



Cherwell

DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on Tuesday 16 June 2026**

1. Date of publication of this summary: Wednesday 17 June 2026
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): Items 9 “Response to Motion: Keep Cherwell Tidy” and 10 “Response to Motion: Consultation on move to three-weekly collections” are not subject to call-in as they are responses to motions referred to Executive.
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 Tuesday 23 June 2026
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 7 Wroxton Motocross Article 4 Direction</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Planning</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To agree to make the following non-immediate Article 4 Direction under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.</p> <p>1.2 To authorise the Assistant Director Planning, in consultation with the</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That it be agreed to make the following non-immediate Article 4 Direction under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015.</p> <p>(2) That the Assistant Director Planning, in consultation with the Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement, be authorised to finalise the wording of the Article 4 Direction and to undertake all necessary procedural steps to give effect to the Direction, including</p>	<p>It is proposed that the Executive resolves to make a targeted, non-immediate Article 4 Direction in accordance with the restrictions and reasons set out in sections 4.44 to 4.45 of the report.</p>	<p>Option 1: Make a non-immediate Article 4 Direction unconditionally removing the application of Schedule 2, Part 4 Class B of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015.</p> <p>This option is rejected because, on balance, a qualified Article 4 Direction would result in a more proportionate approach, recognising the historic nature of the land use and toleration of motor racing activity. A qualified Direction is considered more likely to withstand challenge and therefore maximises the prospects of successful control, as opposed to seeking the full removal of permitted</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Deputy Leader - Planning and Enforcement, to finalise the wording of the Article 4 Direction and to undertake all necessary procedural steps to give effect to the Direction, including issuing the Direction, undertaking statutory consultation, notifying the Secretary of State, and reporting back to the Executive for confirmation following consideration of representations.</p> <p>1.3 To note the process for making, consulting upon and confirming an Article 4 Direction, including notification to the Secretary of State and consideration of</p>	<p>issuing the Direction, undertaking statutory consultation, notifying the Secretary of State, and reporting back to the Executive for confirmation following consideration of representations.</p> <p>(3) That the process for making, consulting upon and confirming an Article 4 Direction, including notification to the Secretary of State and consideration of representations prior to confirmation be noted.</p>		<p>development rights, which would carry a greater risk of failure.</p> <p>Option 2: Do not make an Article 4 Direction. This option is rejected because, on balance, the evidence base indicates there is some harm to residential amenity and transport from the current scale and nature of the operation, and, in the absence of a Direction, the Local Planning Authority does not have an effective means to manage the scale and operation of events undertaken under permitted development rights. The Council therefore considers it expedient to make an Article 4 Direction and undertake a statutory</p>	

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<p>representations prior to confirmation.</p>			<p>consultation.</p> <p>Option 3: Make an immediate Article 4 Direction.</p> <p>An immediate Article 4 Direction is considered to be disproportionate. It would give rise also to a significant risk of compensation liability under the GPDO, in respect of abortive expenditure or losses directly attributable to the withdrawal of permitted development rights where such expenditure had already been incurred.</p> <p>This potential liability would arise irrespective of the merits of the Direction and could not be reliably quantified in advance. The Council considers that this exposure represents an</p>	

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			unacceptably high financial risk, such an intervention is not necessary and that the benefit/risk assessment therefore clearly favours a non-immediate approach.	
<p>Agenda Item 8 Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Planning</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To approve all the Examiner's recommendations and modifications (Appendices 1 and 2) to enable the</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That all the Examiner's recommendations and modifications to enable the Neighbourhood Plan, incorporating the recommended modifications be approved to proceed to a referendum.</p> <p>(2) That the issue of a 'decision statement' confirming the Executive's decision</p>	<p>The draft Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan Review has been independently examined and is recommended by the Examiner for referendum subject to the incorporation of a number of modifications. Officers agree with the Examiner's conclusion. It is therefore considered that, with the recommended modifications, the Neighbourhood Plan meets the requisite Basic Conditions and should proceed to referendum.</p>	<p>Option 1: Not to accept all the Examiner's recommendations. Where a local planning authority proposes to make a decision that differs from the Examiner's recommendations it is required to set out these reasons in a Decision Statement which would be subject to further consultation. Officers consider that the Examiner's recommendations should be accepted.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>Neighbourhood Plan, incorporating the recommended modifications (Appendix 3), to proceed to a referendum.</p> <p>1.2 To authorise the issue of a 'decision statement' confirming the Executive's decision including that the Neighbourhood Plan will now proceed to a referendum.</p> <p>1.3 To authorise the Assistant Director Planning to make any minor presentational changes and corrections necessary to ready the Neighbourhood Plan for referendum.</p>	<p>including that the Neighbourhood Plan will now proceed to a referendum be authorised.</p> <p>(3) That the Assistant Director Planning be authorised to make any minor presentational changes and corrections necessary to ready the Neighbourhood Plan for referendum.</p>		<p>Option 2: Not to accept the Examiner's recommendations and not to proceed to a referendum.</p> <p>Option 2 could only be justified if the Examiner recommends that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan should not proceed to a referendum, or the Council is not satisfied that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan has met the procedural and legal requirements. Officers consider that the Examiner's recommendations should be accepted and are of the view that the procedural and legal requirements have been met.</p>	

