



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Forward Plan Summary

February 2009 to May 2009

Cherwell District Council

Summary of the Forward Plan

This summary of the Forward Plan, (produced by officers on behalf of the Leader of the Council) sets out the key Executive decisions which will be taken at Cherwell District Council over the next four months. These are the key decisions of which the Council's Executive is currently aware. The Forward Plan will be updated and rolled forward on a monthly basis. As this takes place, the programme will be adjusted: further key decisions may be added, or anticipated ones may be rescheduled or removed. The summary shows the decisions programmed to be taken during each month. A likely date of decision is shown, but it is possible that a decision may be rescheduled to a later month. The full Forward Plan, including the latest position on prospective decisions is available on the council website at www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk, using the link to Council meetings.

This summary sets out the key decisions by month and says whether they will be taken by the Full Executive or by one of its individual Members, or portfolio holders as they are known (see below for details of the membership of the Executive). While key decisions may be taken by officers exercising authority delegated by the Executive, it is the Council's intention that this will very much be the exception.

Key decisions are those which are financially significant (in terms of spending or savings) for the service or function concerned or which will have a significant impact on communities, usually in two or more wards in the District. For the purposes of compiling its Forward Plan the Council has decided that a decision will be financially significant

- if it is equivalent in value to more than 10% of the annual gross budget for the unit concerned or £50,000 whichever is the lesser. If the figure is below £50,000 regard will be had to the impact on communities in deciding whether the decision is key.
- If it involves an individual capital projects with a value greater than £250,000.

In assessing impact on local people (including businesses and organisations) the following factors will be borne in mind:

- The number of users of the service in the wards affected
- Whether the impact will be short term or will last for a number of years, or be permanent.
- The nature of the impact on communities in terms of economic, social and environmental well-being.

For a decision to be key there must be a significant degree of discretion to be exercised by the decision-maker.

The Forward Plan lists documents which are currently available to decision makers. Generally these are also available to the public but some may have restrictions on the information given in them. Copies of public documents listed may be obtained on request from

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Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 4AA (e-mail: democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk).

There will be a copying charge for each document. Comments on the matters for decision may be made to the relevant contact officer up to the date of the meeting, unless otherwise specified in the consultation details.

Cherwell District Council – Executive Members

Portfolio

Communications and Public Relations (with
Special Responsibility for Climate Change)

Community, Health and Environment

Customer Service and ICT

Economic Development and Estates

Organisational Development and Improvement

Planning and Housing

Policy and Community Planning

Resources

Urban and Rural Services

Member

Councillor Mallon

Councillor Reynolds

Councillor Turner

Councillor Bolster

Councillor Miss Pickford

Councillor Gibbard

Councillor Wood

Councillor Macnamara

Councillor Morris

Cherwell District Council Forward Plan

Key decisions to be taken by the full Executive

Subject for Decision	External Consultees/ method of consultation	Executive Portfolio	Contact Officer(s)	Documents submitted to decision-maker
Likely date of decision: February 2009				
<p>Bicester Hospital To consider the current position regarding the procurement of new healthcare facilities in Bicester</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment</p>	<p>Ian Davies Tel: 01295 221698</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Oxfordshire 2030 - A Sustainable Community Strategy for Oxfordshire To consider the Oxfordshire County Sustainable Community Strategy.</p>	<p>The strategy has been subject to county wide consultation and both the Executive and the Cherwell Community Planning Partnership have provided formal responses.</p>	<p>Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning</p>	<p>Claire Taylor Tel: 01295 221563</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Banburyshire Community Transport Association Service Level Agreement To consider service level agreement arrangements for Banburyshire Community Transport Association</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment</p>		<p>None.</p>
<p>Revenues and Benefits Service Delivery Options Appraisal To consider the options for the delivery of revenues and benefits.</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Resources</p>	<p>Julie Evans Tel: 01295 221595</p>	<p>None.</p>

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Shennington and Alkerton Conservation Area Appraisal To consider the designation of a conservation area at Shennington with Alkerton.		Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Linda Rand Tel: 01295 221845	None.
Service and Financial Planning Preparation for the 2009/10 service plans and budgets.		Portfolio Holder for Resources	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801	None.
Consultation and Engagement Strategy and the Duty to Involve To consider and adopt the council's strategy and approach to meeting the new duty.	The strategy has been subject to consultation through the Equality and Access to Services Panel (an external group) meeting in December.	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning	Claire Taylor Tel: 01295 221563	None.
Cherwell Rural Strategy To consider a rural strategy for the district.		Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning, Portfolio Holder for Urban and Rural Services	Kevin Lamer Tel: 01295 221706	None.
Performance Management Framework Quarter 3 Report To consider the Performance Management Framework Quarter 3 Report		Portfolio Holder for Organisational Development and Improvement	Mike Carroll Tel: 01295 227959	None.

