



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Forward Plan Summary

June 2009 to September 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

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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
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Likely date of decision: June 2009				
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<p>Definition of Waste and Collections from Charities To consider the Council's position with regards to the definition of waste and collections from charities.</p>		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Ed Potter Tel: 01295 221902	None.
<p>Investment Strategy To consider the outcome and recommendations of the independent review of the investment strategy.</p>		Portfolio Holder for Resources	Karen Curtin Tel: 01295 221551	None.
<p>Performance Management Framework Year End Report To consider the Performance Management Framework Year End Report</p>		Portfolio Holder for Organisational Development and Improvement	Mike Carroll Tel: 01295 227959	None.
<p>Places of Worship in our Communities To consider the role of places of worship in the community.</p>		Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning	Ian Davies Tel: 01295 221698	None.
<p>Banbury Market Future Management To consider options for the future management and direction for Banbury market.</p>		Portfolio Holder for Urban and Rural Services	Chris Rothwell Tel: 01295 221712	None.

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Earmarked Capital Reserves for Affordable Housing To consider expenditure of the affordable housing capital reserves.	None. None.	Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Fiona Brown, Gillian Greaves Tel: 01295 221659, Tel: 01295 221654	None.

Likely date of decision: July 2009

Banbury Cultural Quarter To consider proposals for the development of a cultural quarter.		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Ian Davies Tel: 01295 221698	None.
A sustainable community strategy for Cherwell To consider an update regarding the progress of the new sustainable community strategy for Cherwell. To endorse the next steps of the project.	The strategy will be subject to extensive consultation with members, partners and the public.	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning	Claire Taylor Tel: 01295 221563	None.
Eco Town - Government Decisions and Implications To consider matters arising from the Government decision regarding proposed Eco Towns and any resulting implications for the District.		Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Philip Clarke Tel: 01295 221840	None.
Bicester Hospital To consider a progress report on Bicester Hospital.		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Ian Davies Tel: 01295 221698	None.

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VFM Review of Insurance To consider the outcomes of the Value for Money Review of insurance.		Portfolio Holder for Resources	Neil Lawrence Tel: 01295 221801	None.
Economic Development Strategy Review To consider the Economic Development Strategy for the District		Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Estates	David Marriott Tel: 01295 221603	None.
Banbury Residents Parking Scheme To consider proposals for the scheme.		Portfolio Holder for Urban and Rural Services	Chris Rothwell Tel: 01295 221712	None.
Local Development Framework Next Steps To consider the next steps with regard to creating a Local Development Framework		Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing	Philip Clarke Tel: 01295 221840	None.
Accommodation Review To consider and review Phase 1. To consider the proposals for Phase 2.		Portfolio Holder for Organisational Development and Improvement	Julie Evans Tel: 01295 221595	None.

Likely date of decision: August 2009

Market Square, Bicester - Environmental Improvement To consider options with regard to the environmental improvement of Market Square, Bicester.		Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Estates	David Marriott Tel: 01295 221603	None.
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<p>Pitt Review into Summer 2007 Floods - Further Implications following the Government's Response to the Report Recommendations</p> <p>To consider further implications arising from the Government's response to the Pitt Report.</p>		Portfolio Holder for Community, Health and Environment	Tony Brummell Tel: 01295 221524	None.
<p>Phone Access and Telephony Review</p> <p>To consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal and associated business case and plan for a single customer contact number or small suite of numbers • Revised procurement practice in respect of telephony with associated reduction in costs • Plan for upgrade for main telephone switch and decommissioning of satellite switches • A clear product catalogue for telephony services to the Council 		Portfolio Holder for Organisational Development and Improvement	Pat Simpson Tel: 01295 227069	None.