



Cherwell

DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Executive Forward Plan

Incorporating the Private Executive Meeting Notice and the Notice of
Intention to make Key Decision

October 2026 to January 2027

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Executive Forward Plan and Notices required by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

There is a legal requirement for local authorities to publish a notice setting out the key executive decisions that will be taken by the appropriate decision maker at least 28 clear days before such decisions are to be taken. This Executive Forward Plan incorporating the Notice of Intention to make Key Decision sets out the executive decisions (including key decisions and/or Executive sub-committees) which are intended to be taken at Cherwell District Council. Whilst this document provides details of known decisions for the following month, where details of decisions to be made after this period are known, they are provided for information.

The Plan also sets out where, if at all, it is anticipated that part of an Executive meeting will be held in private. This is where confidential or exempt information (as defined in the constitution) is likely to be made known. Notice is hereby given that it may be necessary for part of an Executive meeting to be held in private because it becomes apparent at the meeting that confidential or exempt information will otherwise be made known. Should this become apparent at the meeting the relevant part of the meeting will only be held in private upon the passing of a resolution which (where exempt information will be made known) describes the description of exempt information pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Executive Forward Plan will be updated and rolled forward on a monthly basis. As this takes place, the programme will be adjusted and further decisions will 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.

If a key decision is not included in the published Executive Forward Plan for 28 clear days before a decision needs to be taken the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must be notified and a supplement to the Forward Plan published at least 5 clear days before the date on which the decision is proposed to be taken. If the date by which the decision has to be made makes compliance with this requirement impracticable the decision can only be made with the consent of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee who must be satisfied that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

If it is necessary to discuss an issue in private and 28 days' notice has not been given the decision may only be taken or the item discussed in private with the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee who must be satisfied that the need for the item to be taken to the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Key Decisions

A key decision is a 'significant' decision that is legally within the power of the Council to make, is not precluded by statute from being made under Executive arrangements and is not otherwise retained for decision by Council or delegated to a Committee of Council or officer by the Council's Constitution.

Significance – A decision is significant if it meets the financial and/or community impact criteria:

- Financial: A decision that will result in the Council:
 - Incurring potential revenue expenditure or savings above £250,000
 - Incurring potential capital expenditure or savings above £250,000
 - Procuring or awarding any contract having a total value exceeding £500,000
- and / or
- Community Impact: A decision that is significant in its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards in the area of the Council. That is a decision where:
 - A significant number of users of the service in the Ward(s) will be affected and / or
 - An impact that will last for a number of years, or be permanent; and / or
 - A significant impact on communities in terms of environmental and social well-being.

The following are not regarded by the Council to constitute key decisions:

- Implementing approved budgets or policies and strategies where there is little or no further choice involved and the main decision has already been taken by the council in agreeing the budget and policy framework.
- Implementing approved actions and targets in annual service plans.
- Decisions by the Chief Finance Officer which are part of the ordinary financial administration of the Authority, notably those relating to investments, within the agreed Treasury Management Policy.
- Implementing projects for which specific conditions have been attached by external funders, such as the Government or European Union.
- The award of contract for the provision of works, goods and services, within an agreed policy and budget and where a decision has been made.
- Changes arising from amendments to statute where there is little or no discretion.

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

In all cases the documents submitted to the decision maker to inform their decision shall be a report (available with the agenda 5 clear days before the meeting) and all documents submitted to the decision maker will be available at www.cherwell.gov.uk

Cherwell District Council – Executive Members 2026/2027

Portfolio	Councillor
Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration	Councillor Lesley McLean
Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	Councillor Chris Aramini-Brant
Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services	Councillor Nicola Borkmann
Portfolio Holder for Finance	Councillor David Hingley
Portfolio Holder for Law and Governance	Councillor Frank Ideh
Portfolio Holder for Housing and Greener Services	Councillor Ian Middleton
Portfolio Holder for Property and Assets	Councillor Rob Pattenden
Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Alisa Russell
Portfolio Holder for Leisure	Councillor Lisa Smith

Dates of Executive Meetings 2026/2027 (all Monday at 4.30pm, unless indicated): 5.30pm on Tuesday 16 June 2026, 13 July 2026, 7 September 2026, 5 October 2026, 2 November 2026, 7 December 2026, 4 January 2027, 1 February 2027, 1 March 2027, 5 April 2027

For further information on the Executive Forward Plan, please contact:
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Item to be Considered	Decision Maker	Key Decision (Yes/No)	Item likely to be considered in private (Yes/No)	Portfolio Holder	Contact Officer	Documents to be Submitted to decision maker	Director
October 2026							
Oxfordshire Countywide Homelessness Strategy To approve the updated Countywide Strategy	Executive	Yes	No	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Greener Services	Richard Smith Tel: 01295 221640	Executive report	Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing
Making of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan Subject to a successful referendum on 27 August 2026, the Executive and Council are required to formally 'make' (adopt) the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan	Executive	No	No	Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	Christina Cherry Tel: 01295 221851	Executive report	Assistant Director Planning
Wroxton Motocross Article 4 Direction Further to the Executive's resolution of 16 June 2026 concerning the proposed Article 4 Direction at Wroxton Motocross, this report updates Members on the revised legal position and sets out recommended changes to the Direction for Executive consideration.	Executive	No	No	Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	Sean Tilbury	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration

