

Annual Delivery Plan 2026/ 27: Priority Areas



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Promote the circular economy of reduce, reuse and recycle to minimise waste

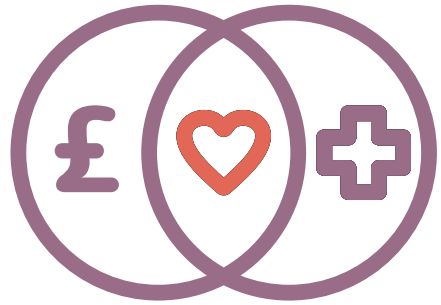


Quality housing and place making

Deliver sustainable and strategic development that meets Cherwell's needs now, and in the future

Achieve more high quality, secure, and affordable housing that caters for the diverse needs of our residents





Priority 1:

Economic prosperity



Cherwell: A place full of opportunity and growth



Our goals

Create vibrant economic centres and thriving rural villages

Build an inclusive and green economy

Our 2026/ 27 actions

Develop and agree the Economic Prosperity Strategy in order to establish a long-term programme of regeneration and strategic actions

Build a new community sports facility with outdoor provision at Graven Hill

Develop and agree a capital programme to deliver the Partner Culture Strategy for the district

Work with the Oxfordshire Growth Commission to deliver economic development, infrastructure and housing growth

Make the best use of council owned assets to promote innovation and strategic growth

Continue to support the work of the Marmot Place with Oxfordshire



Priority 2:

Community leadership



Cherwell: Cherwell: A stronger, connected community

Our goals

Strengthen community collaboration and resilience

Promote health and wellbeing with a focus on inequality

Our 2026/ 27 actions

The council will look to automate the application of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme* to maximise the take up of this vital financial support

To agree a strategic asset management policy that will promote innovation and best use of our resources

Identify barriers to accessing council services and agree an improvement plan

Improve customer experience and reduce contact volumes by making information easily accessible and enabling effective self-service wherever possible

Expand youth programmes to promote great mental health

Work to reduce inequality in Banbury's most deprived wards with a specific focus on Health Prevention and Stronger Communities themes of Brighter Futures

* for people in receipt of Universal Credit



Priority 3:

Environmental stewardship



Cherwell: A green and sustainable future

Our goals

Safeguard the environment and promote biodiversity

Promote the circular economy of reduce, reuse and recycle to minimise waste

Our 2026/ 27 actions

Establish a new programme of asset decarbonisation projects, using Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding

Continue with fleet decarbonisation, utilising electric vehicles where possible

Encourage the creation of biodiversity sites/ habitat banks engaging with developers and partners where appropriate

Continue the district-wide rollout of Simpler Recycling and integrate the requirements of the Deposit Return Scheme in preparation for its implementation in 2027/ 28



Priority 4:

Quality housing and place making

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Cherwell: Building homes, creating communities

Our goals

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Achieve more high quality, secure, and affordable housing that caters for the diverse needs of our residents

Our 2026/ 27 actions

Adopt and commence implementation of the new Local Plan

Continue with the programme for the review of Conservation Area Appraisals

Continue with the implementation of housing delivery in accordance with the Housing Delivery Plan

Implement 'Section 106' process improvements

Commence delivery of Bicester Market Square

Introduce the national Building Safety Levy

Embed requirements from the Renters Rights Bill into service delivery to improve the standards of households on low incomes

Begin the implementation of Phase 2 of Graven Hill