



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on Monday 7 April 2025**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 8 April 2025
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 14 April 2025
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) 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 five non-executive members of the Council.
 - (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.

**Shiraz Sheikh
Monitoring Officer**

Agenda Item and Recommendation	Decision	Reasons	Alternative Options	Conflicts of Interest Declared and Dispensations Granted by Head of Paid Service
<p>Agenda Item 6 Annual Delivery Plan and Performance Measure 2025/2026</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Customer Focus</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the council's Annual Delivery Plan and Performance Framework for 2025/26.</p> <p>1.2 To delegate the responsibility for finalising the milestones and the Key Performance Indicators to the Assistant Director for Customer Focus in</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the council's Annual Delivery Plan and Performance Framework for 2025/26 be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the responsibility for finalising the milestones and the Key Performance Indicators be delegated to the Assistant Director for Customer Focus in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services.</p>	<p>This report sets out a suggested annual delivery plan and framework for measuring and monitoring the council's performance and progress towards achieving better outcomes for its communities.</p>	<p>Option 1: Not to have an annual delivery plan and performance framework, however without one, the council cannot monitor its progress towards achieving its desired outcomes and therefore agree any corrective action that might be necessary to keep them on track. This option has therefore been rejected as the council would risk being able to deliver better outcomes for its communities.</p>	<p>None</p>

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consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services.				
<p>Agenda Item 7 Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To approve a capital grant to South Oxfordshire Housing Association (SOHA) for the delivery of new social housing within Cherwell from the grant received from MHCLG; Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That a capital grant to South Oxfordshire Housing Association (SOHA) for the delivery of new social housing within Cherwell from the grant received from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local government (MHCLG): Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3 be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the increase to the Council's capital programme of £1.4m</p>	<p>Delivering more social housing in district is a key objective and providing suitable, self-contained, housing for those in temporary accommodation is important. Accepting this grant is a way in which the council can enable more housing delivery, easing pressures, without significant financial expenditure or risk.</p>	<p>Option 1: Not to transfer the grant to SOHA. The Council is under time pressure to deliver units as conditions of the grant. The government have provided the grant based on the Council's assurance to deliver quickly. To use an alternative delivery method, which is not currently known, risks non-delivery and repayment of the grant. This is therefore rejected.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>1.2 To approve the increase to the Council's capital programme of £1.4m that arises from the report.</p>	<p>that arises from the report be approved.</p>			
<p>Agenda Item 8 Discretionary Housing Payments Policy</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Finance (Section 151 Officer)</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves to:</p> <p>1.1 Note the contents of the reviewed policy for Discretionary Housing Payments.</p> <p>1.2 Approve the policy for</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the contents of the reviewed policy for Discretionary Housing Payments be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the reviewed policy for Discretionary Housing Payments be approved.</p>	<p>Discretionary Housing Payments are vital for residents in the current economic climate and help to support our most vulnerable residents with housing costs. It is recommended that the policy is endorsed by Executive to continue delivering support to these customers.</p>	<p>Option 1: To return the funds to the Department for Works and Pensions. This has been rejected as this would not be in line with Cherwell's objectives of continuing to respond to the cost-of-living crisis and working to prevent homelessness.</p>	<p>None</p>

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Discretionary Housing Payments.				