

**Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting  
of Council held on 22 July 2019**

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<b>3</b>	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>To receive communications from the Chairman and/or the Leader of the Council.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the following amendment to the Planning Committee named substitutes for the Conservative Group be noted:</p> <p>Remove: Councillor John Donaldson Add: Councillor Richard Mould</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Motions</b></p> <p>To debate the following motions which have been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the constitution:</p> <p><b>Climate Change</b></p> <p>The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in their October report stated that if the planet wants to avert dangerous climate breakdown, we need to cut emissions in half by 2030, and hit zero by the middle of the century.</p> <p>Oxfordshire is already doing its bit: we are committed to reducing emissions from our own estate and activities by 3% a year. Unfortunately, our current plans are not enough. The IPCC's report suggests that the world has just a dozen years left to restrict global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. Should they increase by 2°C, humanity's capacity to prevent catastrophic food shortages, floods, droughts, extreme heat and poverty will be severely impaired. Limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible, but</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the following motion, as amended, be adopted:</p> <p>Cherwell District Council calls on the Leader to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';</li> <li>2. Pledge to make Cherwell District Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;</li> <li>3. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;</li> <li>4. Continue to work with partners across the Cherwell and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies;</li> <li>5. Endorse the cross party position taken by LGA, in particular to call on HMG to explore supporting domestic implementation of Sustainable Development Goals through funded partnership roles within each local authority area;</li> </ol>

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	<p>only with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities. Furthermore, bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council calls on the Leader to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';</li> <li>2. Pledge to make Cherwell District Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;</li> <li>3. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;</li> <li>4. Continue to work with partners across the Cherwell and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies;</li> <li>5. Report to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency.</li> </ol> <p>Proposer: Councillor Mark Cherry  Secunder: Councillor Surinder Dhesi</p> <p><b>Cherwell Local Plan</b></p> <p>This council notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That when he approved the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031, the planning inspector stated that a review of the plan should be carried out <b><i>“once the specific level of help required by the city of Oxford to meet its needs that cannot reasonably be met within its present confines, is fully and accurately defined”</i></b></li> <li>2. That questions and comments raised recently by Jonathan Bore and Nick Fagan, the inspectors reviewing the Oxford Local Plan 2036, along with other recent studies, have cast doubt on the assumptions underlying Oxford’s housing need, suggesting that it has not been <b><i>“fully and accurately defined”</i></b> and may have been over-estimated and based on outdated data.</li> <li>3. That recent announcements from the University of Oxford as to their plans</li> </ol>	<p>6. Report to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency.</p> <p>(NB. On being put to the vote, the motion as amended, on the Local Plan was lost and therefore fell)</p>

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	<p>for development as part of the partial review raises concerns that removal of substantial amounts of the green belt will not in fact deal with unmet housing need in Oxford.</p> <p>4. That as a result of the above, the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 (Part1) Partial Review – Oxford’s Unmet Housing Need could be premature, based on potentially inaccurate information, and could lead to outcomes which differ significantly from expectations.</p> <p>This council therefore agrees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The ‘working assumption’ of Oxford’s housing need can no longer be relied on as an accurate figure and should be urgently reviewed.</li> <li>2. That the planning inspector’s report into the Cherwell partial review should only be considered alongside the Oxford City local plan once it has been examined and published, and Oxford’s need is “fully and accurately defined”.</li> <li>3. That in the meantime, the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 (Part1) Partial Review should be suspended, and no land under consideration as part of the review should be removed from green belt protection.</li> <li>4. That expansion of the Begbroke Science Park and the building of reserved housing for the university on green belt land has no bearing on Oxford’s unmet housing need and should be subject to a separate and specific planning policy review and inquiry.</li> </ol> <p>Proposer: Councillor Ian Middleton  Seconder: Councillor Conrad Copeland</p>	
10	<p><b>Cherwell District Council / Oxfordshire County Council Signage Agency Agreement</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director:  Environmental Services</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Council is recommended:</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the progress on partnership working with Oxfordshire County Council be noted.</li> <li>(2) That the entering into Section 101 agreements with Oxfordshire County Council for the purpose of transferring to the district council</li> </ol>

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	<p>1.1 To note the progress on partnership working with Oxfordshire County Council;</p> <p>1.2 To approve entering into Section 101 agreements with Oxfordshire County Council for the purpose of transferring to the district council the following responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Removal of unauthorised signs</li> <li>ii. The landscape maintenance of roundabouts outside Bicester Village and</li> <li>iii. the sponsorship of roundabouts</li> </ul> <p>1.3 To delegate negotiation and final agreement of the Section 101 agreements to the Assistant Director: Environmental Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Clean and Green, the Director: Law and Governance and the Executive Director: Finance.</p>	<p>the following responsibilities be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Removal of unauthorised signs</li> <li>ii. the landscape maintenance of roundabouts outside Bicester Village and</li> <li>iii. the sponsorship of roundabouts</li> </ul> <p>(3) That negotiation and final agreement of the Section 101 agreements be delegated to the Assistant Director: Environmental Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Clean and Green, the Director: Law and Governance and the Executive Director: Finance.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Police and Crime Panel Annual Report</b></p> <p>Report of Chief Operating Officer (Deputy Chief Executive)</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the Annual Report of the Police and Crime Panel and the manner in which this panel provides oversight and scrutiny of Thames Valley Police by holding the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to account.</p> <p>1.2 To appoint a named substitute member to the Police and Crime Panel.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Annual Report of the Police and Crime Panel and the manner in which this panel provides oversight and scrutiny of Thames Valley Police by holding the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to account be noted.</p> <p>(2) That Councillor Tony Ilott be appointed as Cherwell District Council's named substitute member to the Police and Crime Panel.</p>

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12	<p><b>Revised Scheme of Officer Delegations</b></p> <p>Report of Director of Law &amp; Governance</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To adopt the revised scheme of officer delegations at Appendix 1 with immediate effect.</p> <p>1.2 To delegate authority to the Director of Law &amp; Governance, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to make any amendments that are consequential on the current allocation of service responsibilities being revised, new service responsibilities being introduced or post titles changing.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the revised scheme of officer delegations (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adopted with immediate effect.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Law &amp; Governance, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to make any amendments that are consequential on the current allocation of service responsibilities being revised, new service responsibilities being introduced or post titles changing.</p>