ensure effective implementation and support in the targeted schools and communities settings. Rejected because, although it secures £55,000 of Public Health funding for a year-long pilot across 15 Cherwell schools, it requires additional funding from the policy contingency budget to cover the Wellbeing Worker's 18.5 hours per week.	
Agenda Item 9	Resolved	The decision to introduce	Option 1: Implement	None

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<p><b>Simpler Recycling</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Environmental Services</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the completion of a TEEP (Technically, Environmentally &amp; Economically Practical) assessment covering paper &amp; cardboard (Appendix 1) until the implications of DRS on the kerbside recycling service is fully understood.</p> <p>1.2 To support a review of the frequency of residual waste collection.</p>	<p>(1) That the completion of a TEEP (Technically, Environmentally &amp; Economically Practical) assessment covering paper &amp; cardboard until the implications of DRS on the kerbside recycling service is fully understood be approved.</p> <p>(2) That a review of the frequency of residual waste collection be supported.</p> <p>(3) That it be approved that any changes in the waste collection service should involve consultation with our Waste &amp; Environmental</p>	<p>glass recycling from the kerbside in January 2026 was made by Executive in November 2025. To fully comply with Simpler Recycling by 31 March 2026 either paper &amp; cardboard needs to be collected separately at the kerbside or a TEEP (Technically, Environmentally &amp; Economically Practical) assessment carried out. It is recommended a TEEP assessment is carried out and the decision to move to collect Paper &amp; cardboard separately is delayed until the financial implications are fully understood when DRS operations become clear.</p> <p>Plastic film needs to be introduced into kerbside collections before 31 March 2027. The decision on when</p>	<p>separate collection of paper &amp; cardboard as soon as possible. This has been dismissed due to the uncertain financial impact – investing capital of £1.5 million plus and a great uncertainty about the impact on revenue costs</p> <p>Option 2: Implement collection of plastic film as soon as possible. This has been rejected because our recycling processor, N&amp;P, have yet to set out their specification regarding plastic film.</p>	

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1.3 To approve that any changes in the waste collection service should involve consultation with our Waste & Environmental Services Project (WESP) partners.	Services Project (WESP) partners.	to commence collections cannot be made until our processing recycling contractor indicates what plastic film is acceptable and what is unacceptable. This information is likely to be forthcoming before the summer of 2026.		
<p><b>Agenda Item 10</b>  <b>Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2025 – 2030</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Planning</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To endorse the Cotswolds National Landscape</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030 be endorsed.</p>	The Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030 is a key mechanism for achieving the purposes of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the CNL and increasing the understanding and enjoyment of the CNL's special qualities. It is a legal requirement for a National Landscape to have a management plan under Section 89 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000	Option 1: Not to endorse the Management Plan. This is not recommended as the Management Plan will assist in meeting the statutory purpose of the National Landscape; it has been prepared with the benefit of the Council's representation; and it will be helpful guidance to the Council.	None

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Management Plan 2025-2030.		and Conservation Boards are required to review their Management Plan before the end of a period of no more than five years. Officers consider that it will assist in conserving and enhancing that small part of the National Landscape within the district and recommend its endorsement.		
<b>Agenda Item 11</b> <b>Climate Action Update</b>  Report of Climate Change Programme Manager  <b>Recommendations</b>  The Executive resolves:  1.1 To note the progress achieved against the Climate Action Plan	<b>Resolved</b>  (1) That the progress achieved against the Climate Action Plan (CAP), Performance KPIs, and Annual Development Plan (ADP) targets between April 2024 and September 2025 be noted and it be further noted that as a part of	The Executive is recommended to acknowledge the progress outlined in this report and accept the update as part of ongoing climate programme governance.	Option1: Do not note the report. This option is not applicable as this is an update report.  Option 2: Delay consideration of report. This option is not applicable as this is an update report.	None

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<p>(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.</p>	<p>periodic updates, the Climate Team will submit an annual update to Executive.</p>			
<p><b>Agenda Item 12</b> <b>Council Tax Base 2026/2027</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Finance (Section 151 Officer)</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the report of the Assistant Director of Finance for the</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the report of the Assistant Director of Finance for the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for 2026/27 be approved.</p> <p>(2) That it be agreed that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council</p>	<p>The Council must legally set a tax base for the following year by 31 January. This will allow the Council to notify its preceptors of the taxbase in order for them (and the Council) to set their budgets for 2026/27.</p>	<p>There are no alternative options. The Council has to set a tax base in order to set its council tax for 2026/27.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>calculation of the Council's Tax Base for 2026/27</p> <p>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 <b>60,654.5</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p>Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Cherwell District Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2026/27 shall be <b>60,654.5</b>.</p> <p>(3) That it be agreed for the parishes which form part of its area shown in Appendix 1 to the report, 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.</p> <p>(4) That it be agree for the Flood Defence Areas which form part of its</p>			

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<p>the column titled Tax Base 2026/27.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thames Flood Defence Area: 58,217.8</li> <li>• Anglian (Great Ouse) Flood Defence Area: 1,965.2</li> <li>• Severn Regional Flood Defence Area: 471.5</li> <li>• Total: 60,654.5</li> </ul>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thames Flood Defence Area: 58,217.8</li> <li>• Anglian (Great Ouse) Flood Defence Area: 1,965.2</li> <li>• Severn Regional Flood Defence Area: 471.5</li> <li>• Total: 60,654.5</li> </ul>			

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<p><b>Agenda Item 13</b>  <b>Finance Monitoring Report</b>  <b>November 2025</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Finance (S151 Officer)</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To consider and note the contents of the council's financial management report as at the end of November 2025.</p> <p>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 be approved.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the council's financial management report as at the end of November 2025 be noted.</p> <p>(2) That 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 be approved.</p> <p>(3) That the proposed write offs (exempt Appendix 4 to the report) be approved.</p>	<p>The report updates Executive on the projected year-end financial position of the council for 2025/26. Regular reporting is key to good governance and demonstrates that the council is actively managing its financial resources sustainably.</p>	<p>Option 1: This report summarises the council's forecast revenue financial position up to the end of March 2026, therefore there are no alternative options to consider.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>consultancy and initial ground condition reports, as well as information on flooding.</p> <p>1.3 To approve the proposed write offs, set out in exempt Appendix 4.</p>				
<p><b>Agenda Item 15</b>  <b>Finance Monitoring Report</b>  <b>November 2025 - Exempt</b>  <b>Appendix</b></p>	As set out under item 13	As set out under item 13	As set out under item 13	None