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Building Safety Levy Information about the Building Safety Levy, the work we have done to prepare for implementation on 1st October when it comes into force.	Executive	Yes	No	Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	Tony Brummell, David Peckford Tel: 01925 221909, Tel: 01295 221624	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
Council Tax Empty and Second Home Premium Policy To consider the Council Tax Empty and Second Home Premium Policy	Executive	Yes	No	Portfolio Holder for Finance	Jacey Scott Tel: 01295 221548	Executive report	Assistant Director Finance & S151 Officer
Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Update To receive an update on LGR	Executive	Yes	No	.Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration	Stephen Hinds Tel: 01295 221620	Executive report	Executive Director Resources
Finance Monitoring Report August 2026 To report to Executive the council's forecast yearend financial position as at the end of the August 2026	Executive	Yes	There may be appendices exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972	Portfolio Holder for Finance	Leanne Lock Tel: 01295 221558	Executive report	Assistant Director Finance & S151 Officer

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Cherwell Futures Digital Planning Improvement Programme - Final Business Case Exempt report	Executive	Yes	Y - By virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972	Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	Ann Slavin Tel: 07902 978905	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
Cherwell Futures Drawdown of Reserves To request the drawdown of funds from the Cherwell Futures reserves funding for the progression of Cherwell Futures programme delivery.	Executive	Yes	Y - by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972	.Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration	Ann Slavin Tel: 07902 978905	Executive report	Executive Director Resources
November 2026							
Bicester Market Square To report on progress and agree next steps in project delivery	Executive	Yes	No	.Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration	Nalini Ramanah, Peter Sharp Tel: 01295 221990	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration

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Development Management Performance - Designation Under Section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Report on designation by the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government and actions arising	Executive	No	No	Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	David Peckford Tel: 01295 221624	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
Local Plan Timetable To note the Local Plan timetable	Executive	No	No	Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	David Peckford Tel: 01295 221624	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
A National Plan to End Homelessness - Action Plan A condition of funding received is to produce and agreed action plan to send to MHCLG about how homelessness is being tackled locally.	Executive	Yes	No	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Greener Services	Richard Smith Tel: 01295 221640	Executive report	Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing

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Local Area Development Funds - Update and Proposal for Allocation A report requesting funding for projects agreed by Area Oversight Groups as local area priorities.	Executive	Yes	No	.Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration	Peter Sharp Tel: 01295 221990	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
Tenancy Strategy To approve a new Tenancy Strategy	Executive	Yes	No	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Greener Services	Richard Smith Tel: 01295 221640	Executive report	Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing
Tenancy Management Policy To provide an outline on how the Council will manage housing properties that it holds within its rented portfolio.	Executive	Yes	No	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Greener Services	Richard Smith Tel: 01295 221640	Executive report	Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing
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Finance, Performance and Risk Monitoring Report Quarter 2 2026-2027 To report to Executive the council's forecast yearend financial, performance and risk position as of the end of Quarter 2 2026	Executive	Yes	There may be appendices exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972	.Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration, Portfolio Holder for Finance	Leanne Lock, Celia Prado-Teeling Tel: 01295 221558, Tel: 01295 221556	Executive report	Assistant Director Finance & S151 Officer, Head of Chief Executive's Office
Banbury Museum Operations Exempt report	Executive	Yes	Yes - Exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972	Portfolio Holder for Leisure	Nicola Riley Tel: 01295 221724	Executive report	Executive Director Neighbourhood Services
Eco Centre Bicester Exempt report	Executive	Yes	Yes - By virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972	Portfolio Holder for Property and Assets	Mona Walsh Tel: 01295 221602	Executive report	Assistant Director Property, Executive Director Place & Regeneration

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Statement of Community Involvement Review Regulation 10A review of the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Executive	Yes	No	Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	Christina Cherry Tel: 01295 221851	Executive report	Assistant Director Planning
December 2026							
High Streets & Visitor Economy Strategy A report to approve the High Streets & Visitor Economy Strategy for Cherwell	Executive	Yes	No	.Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration	Peter Sharp, Philippa Tatham Tel: 01295 221990, Tel: 01295 221780	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
Council Greenhouse Gas Emissions To provide an update on Cherwell District Council's Greenhouse Gas Emissions.	Executive	No	No	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Greener Services	Michael Suddens Tel: 01295 221631	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) 2027-28 Council Tax Reduction scheme 2027-28	Executive	Yes	No	Portfolio Holder for Finance	Jacey Scott Tel: 01295 221548	Executive report	Assistant Director Finance & S151 Officer

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Infrastructure Funding Statement 2025-2026 To approve the Infrastructure Funding Statement for publication.	Executive	No	No	Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	Paul Seckington, Sean Tilbury Tel: 01295 227034,	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) - Planning 2026 To approve the AMR for publication	Executive	Yes	No	Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement	David Peckford Tel: 01295 221624	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
Response to Council Motion: Pavement Blocking The report outlines the response to the motion submitted to full council in July 2026 around the use of pavement blocking.	Executive	No	No	.Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration	Peter Sharp Tel: 01295 221990	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration
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Budget Setting for 2027/28 and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy up to 2031/32 To consider and recommend to Council the Budget Setting for 2027/28 and MTFS 2031/32 Scheduled for February 2027	Executive	Yes	No	Portfolio Holder for Finance	Joanne Kaye Tel: 01295 221545	Executive report	Assistant Director Finance & S151 Officer, Assistant Director Growth & Economy
Local Area Development Funds - Update and Proposal for Allocation A report requesting funding for projects agreed by Area Oversight Groups as local area priorities. Scheduled for March 2027	Executive	Yes	No	.Leader - Strategic Leadership and Regeneration	Peter Sharp Tel: 01295 221990	Executive report	Executive Director Place & Regeneration