

Glossary of Terms

Cherwell Community Planning Partnership (CCPP) – is Cherwell's Local Strategic Partnership. It that brings together organisations from the public, private, community and voluntary sector, with the objective of working together to improve the quality of life in a local area. It has a responsibility to monitor the delivery of the Cherwell Community Plan.

Cherwell Community Plan – is Cherwell's Sustainable Community Strategy. Based upon extensive research it sets out the priorities for the Cherwell area.

Community Engagement – involving the community through consultation and shared decision-making to make services more responsive to their needs and aspirations.

Comprehensive Area Assessment - the way that the Audit Commission will assess how well public services are performing in their area.

Consultation - a process that asks people and organisations for their views.

Duty to involve - All local authorities will have formal responsibility from April 2009 to inform, consult and involve the people they serve.

Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) - an assessment that judges the effect that a policy or activity will have on people of different gender, age, faith, ethnicity, disability, and sexual orientation.

Key Performance Indicator's (KPIs) - are tools that help us to measure the Council's performance.

Local Area Agreement (LAA) - Local area agreements are performance agreements made between central and local government in a local area. For Cherwell the 'local area' is Oxfordshire.

Local Development Framework (LDF) - The name for the new local plan which sets out future planning of the District. The LDF determines, amongst other things, where houses should be built, what land can be used for businesses, what areas need to be protected.

Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) - A partnership that brings together organisations from the public, private, community and voluntary sector within the district, with the objective of working together to improve the quality of life in a local area.

Local Planning Authority (LPA) - The local authority or council that is empowered by law to exercise planning functions, in Cherwell this is Cherwell District Council.

National Indicators (NIs) - A range of 198 national performance indicators set by the Government, which enable councils to monitor their performance in delivering a range of services. Because all authorities have to calculate the indicators in exactly the same way it allows performance to be compared with other local authorities.

Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) - (sometimes referred to as the **community strategy** or **community plan**) - The long term vision and action plan articulating the aspirations, needs and priorities of the local community, prepared by the Local Strategic Partnership. The SCS is based on fact. For Cherwell the SCS is the 'Cherwell Community Plan', for Oxfordshire it is 'Oxfordshire 2030'.

Stakeholder -a group, body, organisation or individual, with a social, economic, environmental or professional interest in the District. The Council may consult with these bodies depending on the nature and scope of the documents being produced.

Oxfordshire 2030 – the sustainable community strategy covering Oxfordshire. It sets out a long term vision for Oxfordshire and needs to take account and compliment the Cherwell Community Plan.

Oxfordshire Partnership (OP) – Oxfordshire's Local Strategic Partnership. A partnership that brings together organisations from the public, private, community and voluntary sector within the county, with the objective of working together to improve the quality of life for Oxfordshire. Cherwell is represented on OP by the Chair of Cherwell Community Planning Partnership and the Leader of Cherwell District Council.

Quartile Performance – National indicators allow performance to be compared to other authorities. Top quartile performance would indicate performance at the same level of the top 25% of authorities nationally.

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