

Council

Monday 15 December 2025

Motions – proposed amendment to motion

	Topic	Proposer	Seconders
1	Free Parking on Remembrance Sunday <i>No amendments permitted</i>	Cllr Donna Ford	Cllr Ian Harwood
2	Supporting our High Streets <i>No amendments permitted</i>	Cllr Dr Chukwudi Okeke	Cllr Eddie Reeves
3	Fire Services in Cherwell <i>One amendment received</i>	Cllr Andrew Crichton	Cllr Rebecca Biegel

For information, the Cherwell Conservative and Independent Alliance Group Leader advised that the proposer and seconder for the motion: Supporting our High Streets.

One amendment has been received on the motion: Fire Services in Cherwell.

MOTION THREE (Council debate)

Motion Proposer: Councillor Andrew Crichton

Motion Secunder: Councillor Rebecca Biegel

Topic: Fire Services in Cherwell

Motion

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3. Cherwell is a growing district which places greater demand on local emergency response capacity.
4. The proposals could affect response times and lead to diminished fire cover for incidents across Cherwell and Oxfordshire. The FBU has said the implementation of 12 hour shifts is unsafe.

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3. That decisions on fire service changes must prioritise public safety above financial or administrative considerations.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support residents and Firefighters in Oxfordshire by making clear our opposition to the reduction in Firefighter numbers, implementation of 12 hour shifts, and the merger of Kidlington and Rewley Fire Stations.”

Proposed amendment (changes struck through and red font)

Proposer of Amendment: Councillor David Hingley

Seconder of Amendment: Councillor Lesley McLean

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CLEAN VERSION OF MOTION WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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