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<p>Agenda Item 9 Response to Motion: Keep Cherwell Tidy</p> <p>Report of Executive Director Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To note the response.</p> <p>1.2 To endorse the extensive efforts already underway to keep Cherwell tidy.</p> <p>1.3 To endorse development of a series of campaigns throughout the year on keeping communities tidy, rather than a single campaign in March. This will better reflect</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the response to the motion be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the extensive efforts already underway to keep Cherwell tidy be endorsed.</p> <p>(3) That the development of a series of campaigns throughout the year on keeping communities tidy, rather than a single campaign in March, which will better reflect the different needs of rural environments throughout the year be endorsed.</p>	<p>The Council is already undertaking the activities outlined in the council motion, and therefore it is recommended that we continue delivering this vital programme through Environmental Services.</p>	<p>Option 1: Stop activity These activities are already planned as part of the annual service delivery Environmental services. Stopping them would make the district less tidy and dirtier and prevent us from tackling perpetrators of fly-tipping and making them pay.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>the different needs of rural environments throughout the year.</p>				
<p>Agenda Item 10 Response to Motion: Consultation on move to three-weekly collections</p> <p>Report of Executive Director Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To note the response and endorse the commitment to extensive consultation on any proposed changes.</p> <p>1.2 To note there is no</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the response to the motion be noted and the commitment to extensive consultation on any proposed changes be endorsed.</p> <p>(2) That it be noted that there is no decision to proceed with three weekly collections, and this response outlines how any consultation on any proposed significant changes to the service would be conducted in the future.</p>	<p>The council has committed to a thorough and meaningful consultation on any large-scale changes to waste collection and environmental services, including moving to three weekly collections.</p> <p>This is the only option that both meets the Executive’s commitment to “listening to residents” and delivers best value for money when making any changes. It also ensures that future services are designed with residents at the heart of what we do.</p>	<p>Option 1: Do minimal consultation The Executive has committed to thorough and meaningful consultation on this area, with a commitment to “listening to residents” as a core principle throughout the council’s work. Only conducting a minimal consultation would not meet the expectations set by Executive for Cherwell, and as such is not a recommended option.</p> <p>Option 2: No consultation Doing no consultation would not only fail to meet</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>decision to proceed with three weekly collections, and this response outlines how any consultation on any proposed significant changes to the service would be conducted in the future.</p>			<p>the Executives commitment to “listening to residents but would also expose the council to legal challenge on any significant changes to the service. This would increase costs, delay implementation, and not provide best value for money for the council.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 11 Banbury Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Variation</p> <p>Report of Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the introduction of the proposed variation to the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Banbury town centre be approved.</p>	<p>The results of the consultation show support for the variation to the current PSPO in Banbury Town Centre from the public and stakeholder organisations. Therefore, the Executive is recommended to approve the variation to the current PSPO in Banbury Town Centre</p>	<p>Option 1: Not to vary the PSPO. This option is not recommended. The information gathered to support the variation of the PSPO for Banbury town centre demonstrates that there is a continuing problem with ASB occurring in and around Banbury town centre. The consultation outcomes</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>1.1 To consider and agree to the introduction of the proposed variation to the PSPO for Banbury town centre.</p>			<p>show strong support for the variation of the PSPO to continue to tackle this problem.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 12 Housing Civil Penalties Policy</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the new Housing Civil Penalties Policy.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the new Housing Civil Penalties Policy be approved.</p>	<p>It is important that the Council has up to date policies and procedures for key service areas and it is important that they are legislatively and operationally sound.</p>	<p>Option 1: Retain existing policy This is an option that could be taken. However, it would have the following implications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies will not adequately reflect the statutory duty to enforce under section 107 • Ongoing risk of inconsistency across England • Reduced clarity for officers, landlords and tenants • Higher likelihood of 	<p>None</p>

