

Supplementary Papers

Council

held in the The Ridgeway, The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY
on Wednesday, 8 March 2017 at 7.00 pm

Open to the public including the press

5. Single unitary council for Oxfordshire (Pages 2 - 7)

The attached papers were table at the meeting.

- (a)
- (b)

Full Council (every elected unitary councillor)
Sets budget and policy framework

Leader & Cabinet
Strategic decisions

Scrutiny
Oversight of Executive functions

Planning, regulatory
and other committees

Former "Cherwell" Area Planning Committee

Former "Oxford" Area Planning Committee

Former "South" Area Planning Committee

Former "Vale" Area Planning Committee

Former "West" Area Planning Committee

Area Executive Board
Local Decisions

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...Area Executive
Boards x15-20

Oxford City Council
Community Leadership

Town
Councils
Community
Leadership

...Town
Councils
x 16

Parish
Councils
Community
Leadership

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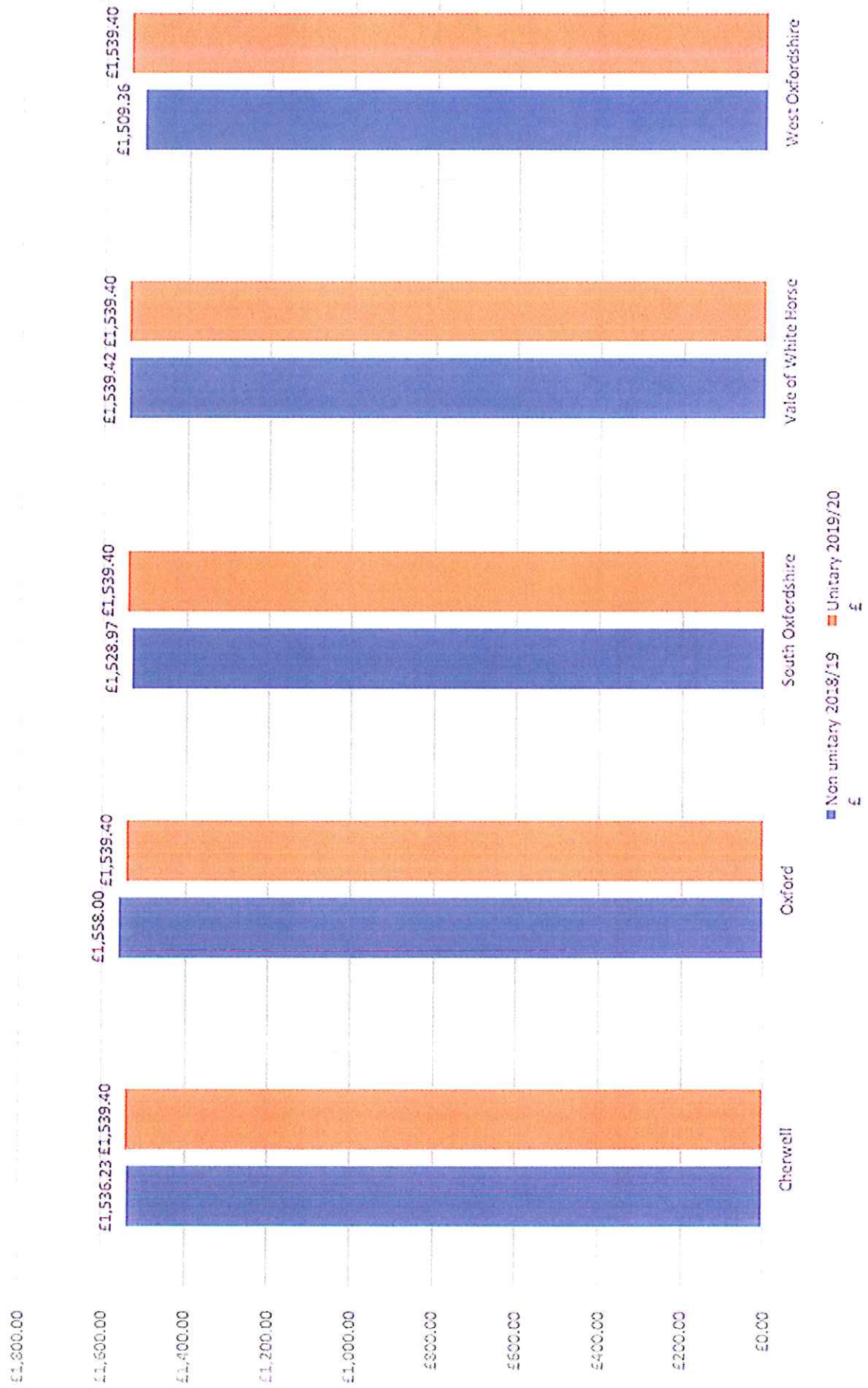
Parish
Councils
x 200+

