

Informal Recommendations	Reasons	Projected additional income/savings 2011/12
Environmental Services		
1. That within Environmental Services the Executive should:		
i. Amend the pricing for bulky waste collections as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £9 for up to three recyclable items • £18 for up to three non-recyclable items 	Promotes reduce, re-use, recycle principles and supports the Cleaner, Greener corporate priority.	£30k
ii. Remove concessions for bulky waste collections.	Online ordering of bulky waste will reduce the number of calls to the customer service centre	see 1 – i
iii. Reduce the charge for a blue bin to £18.	Increase blue bin use and so increase recycling rates. Supports the Cleaner, Greener corporate priority.	
iv. Introduce a charge of £5 for a third and any subsequent blue boxes.	Reduces the amount spent on boxes and increase blue bin use and so increase recycling rates. Supports the Cleaner, Greener corporate priority.	
v. Increase the charge for 25 trade waste sacks to £39.50 (plus VAT).	Linked to the reduced price of dry recycling trade sacks. Encourages businesses to recycle waste rather than send it to landfill and supports the Cleaner, Greener corporate priority.	
vi. Reduce the charge for 25 dry recycling trade sacks to £29.50 (plus	Linked to the increased price of trade waste sacks. Encourages businesses to recycle waste rather than send it to landfill and supports the Cleaner, Greener	

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VAT).	corporate priority.	
<p>vii. Introduce a 12 month trade contract for small business with three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Recycler - £7 per month (1 roll waste sacks and 1 roll recycling sacks) • Good Recycler - £9.50 per month (1 roll waste sacks and 2 rolls of recycling sacks) • Excellent Recycler - £11.50 per month (1 roll waste sacks and 3 rolls of recycling sacks). 	Will help small businesses and encourage greater use of the trade recycling service. Supports the Cleaner, Greener corporate priority.	
viii. Include a taxi test in the price of the MOT for taxis	By amending the price, the facility should be more attractive to taxi owners and this should make the MOT bay at Thorpe Lane depot more competitive and bring in additional income.	
Safer Communities, Urban and Rural Services		
2. That within Safer Communities, Urban and Rural Services the Executive should:		
i. Introduce charging for all Blue Badge parking in line with standard hourly rates	Brings Council operated car parks in line with private car parks in the district and many other Local Authorities.	£24k
ii. Agree that Blue Badge holders be permitted one additional hour free of charge at all short/ultra short stay car	Permitting an additional hour parking free of charge acknowledges the mobility problems of many Blue Badge holders.	see 2 - i

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parks		
iii. Increase the car park tariffs by 10p per hour (Banbury £0.70 to £0.80/hr, Bicester £0.60 - £0.70/hr)	The 2009 fees and charges review recommended that car park tariffs be reviewed and increase biannually. The increase takes account of the rise in VAT from 17.5% to 20% from January 2011.	£167k - £356k
iv. Increase the Excess Charge Notice (ECN) fees by £10 for each contravention	The current charges were set in 2009 on the basis the Council would move to Civil Parking Enforcement. This has not happened and is unlikely to be implemented for at least 18 months. CDC can set 'fine' levels as it sees fit. This maintains the fees in line with expected Civil Parking Enforcement charges.	c. £30k based on current performance
v. Introduce a 'premium' charge for failure to pay within the specified time scale in line with the Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) regime but set at £100	Moves Excess Charge Notice charge for failure to pay within specified timescale in line with Civil Parking Enforcement	see 2 - iv
vi. Retain the pricing structure for season tickets in line with increases in pay and display charges	Season ticket prices will still be significantly below private competitor rates and offer generous discounts on daily tariff.	
vii. Consider offering a greater discount for the purchase of season tickets	This may encourage greater take up of season tickets.	
viii. Bring the charging period for Sundays and Bank Holidays in line with the rest of the week and introduce hourly charging on the same basis	Unifies car park tariffs	
ix. Agree that the implementation date for the above recommendations i – vii		detailed in recommendations

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be 1 February 2011		2 - i - viii
x. Not introduce evening car parking charges	This would not generate significant income and would be difficult to enforce.	Nil impact
xi. Not extend the chargeable period from 08.00 to 07.00	This would not generate significant income.	Nil impact
xii. Not introduce charges on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Easter Sunday.	This would not generate significant income and would be difficult to enforce.	Nil impact
xiii. No increase be made to Licensing fees	Licensing fees are already being recovered and statute does not allow the grant of licences to be a revenue raising measure	Nil impact
xiv. Increase the fee for Public Path Orders to £1200 with immediate effect.	The fee has not been reviewed for several years. Current CDC cost is £400 which does not cover the time invested. The proposed fee is in line with other Councils.	£800 per application
Finance		
3. That within Finance the Executive should:		
i. Recharge to customers the fees incurred by Cherwell District Council for processing credit card payments.	Passes on costs incurred by CDC. Brings CDC in line with many other Local Authorities.	£30k p/a
ii. Increase court fees as detailed below subject to approval by the Magistrates Court: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Tax issue of summons: 	Brings CDC in line with the average charged by other Local Authorities in the county.	£108k

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<p>£55</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Tax liability order: £40• National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) issue of summons: £70• National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR): £48		
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Staff Training		
2. That within staff training the Executive should:		
i. Reduce the budget allocation for staff attending conferences by 50%.	The current budget allocation for staff attending external conferences and seminars is extremely high in comparison to the other categories.	c. £60k
ii. Give the Learning and Development Manager authority to approve or refuse requests from staff to attend external training, with a right of appeal to the Chief Executive (through CMT).	The approvals system for officers attending conferences and seminars should be tightened. The Council could consider developing a robust policy that would govern criteria for attendance on external courses and that this would contribute to the reduction of unnecessary expenditure.	Linked to 1 - i
iii. Agree that conferences and seminars needed to be identified during the performance appraisal process and unless identified at this stage attendance should normally be refused.	The approvals system for officers attending conferences and seminars should be tightened. The Council could consider developing a robust policy that would govern criteria for attendance on external courses and that this would contribute to the reduction of unnecessary expenditure.	Linked to 1 - i
Member Training		
2. That within Member training the Executive should:		

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i. Reduce the member training budget by £7,505 and this reduction should be included in the 2011/12 budget build.	The Member training budget has traditionally been under spent however reducing the budget beyond the proposed could result in the Council not achieving the Member development Charter which it had already invested in	£7-8k
ii. Agree that following achievement of the Member Development Charter this budget be further reviewed as part of the 2012/13 budget build.	The Council has already invested in achieving the Member Development Charter. Once this has been achieved the budget can be further reviewed.	-