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			<p>legal challenge and policy failure under scrutiny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reputational risk for ineffectively implementing the Renters' Rights Act <p>This option is therefore rejected.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 13 Housing Enforcement Policy</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the new Housing Enforcement Policy.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the new Housing Enforcement Policy be approved.</p>	<p>It is important that the Council has up to date policies and procedures for key service areas and it is important that they are legislatively and operationally sound.</p>	<p>Option 1: Retain existing policy</p> <p>This is an option that could be taken. However, it would have the following implications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies will not adequately reflect the statutory duty to enforce under section 107 • Ongoing risk of inconsistency across England 	<p>None</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced clarity for officers, landlords and tenants • Higher likelihood of legal challenge and policy failure under scrutiny • Reputational risk for ineffectively implementing the Renters' Rights Act <p>This option is therefore rejected.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 14 Community Event Parking in Banbury and Bicester</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Property</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director of Property, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Property and Assets, to approve the</p>	<p>The proposed delegation formalises the Council's longstanding approach to supporting established civic, commemorative and community events through the temporary operational use or closure of limited parking areas where required to facilitate event delivery.</p>	<p>Option 1: Require full payment of parking charges for all events This option was considered but rejected. Military and civic commemorative events are held in recognition of public service and align with the Council's</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>1.1 To delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Property, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Property and Assets, to approve the temporary closure or operational use of District Council parking spaces or car park areas in Banbury and Bicester for civic, commemorative and community events where there is a demonstrable public benefit.</p> <p>1.2 To confirm that commercial or profit-generating events will continue to be subject to the appropriate fees and charges in accordance with the</p>	<p>temporary closure or operational use of District Council parking spaces or car park areas in Banbury and Bicester for civic, commemorative and community events where there is a demonstrable public benefit.</p> <p>(2) That it be confirmed that commercial or profit-generating events will continue to be subject to the appropriate fees and charges in accordance with the Council's adopted schedule of fees and charges.</p>	<p>The proposal does not provide free parking for attendees but enables appropriate operational flexibility to support events which provide clear community and town centre benefit.</p> <p>Granting delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Property, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Property and Assets, provides a proportionate governance framework. It removes the need for repeated Executive reports for recurring events while maintaining appropriate Member oversight and ensuring that commercial events remain subject to the Council's adopted fees and charges.</p>	<p>commitments under the Armed Forces Covenant. Requiring payment in these circumstances would be inconsistent with established practice and could undermine the Council's visible support for such events.</p> <p>In the case of town centre civic and community events, the temporary closure of limited parking areas is typically operational in nature and required to facilitate the safe delivery of the event itself. These arrangements support wider town centre vitality, footfall and community engagement.</p> <p>Option 2: Continue to require separate Executive approval for each event This option was also</p>	

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Council's adopted schedule of fees and charges.			rejected as it results in unnecessary administrative delay and repeated reporting for a small number of established, recurring events. Delegated authority provides a proportionate governance approach while retaining appropriate Member oversight.	
<p>Agenda Item 15 Request for Strategic Development Funding</p> <p>Report of Executive Director Place and Regeneration</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To agree to an</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That an allocation from the Strategic Development Fund of £250k to commission an Economic Plan for Cherwell district and a masterplan for Bicester town centre be agreed and it be noted that monies</p>	<p>This report seeks to agree to an allocation from the Strategic Development Fund of £250k to commission an Economic Plan for Cherwell district and a masterplan for Bicester town centre.</p> <p>Monies would be spent according to CDC financial and procurement regulations led by the Regeneration &</p>	<p>Option 1: Do not proceed with the development of an Economic Plan for Cherwell and a Bicester Masterplan. This alternative would not provide a good foundation for the delivery of the council plans of the coming years or foundation blocks as LGR is enacted.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>allocation from the Strategic Development Fund of £250k to commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Economic Plan for Cherwell district • A masterplan for Bicester town centre. <p>Monies would be spent according to CDC financial and procurement regulations led by the Regeneration & Growth (R&G) service.</p> <p>1.2 To agree to renew Ambassador status with Experience Oxfordshire (£15k) for 26/27, utilising existing service budgets and to agree to consider allocating</p>	<p>would be spent according to CDC financial and procurement regulations led by the Regeneration & Growth (R&G) service.</p> <p>(2) That it be agreed to renew Ambassador status with Experience Oxfordshire (£15k) for 2026/27, utilising existing service budgets and to agree to consider allocating funds in future years as part of the budget-setting process.</p>	<p>Growth (R&G) service.</p> <p>The report also seeks to agree to renew Ambassador status with Experience Oxfordshire (£15k) for 26/27, utilising existing service budgets and to agree to consider allocating funds in future years as part of the budget-setting process.</p> <p>The proposed commissions will help to position the council ahead of future LGR, setting out a clear vision and action plan for economic growth as well as a comprehensive framework for one of the district's primary urban centres. This is particularly important given the scale of development envisaged in the Bicester area over the coming years.</p>	<p>Option 2: Do not proceed with the development of a Bicester Masterplan. This is likely to lead to a more fragmented approach to development and not address the needs of existing communities.</p> <p>Option 3: Do not proceed with the development of an Economic Plan for Cherwell. As Option 1, this would not provide a good foundation block ahead of LGR and would not meet the action set out in the Annual Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Option 4: Do not proceed with renewal of Ambassador status with Experience Oxfordshire. This is likely to have a detrimental effect on</p>	

