



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Forward Plan Summary

July 2012 to October 2012

Cherwell District Council

Summary of the Forward Plan

This summary of the Forward Plan, (produced by officers on behalf of the Leader of the Council) sets out the key Executive decisions which will be taken at Cherwell District Council. Whilst this document provides details of the key decisions for the next four month period (set out on the front cover of this document), where details of key decisions to be made after this period are known, they will be provided for information.

The Forward Plan will be updated and rolled forward on a monthly basis. As this takes place, the programme will be adjusted: further key decisions may be added, or anticipated ones may be rescheduled or removed. The summary shows the decisions programmed to be taken during each month. A likely date of decision is shown, but it is possible that a decision may be rescheduled to a later month.

The full Forward Plan, including the latest position on prospective decisions is available on the council website at www.cherwell.gov.uk, using the link to Council meetings.

Key Decisions

A key decision is a 'significant' decision that is legally within the power of the Council to make, is not precluded by statute from being made under Executive arrangements and is not otherwise retained for decision by Council or delegated to a Committee of Council or officer by the Council's Constitution.

Significance – A decision is significant if it meets the financial and/or community impact criteria:

- Financial: A decision that will result in the Council:
 - Incurring potential revenue expenditure or savings above £50,000
 - Incurring potential capital expenditure or savings above £250,000
 - Procuring or awarding any contract having a total value exceeding £500,000

and / or

- Community Impact: A decision that is significant in its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards in the area of the Council. That is a decision where:
 - A significant number of users of the service in the Ward(s) will be affected and / or
 - An impact that will last for a number of years, or be permanent; and / or
 - A significant impact on communities in terms of environmental and social well-being.

The following are not regarded by the Council to constitute key decisions:

- Implementing approved budgets or policies and strategies where there is little or no further choice involved and the main decision has already been taken by the council in agreeing the budget and policy framework.
- Implementing approved actions and targets in annual service plans.

- Decisions by the Head of Finance which are part of the ordinary financial administration of the Authority, notably those relating to investments, within the agreed Treasury Management Policy.
- Implementing projects for which specific conditions have been attached by external funders, such as the Government or European Union.
- The award of contract for the provision of works, goods and services, within an agreed policy and budget and where a decision has been made.
- Changes arising from amendments to statute where there is little or no discretion.

For a decision to be key, there must be a significant degree of discretion to be exercised by the decision-maker.

For further information on the Forward Plan, please contact:

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Comments on the matters for decision may be made to the relevant contact officer up to the date of the meeting, unless otherwise specified in the consultation details.

Cherwell District Council – Executive Members 2012/2013

Area of Responsibility	Lead Member
Leader of the Council	Councillor Barry Wood
Deputy Leader of the Council	Councillor George Reynolds
Lead Member for Clean and Green	Councillor Nigel Morris
Lead Member for Financial Management	Councillor Ken Atack
Lead Member for Performance and Customers	Councillor Nicholas Turner
Lead Member for Banbury Brighter Futures	Councillor John Donaldson
Lead Member for Public Protection	Councillor Tony Ilott
Lead Member for Planning	Councillor Michael Gibbard
Lead Member for Estates and the Economy	Councillor Norman Bolster
Lead Member for Housing	Councillor Debbie Pickford

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Key decisions on which reports will be submitted to the Executive for consideration:

Subject for Decision	External Consultees/ method of consultation	Executive Lead Member	Contact Officer(s)
Likely date of decision: July 2012			
High Speed 2 (HS2) Update To consider an update on HS2		Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110
New Homes Bonus To consider operation of the new homes bonus		Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110
Oxford Canal Conservation Area Designation To consider the Oxford Canal Conservation Area Designation		Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell, Claire Sutton-Abbott Tel: 0300 003 0110, Tel: 01295 221608
Low Carbon Environmental Strategy 2012 To consider the Low Carbon Environmental Strategy 2012		Lead Member for Clean and Green	Ed Potter Tel: 0300 003 0105
Medium Term Financial Strategy To consider the Medium Term Financial Strategy		Lead Member for Financial Management	Karen Curtin Tel: 0300 003 0106
Banbury Brighter Futures To receive an update on Banbury Brighter Futures		Lead Member for Banbury Brighter Futures	Ian Davies Tel: 0300 003 0101
Programme Board Update To consider an update on the Programme Board	Appropriate Consultation will take place at the project level	- Leader of the Council	Jo Pitman Tel: 0300 003 0108
Local Government Resources Review and Welfare Reform To consider an overview of the Local Government Resources Review and Welfare Reform		Lead Member for Financial Management	Martin Henry Tel: 0300 003 0102
High Street Innovation To consider proposals for high street innovation		Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110
Heseltine Review of Government Barriers to Public Sector Growth To consider the Council's consultation response to the Heseltine Review of Government Barriers to Public Sector Growth		Lead Member for Estates and the Economy	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110

