



**Cherwell**

DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting  
of the Executive held on Tuesday 6 April 2021**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 7 April 2021
2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution (and not therefore subject to the call-in procedure): None
3. Date by which notice of call-in of any of the following decisions must be received in writing by the Chief Executive (see notes below):- Noon on Monday 12 April 2021
4. Notes:-
  - (a) For background documentation to the following decisions, please refer to the agenda and supporting papers (copies of which are available on the Council's website ([www.cherwell.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk)) or from Democratic Services);
  - (b) Notice of call-in must be submitted in writing, by email or text to the Chief Executive by the deadline specified above, and must state the reason or reasons why "call-in" has been requested;
  - (c) Call-in can be requested by any six non-executive members of the Council.  
However, if at any point during a municipal year the total number of opposition councillors is six or less the total number of non-executive members required to call-in a decision shall be the total number of opposition councillors less two.
  - (d) Decisions not called-in by the deadline specified above will become effective immediately the deadline has expired (unless they are recommendations to the Council).
  - (e) The Council has stipulated that the call-in procedure should not be used to challenge decisions as a matter of course and should be used only when fully justified.

**Yvonne Rees  
Chief Executive**

Agenda Item and Recommendation	Decision	Reasons	Alternative Options	Conflicts of Interest Declared and Dispensations Granted by Head of Paid Service
<p><b>Agenda Item 6</b> <b>Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Environment</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 Approve the Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy and its enclosed policies and key actions</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy and its enclosed policies and key actions (annexes to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be approved.</p>	<p>To support Oxfordshire residents to make the change from petrol and diesel to Electric Vehicles (EVs), Oxfordshire's Councils have worked together to develop this operational strategy for increasing and managing EV charging across the county. This strategy supports the reduction of transport emissions as part of a hierarchy of sustainable transport; encouraging uptake of EVs by enabling the development of a high quality, accessible and convenient EV charging network. This work will further progress towards the Council's Climate Emergency target, Healthy Place Shaping ambition, Air Pollution needs and our Car Parking Strategy</p>	<p>Option 1: Reject OEVIS in its entirety The emerging electric vehicle infrastructure needs will still be present with no clear strategy in place to address this. The Council is not currently resourced to undertake this piece of work in isolation and may lead to a disjoint in the policies in place across the rest of Oxfordshire. For these reasons this option has not been recommended</p> <p>Option 2: Seek amendment to individual policies All Oxfordshire Councils are currently progressing the strategy through their respective governance structures, amendments to</p>	<p>None</p>

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			these policies will require a lengthy restart of this process. For this reason this option has not been recommended.	
<p><b>Agenda Item 7 Consideration of the Oxford to Cambridge ARC Principles</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Environment Services and SRO for Growth Deal in Cherwell</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To recognise the opportunity for partnership activity for climate action.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the opportunity for partnership activity for climate action be recognised.</p> <p>(2) That the establishment of an Environmental Advisory Group of the Oxfordshire Growth Board be supported.</p> <p>(3) That the shared principles for protecting, restoring and enhancing the environment in the Oxford to Cambridge</p>	<p>This Council has a commitment to deliver the Climate Action Framework, agreed at Executive in October 2020 and to work in partnership with other stakeholders to achieve a net zero ambition across the district. This activity can be grouped under three pillars for climate action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net zero carbon – targets for our own operations and the wider district we need to work in partnership</li> <li>• Resilience – both in terms of responding to</li> </ul>	<p>Option 1: To adopt the proposed recommendations.</p> <p>Option 2: To reject the proposed recommendations and ask officers to reconsider</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>1.2 To support the establishment of an Environmental Advisory Group of the Oxfordshire Growth Board.</p> <p>1.3 To endorse the shared principles for protecting, restoring and enhancing the environment in the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.</p> <p>1.4 To note the progress concerning the development of a Local Nature Partnership for Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>Arc be endorsed.</p> <p>(4) That the progress concerning the development of a Local Nature Partnership for Oxfordshire be noted.</p>	<p>the impacts of climate change arising from extreme weather events and ensuring resilience in energy efficiency and security of supply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewal – renewing the natural capital and environmental assets for ‘good growth’ ensuring outcomes for environmental wellbeing are integrated into all decisions for social and economic wellbeing</li> </ul> <p>This Council is working in partnership with many stakeholders across a range of Sectors. Participation by this Council in the Oxfordshire Environment Advisory Group would strengthen the role of this Council across all partnership networks and align our</p>		

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		<p>commitment for environmental renewal, zero carbon and resilience to the impacts of climate change with the environmental principles underpinning growth across the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.</p>		
<p><b>Agenda Item 8 Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director – Growth and Economy Board on 22 March 2021.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended to:</p> <p>1.1 Agree the Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire be agreed.</p> <p>(2) That responsibility be delegated to the Assistant Director – Growth and Economy to consider how to embed the Vision’s aspirations for Oxfordshire in future plans and strategies of the Council.</p>	<p>The development of a Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire, which encompasses the shared ambitions of local councils and key organisations, provides a unique opportunity to bring together a clear and unambiguous statement about what it is the Growth Board wants to achieve in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Following the consultation exercise, both officers and members who have reflected</p>	<p>Option 1: Do nothing This was rejected as the Strategic Vision is a unique opportunity to agree the strategic direction of the District and the Council has been engaged in the Vision. By not agreeing the Draft Strategic Vision, it could limit the impact of the partnership approach.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>1.2 Ask that officers delegate responsibility to the Assistant Director – Growth and Economy to consider how to embed the Vision’s aspirations for Oxfordshire in future plans and strategies of the Council.</p>		<p>upon the consultation and revised the Vision believe that the Vision has improved because of the consultation. The document now has a bolder more ambitious narrative that articulates in a balanced way the collective ambitions for what Oxfordshire should be in 2050, both societally, economically and as a place to live work and to thrive.</p> <p>The Growth Board endorsed the revised Vision at its meeting on 22 March and asked that each partner consider agreeing to the Vision. Accordingly, the Executive is requested to consider and agree the Vision.</p>		
<p><b>Agenda Item 9</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p>	<p>The Council is committed to</p>	<p>Option 1: This report</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p><b>Monthly Performance, Finance and Risk Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>Report of Director of Finance and Head of Insight and Corporate Programmes</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report.</p>	<p>(1) That the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report be noted.</p>	<p>performance, risk and budget management and reviews progress against its corporate priorities on a monthly basis.</p>	<p>illustrates the Council's performance against the 2020-21 business plan. As this is a monitoring report, no further options have been considered. However, members may wish to request that officers provide additional information.</p>	