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funds in future years as part of the budget-setting process.			efforts to support and grow the visitor economy in Cherwell, as referenced by current work to develop a Visitor Economy and High Streets Strategy.	
<p>Agenda Item 16 Finance, Performance and Risk Monitoring End of Year Report 2025-2026</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer) and Head of Chief Executive's Office</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To consider and note the contents of the council's finance, performance, and risk</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the council's finance, performance, and risk management report as at the end of financial year 2025/26 be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the capital outturn position be noted and the capital reprofiling (Appendix 1 to the report) be approved.</p> <p>(3) That the use of reserves and grant</p>	<p>The report updates the Committee on the year-end financial, performance and risk position of the council for 2025/26. Regular reporting is key to good governance and demonstrates that the council is actively managing its financial resources sustainably.</p>	<p>Option 1: This report summarises the council's financial, performance and risk position up to the end of End of Year 2026, therefore there are no alternative options to consider.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>management report as at the end of financial year 2025/26.</p> <p>1.2 To note the capital outturn position and approve the capital reprofiling held in Appendix 1.</p> <p>1.3 To approve the use of reserves and grant funding detailed in Appendix 5.</p> <p>1.4 To approve the use of reserves to be released in 2026/27 detailed in Appendix 6.</p> <p>1.5 To note the balanced outturn position for 2025/26 after the proposed contributions to reserves.</p>	<p>funding detailed in Appendix 5 to the report be approved.</p> <p>(4) That the use of reserves to be released in 2026/27 (set out in Appendix 6 to the report) be approved.</p> <p>(5) That the balanced outturn position for 2025/26 after the proposed contributions to reserves be noted.</p>			

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<p>Agenda Item 17 Appointments to Partnerships, Outside Bodies, Member Champions and Shareholder Committee 2026/27</p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To make appointments to partnerships, outside bodies, the Shareholder Committee, Member Champions and advisory groups for the 2026/2027 municipal year as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That appointments to partnerships, outside bodies, the Shareholder Committee, Member Champions and advisory groups for the 2026/2027 municipal year be made as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Law and Governance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to appoint Members to any outstanding vacancies and make changes to appointments,</p>	<p>It is proposed that representatives are appointed to Partnerships, Outside Bodies, Shareholder Committee and as Member Champions as set out at Appendix 1 to ensure that the Council is represented and maintains links with partnerships and outside bodies.</p> <p>Delegation to the Assistant Director Law and Governance, in consultation with the Leader provides flexibility for the remainder of the Municipal Year to appoint to any outstanding vacancies, or if amendments are required to any appointments, and ensures they are made in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Option 1: Not to appoint representatives to outside bodies, partnerships and as Member Champions. This is not recommended as the internal working groups would be ineffective and the Council would not be represented on these outside bodies and could miss valuable information and opportunities.</p>	<p>None</p>

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<p>1.2 To delegate authority to the Assistant Director Law and Governance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to appoint Members to any outstanding vacancies and make changes to appointments, including new appointments, as may be required during the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.</p> <p>1.3 To remind appointed members to update their Register of Interests as may be required, to reflect these appointments.</p>	<p>including new appointments, as may be required during the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.</p> <p>(3) That appointed Members be reminded to update their Register of Interests as may be required, to reflect these appointments.</p>			
Agenda Item 19	Resolved	As set out in the exempt	As set out in the exempt	None

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<p>Planned Preventive Maintenance (PPM) - Property Services - Facilities Management - Managed Buildings</p> <p>Exempt report of Assistant Director Property</p>	<p>(1) As set out in the exempt decision notice.</p> <p>(2) As set out in the exempt decision notice.</p>	<p>decision notice.</p>	<p>decision notice.</p>	