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Likely date of decision: March 2009				
Treasury Management Strategy <i>To consider the Council's Treasury Management Strategy</i>		Portfolio Holder for Resources	Karen Curtin Tel: 01295 221551	None.
Consultation on Draft PPS on Eco Towns <i>To agree a response from the Council to the Government's consultation on the Planning Policy Statement on Eco Towns (and the Sustainability Appraisal that has been prepared)</i>		Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Philip Clarke Tel: 01295 221840	None.
North West Bicester Eco- Development <i>To consider a report on the North West Bicester Eco-Development</i>		Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Philip Clarke Tel: 01295 221840	None.
Choice Based Lettings Scheme - Allocations Policy <i>To consider amendments to Cherwell's Allocations Policy to facilitate the implementation of a sub-regional Choice Based Lettings Scheme in partnership with Oxford City Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Gillian Greaves, Marianne North Tel: 01295 221654, Tel: 01295 227946	None.
Older Persons Housing Policy <i>To consider and adopt and Older Persons Housing Strategy</i>		Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Gillian Greaves Tel: 01295 221654	None.

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<p>A sustainable community strategy for Cherwell <i>To consider an update regarding the progress of the new sustainable community strategy for Cherwell. To endorse the next steps of the project.</i></p>	<p>The strategy will be subject to extensive consultation with members, partners and the public.</p>	<p>Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning</p>	<p>Claire Taylor Tel: 01295 221563</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Integrated Parking Strategy , Residents Parking and Parking Enforcement <i>To consider proposals on the above issues</i></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Urban and Rural Services</p>	<p>Chris Rothwell Tel: 01295 221712</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Customer Services Strategy <i>To consider a Customer Services Strategy for Cherwell District Council</i></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Customer Services and ICT</p>	<p>Pat Simpson Tel: 01295 227069</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Service Delivery in Kidlington <i>To consider options for delivering partners' services with our own services in Kidlington. Options derived from discussions with potential service delivery partners including County and Parish Councils, voluntary groups, Police and Health.</i></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Customer Services and ICT</p>	<p>Pat Simpson Tel: 01295 227069</p>	<p>None.</p>

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Partnership Working Framework <i>To consider an update on the Partnership Working Framework since it was last reported to Executive on 3 March.</i>		Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning	Helen Couperthwaite Tel: 01295 221751	None.
Addressing Health Inequalities in Cherwell <i>To consider the current position and progress.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Ian Davies Tel: 01295 221698	None.
Pitt Review into Summer 2007 Floods - Further Implications following the Government's Response to the Report Recommendations <i>To consider further implications arising from the Government's response to the Pitt Report.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Tony Brummell Tel: 01295 221524	None.

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<p>Management Information Strategy <i>The audit commission have highlighted the council's need to improve its data quality arrangements. New national criteria for good data quality (under the Use of Resources Key Lines of Enquiry) set the standards we are required to reach</i></p> <p><i>The report includes a draft strategy for how the council plans to improve its management information over the next three years, taking into account the new criteria for data quality.</i></p>		Portfolio Holder for Organisational Development and Improvement	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801	None.
<p>Land Charges Value for Money Review <i>To consider the outcomes of the review and approve an improvement plan to achieve greater value for money in the service.</i></p>		Portfolio Holder for Resources	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801	None.

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Likely date of decision: April 2009				
Review of Organisational Restructure <i>To consider a report on the results following the re-structure of the Council</i>		Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning, Portfolio Holder for Organisational Development and Improvement	Mary Harpley Tel: 01295 221573	None.
Support Costs Allocation Policies <i>To consider revisions to the current policies.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Resources	Phil O'Dell Tel: 01295 227098	None.
Information Management Strategy <i>To consider an information management strategy for the Council.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Organisational Development and Improvement	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801	None.
Conservation Area Appraisal Programme <i>Subject of further reports to be notified as programme progresses.</i> <i>To consider responses to the appraisal draft and approval of final appraisal.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Linda Rand Tel: 01295 221845	None.
Environmental Crime Enforcement <i>To consider activity to date and proposals for improvement.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Ed Potter Tel: 01295 221902	None.

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Sports Centre Modernisation <i>To consider progress to date and opening arrangements.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Paul Marston- Weston Tel: 01295 227095	None.
Annual Review of Corporate Equality and Diversity Policy <i>To consider the Annual Review of Corporate Equality and Diversity Policy.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Grahame Helm Tel: 01295 221615	None.

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Conservation Area Appraisal Programme <i>Subject of further reports to be specified as programme progresses</i>		Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Linda Rand Tel: 01295 221845	None.
<i>To consider responses to the consultation draft and approval of final appraisal.</i>				
Banbury Residents Parking Scheme <i>To consider proposals for the scheme.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Urban and Rural Services	Chris Rothwell Tel: 01295 221712	None.
Banbury Cultural Quarter <i>To consider proposals for the development of a cultural quarter.</i>		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Ian Davies Tel: 01295 221698	None.