

Cherwell District Council - December 2025

Illegal landfill in Kidlington

There has been much news coverage of the enormous fly tip alongside the A34 and River Cherwell in Kidlington. The tip is 6m high and 150m long and comprises chopped waste mixed with soil. Callum Miller has estimated that the cost as to be more than the annual budget of Cherwell District Council. A local fisherman first reported the incident to the Environment agency in September who said, "The Environment Agency will try to "ensure those responsible" for the waste cleared it up." Until responsibility is resolved it unlikely that the tip will be removed but that will not reduce the risk of a pollution incident in the River Cherwell. BBC Report <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5y4dxlgkp4o>

Planning training and support for Town and Parish Councils approved

I'm delighted that my motion has been agreed and that Cherwell District Council will assist Town and Parish councils in the planning process. I also hope that we can find ways to ensure that infrastructure is kept within the communities taking the housing and I'll continue to push for the maximum increase in Primary Care services.

Planning

Whilst the planning committee meeting was quite quiet, that's not the case across the district. Work continues on the major developments and another site in the NW Bicester Development masterplan has come forward for 400 homes.

Local Government Reorganisation

The three plans have been considered and will be submitted to the Government shortly. Work at Cherwell now turns to Devolution and preparation for a mayor. Oxfordshire County Council will be leading on this as the lead authority but CDC still have a role to play. The expression of interest will be submitted to the Government before Christmas.

Transformation Program

Cherwell District Council's transformation program is a multifaceted initiative focused on improving services and operations, with key projects including a significant IT and data transformation to a cloud-based infrastructure and the development of a new "Cherwell Futures" program. This includes partnerships with City of Oxford Council and West Oxfordshire District Council on waste collection services and a review of other council functions.

Primary Care

I joined the Rural Services network Rural health and Care seminar and there are two things that may be of interest:

<https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/rural-lens-review-10-year-health-plan> a summary of the government plans for health from a rural perspective.

Have Your Say: Delivering for All Survey

<https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/have-your-say-delivering-for-all-survey>

If you live in a village, small town, hamlet or isolated rural area, please take just 8–10 minutes to share your experiences. The survey covers housing, healthcare, transport, digital connectivity, planning and net zero, all areas that affect everyday rural life.

Your anonymous responses will directly inform RSN's work with Government, MPs and Select Committees.

Budget Consultation

Cherwell District Council opens consultation on budget savings

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/news/article/1265/cherwell-district-council-opens-consultation-on-budget-savings>

The Cherwell District Council executive has published their consultation on their 2026-27 budget. While there are some positive proposed capital investments, including kerbside glass collection and support for temporary housing. We are very concerned about some elements, including proposals to move to a three-weekly green waste collection.

My council colleagues Cllr Eddie Reeves and Cllr Zoe McLernon, have requested further consultation on this matter, please do put forward your views on the budget before the budget consultation closes on 20 December.

As always, I'm happy to take any questions on this on this report or on any other matter.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Cllr David Rogers

Cherwell District Council