Powers & functions
devolved to city, town and parish councils
depending on size, capabilities and local appetite.

		Oxfordshire Proposals			
		One Oxfordshire	Better Oxfordshire	Wiltshire	Cornwall
Name	Executive area boards on current district/city geography	Executive area boards at a more local level Bespoke arrangements for Oxford City area additional to boards	Executive area boards at a more local level Bespoke arrangements for Oxford City area additional to boards	Area Boards at a local level	Community networks
Description	Localised decision making and budgets – presumption for local decision making	Localised decision making and budgets – presumption for local decision making with significant powers	Localised decision making and budgets – presumption for local decision making with significant powers	Localised decision making and budgets	Localised decision making and budgets, with emphasis on devolution to towns and parishes
Membership	Unitary councillors	Unitary councillors (voting) Representatives of towns and parishes and other agencies (non-voting)	Unitary councillors (voting) Representatives of towns and parishes and other agencies (non-voting)	Unitary Councillors Representatives of towns and parishes Other partners (eg police, NHS, MoD)	Unitary councillors Representatives of towns and parishes Other partners (eg police, NHS)
Number	5	To be determined by further work of the proposed Joint Committee, illustrated in the proposal as potentially around 15-20 based specifically on engagement feedback	To be determined by further work of the proposed Joint Committee, illustrated in the proposal as potentially around 15-20 based specifically on engagement feedback	18	19
Status	Committee of the Council	Formal Committee of the Council (only Councillors vote)	Formal Committee of the Council (only Councillors vote)	Committee of the Council (only Councillors vote)	Informal network community networks
Key features of the model	Significant devolved powers, decision making and resources to area boards	Significant devolved powers, decision making and resources to area boards – detail to be developed by Joint Committee Most local level for decision making Holding to account council executive, officers and other agencies on local matters Local engagement on unitary-wide matters such as consultees on the budget and formulation of policy Creation of dedicated 'area' plans to target resources and direct activity Local relationship building	Significant devolved powers, decision making and resources to area boards – detail to be developed by Joint Committee Most local level for decision making Holding to account council executive, officers and other agencies on local matters Local engagement on unitary-wide matters such as consultees on the budget and formulation of policy Creation of dedicated 'area' plans to target resources and direct activity Local relationship building	Community leadership and influence Community Area grants (community and youth groups) Consultation and engagement (eg. on local transport) Minor works budget (~£15k per board)	Community networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public forums Leadership on local priorities Providing local voice Promoting wellbeing of the local area and communities Relationship building
Local planning	Area boards take local planning decisions, with a strategic planning committee for the county	Five local planning committees and a strategic planning committee – to be revised as new planning framework develops, but in the interim need to reflect existing Local Plan areas.	Five local planning committees and a strategic planning committee – to be revised as new planning framework develops, but in the interim need to reflect existing Local Plan areas.	Four local planning committees and a strategic planning committee	Three local planning committees and a strategic planning committee

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Non unitary 2018/19 Council Tax compared to Unitary Council Tax 2019/20



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Saving from Unitary Council Tax 2018/19 - Oxford less £150

