

**Cherwell District Council : 2013/2014  
Programmes - Quarter 3 (December 2013)**

Ref	Programme	Quarter 2 30/09/2013	Quarter 3 31/12/2013	Direction of Travel	Comments on Performance
<b>Place Programme</b>					
CPP01	Eco Town Bicester	G	G	⇒	Work commences in Quarter 1 2014 on Exemplar development at NW Bicester Masterplanning for NW Bicester progressing with public consultation taking place in Quarter 4 2013 Measures to support transition to a low carbon economy progressing within the town.
CPP02	Bicester Town Centre	G	G	⇒	The design works have recommenced with the tentative agreement from the Travelodge board that they wish to identify 53 rooms within this development. The additional capital funding for this is being progressed
CPP03	Banbury Brighter Futures	G	G	⇒	Funding commitments have been made to Homestart for work in Grimsbury, the Credit Union for outreach work and for cognitive behaviour training. These total £17.6k. A partners engagement event in November 2013 is expected to bring forward for new ideas and projects later in the year and in 2014/15.
<b>Transformation Programme</b>					
CTP01	ICT Shared Services	A	A	⇒	The Project Board began regular meetings again from November 14 2013 and will review the original business case from 2010 against current circumstances - including the scope change proposal to extend harmonisation across a third Council - and the outline plans for this third stage. Risks around capacity have increased slightly since the last report. There are two events causing this increase: the amount of work generated through "business as usual" helpdesk calls have grown (linked to the recent loss of two experienced helpdesk staff and their vacancies being covered by more junior/less experienced staff) and the imminent loss of the Information Systems Manager.
CTP02	Service Transformation	G	A	⇒	The HR Shared Service is in the final stages of recruitment,(2 posts are currently unfilled on a permanent basis but are being covered temporarily, pending the recruitment process) but has nevertheless shown very positive signs of embedding well so far, and is being received well by managers, employees and the trade unions across both councils.  Plans to bring business cases forward in January for Community Services and Benefit Fraud are on track.  Plans for a three way ICT service and a two way Legal Service have been deferred pending the implementation of a new 3 way joint working group, and both are unlikely to be considered before January, causing a delay against the planned schedule, leading to the current assessment of this project as off-track, until we have a new schedule agreed.