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Banbury Masterplan To consider the Banbury Masterplan proposals	Consultation with stakeholders. Formal public consultation.	Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110

Likely date of decision: August 2012 - Please note no meeting scheduled for August

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2012/13 Quarter 1 Finance Report To consider the 2012/13 Quarter 1 Finance Report	Briefings with Lead Member; Finance Scrutiny Working Group	Lead Member for Financial Management	Karen Curtin Tel: 0300 003 0106
Performance Management Framework - Quarter 1 Report To consider the quarter 1 performance management framework report	Briefings with Lead Member; Performance Scrutiny Working Group	Lead Member for Performance and Customers	Claire Taylor Tel: 0300 0030113
Local Government Resources Review and Welfare Reform To consider a further update on Local Government Resources Review and Welfare Reform		Lead Member for Financial Management	Martin Henry Tel: 0300 003 0102
Economic Development Action Plan To consider the Economic Development Action Plan		Lead Member for Estates and the Economy	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110
2013/14 Budget Strategy, Service & Financial Planning Process and 2013/14 Budget Guidelines To inform the Executive of the service and financial planning process for 2013/14, approve 2013/14 budget strategy and to agree budget guidelines for issue to service managers to enable the production of the 2013/14 budget and update the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2013/14 onwards.	Joint Management Team; briefings with Lead Members; formal public consultation will take place on the draft 2013/14 budget and business plan	Lead Member for Financial Management	Karen Curtin Tel: 0300 003 0106
Banbury Museum Trust To consider Banbury Museum Trust proposals		Lead Member for Estates and the Economy	Chris Rothwell Tel: 0300 003 0104

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Likely date of decision: October 2012			
Schedule 2 Chargeable Household Waste To consider a report on Schedule 2 Chargeable Household Waste		Lead Member for Clean and Green	Ed Potter, Ian Davies Tel: 0300 003 0105, Tel: 0300 003 0101
Joint Working Business Cases To consider business cases for joint working, if any, arising from the July 2012 meeting of the Joint Arrangements Steering Group	All business cases are considered by the Joint Management Team and Joint Arrangements Steering Group. Formal consultation with affected staff and unions.	- Leader of the Council	Sue Smith Tel: 0300 003 0100

Likely date of decision: Future Items to be Scheduled			
Banbury Canalside Supplementary Planning Document To consider the representations received to the Banbury Canalside Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to seek endorsement of changes made to the draft SPD. To seek endorsement to adopt the SPD as informal planning policy for development control purposes.	All Public consultation on Banbury Canalside Draft Supplementary Planning Document for 6 weeks.	Lead Member for Planning	Chris Thom Tel: 01295 221849
Bicester Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document To consider the Bicester Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document and public consultation responses	Consultation with stakeholders. Formal public consultation.	Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110
Bolton Road and Spiceball Supplementary Planning Document To consider the Bolton Road and Spiceball supplementary planning document	Consultation with stakeholders. Formal public consultation.	Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110
Adoption of Conservation and Design Strategy To seek approval to adopt the Conservation and Design Strategy	Public consultation	Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110

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Communications Strategy To consider the Communications Strategy		Deputy Leader of the Council	Jo Pitman Tel: 0300 003 0108
HS2 Response to Safeguarding Consultation To consider a response to the HS2 safeguarding consultation.		Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110
HS2 Response to Compensation Consultation To consider the response to the HS2 compensation consultation.		Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110
HS2 Response to Environmental Strategy Consultation To consider the response to the HS2 environmental strategy consultation.		Lead Member for Planning	Adrian Colwell Tel: 0300 003 0110