

Council

Monday 21 July 2025

Motions – updated with amendments and process

Topic	Proposer	Seconded
Cherwell Affordable Housing Emergency <i>Amendments received</i>	Cllr Dr Isabel Creed	TBC
Primary Care Facilities in North Oxfordshire <i>No amendments permitted</i>	Cllr David Rogers	Cllr Edward Fraser Reeves
Government Review of Local Authority Funding <i>No amendments permitted</i>	Cllr Edward Fraser Reeves	Cllr David Rogers

Two amendments have been proposed on the following motion:

- Cherwell Affordable Housing Emergency

The deadline to submit has now passed and no further amendments are now permitted.

In accordance with section 4.18 of the Constitution, the Monitoring Officer, following consultation with the Chair, confirms that the following two motions, once proposed (the proposer may speak for up to five minutes) and seconded (no speech permitted), will be referred without debate to Executive (the Leader or relevant Executive member shall be entitled to speak in response for up to five minutes) for decision because the subject matter falls within its remit.

- Primary Care Facilities in North Oxfordshire
- Government Review of Local Authority Funding

Cherwell Affordable Housing Emergency Motion as submitted:

Motion Proposer: Councillor Dr Isabel Creed

Motion Seconded: TBC

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In the last financial year alone, the council has spent £332,800 on housing residents in temporary accommodation. The need for housing in Cherwell is greater than ever.

This Council resolves that Cherwell District Council declares it has an affordable housing emergency and recognizes that the only way forward is to focus on housing delivery.”

Cherwell Affordable Housing Emergency Motion with friendly amendment agreed by proposer of amendment:

Proposer of Amendment: Councillor Lesley McLean

Seconder of Amendment: Councillor David Hingley

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This Council resolves that Cherwell District Council declares it has an affordable **and social** housing emergency and recognizes that the only way forward is to focus on housing delivery **in the context of the emerging Local Plan 2042, the approved housing strategy 2025-30 and the housing delivery action plan.”**

CLEAN VERSION OF MOTION WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED AS FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND THEREFORE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION TO BE DEBATED

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Cherwell Affordable Housing Emergency proposed amendments (N.B. These amendments are based on the motion as submitted i.e. without the friendly amendment)

Proposer of amendment: Councillor Edward Fraser Reeves

Seconder of amendment: Councillor David Rogers

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~~Meanwhile,~~ Cherwell District Council has an ever-increasing ~~social~~ housing waiting list, which has increased by 10% in the last year alone.

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The need for ~~certain~~ housing in Cherwell, ~~notably those appropriate for working families,~~ is greater than ever. ~~Yet, national housing policy has tended to prioritise the construction of more expensive ‘executive’ homes which, in certain of our villages, are no longer welcomed by many residents, who are mindful of the need to house local working families instead.~~

This Council ~~resolves~~ recognises that Cherwell District Council, like many other districts, ~~declares it has~~ faces a shortage of affordable housing for local working families. ~~emergency and recognizes~~ It resolves that the only way forward is to focus on appropriate housing delivery, mindful also of local communities' democratic involvement in effective plan-making."

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Meanwhile, Cherwell District Council has an ever-increasing social housing waiting list, which has increased by 10% in the last year alone.

These waiting times are significant ranging from 243 days for 1-bedroom properties to 991 days for 4-bedroom properties, leaving some families obliged to wait several years for appropriate accommodation. In the last financial year alone, the council spent £332,800 on housing residents in temporary accommodation.

The need for certain housing in Cherwell, notably those appropriate for working families, is greater than ever. Yet, national housing policy has tended to prioritise the construction of more expensive 'executive' homes which, in certain of our villages, are no longer welcomed by many residents, who are mindful of the need to house local working families instead.

This Council recognises that Cherwell District Council, like many other districts, faces a shortage of affordable housing for local working families. It resolves that the only way forward is to focus on appropriate housing delivery, mindful also of local communities' democratic involvement in effective plan-making."