

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY

Date: Tuesday 8 September 2015
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Rennes Room, Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business.

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Membership -

Councillors Morse (Chair), George (Deputy Chair), Brimble, Bull, Buswell, Hannan, Holland, Newby, Packham, Raybould, Shiel, Vizard and Wardle

Agenda

Part I: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public present

9 Portfolio Holders Report

Councillor RM Hannaford (Portfolio Holder for Housing Revenue Account),
Councillor Morris (Portfolio Holder for Customer Access) and Councillor Owen
(Portfolio Holder for Health and Place) will present their respective work
programmes and take questions.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Scrutiny Committee - Community will be held on **Tuesday** 10 November 2015 at 5.30 pm in the Civic Centre.

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Portfolio Holder Priorities 2015/16

The work programme for the Portfolio Holders for Housing Revenue Account, Customer Access and Health and Place is set out below.

Progress will be regularly monitored against each of these priorities and an update report will be presented back to this committee in January 2016.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Rob Hannaford	
We will:	
1	Finalise and approve a new Housing Strategy for the period 2015-2020.
2	Undertake a programme of further investment to improve standards in our social housing stock.
3	Undertake further work to improve the management of our housing assets and achieve greater value for money from housing contracts
4	Examine alternative options for communicating with and engaging with Council tenants.
CUSTOMER ACCESS	
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Heather Morris	
We will:	
1	Introduce a more disciplined approach to meeting homelessness demand to reduce spending
2	Ensure accuracy of claims to protect subsidy
3	Continue to work with external providers to drive efficiency and joined up service delivery through programmes such as the Troubled Families Programme, Integrated Care Exeter and the Exeter Community Hub to mobilise resources around individuals and families in need
4	Introduce further initiatives to improve standards in the private rented sector
5	Work with relevant partners to develop a Homelessness Strategy for Exeter
6	Develop proposals for the Local Council Tax Scheme 2017/18
7	Prepare for further Welfare Reform Changes, making Members aware of the impact on residents
8	Support residents back to financial independence by looking at closer working with Job Centre Plus, facilitating Credit Union provision and providing money management and debt advice
9	Implement a revised policy for the allocation of social housing
10	Continue to work with partners to redesign services to address rough sleeping in the city

HEALTH AND PLACE

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Keith Owen

We will:

1	Seek council approval for the implementation of a Public Spaces Protection Order to control anti-social behaviour in the wider city centre area
2	Increase the recycling rate from 34% (14/15) to 35% (15/16)
3	Improve cleansing of the city centre
4	Agree the required budget savings from the Public Realm budget and implement the changes necessary to deliver those savings without having a major impact on reputation
5	Agree a solution to the issue of excess weeds and highways verge growth in Exeter with Devon County Council
6	Resolve responsibilities for management of the Exe Estuary Harbour
7	Complete the restructure of the Public Realm directorate and implement the new ways of working to keep the city looking good
8	Support the further development of the Exwick Sports Hub through the transfer of playing fields to Exeter College
9	Have a renewed Gambling Policy approved by the Council that incorporates the latest guidance issued by the Gambling Commission in March 2015
10	Reduce the carbon footprint of our fleet vehicles by 3% from the 2014/15 level
11	Tailor the commercial waste service better to meet the needs of customers by i) examining the feasibility of early evening collections; ii) seeking to introduce by March 2016 an evening collection if justified in line with customer demand

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Portfolio Holder Priorities 2015/16

Priorities for all Portfolio Holders are included for information.

Members will note that some Portfolio Holders report to a different scrutiny committee and are unable to take questions at all committees.

Progress will be regularly monitored against each of these priorities and an update report will be presented back to this committee in January 2016.

Portfolio Holder for Health and Place: Councillor Keith Owen

Our plans for 2015/16

1. Address antisocial behaviour by introducing a Public Spaces Protection Order
2. Increase the recycling rate from 34% to 35%
3. Improve cleansing of the city centre and implement new ways of keeping the city looking good
4. Work with Devon County Council to tackle the issue of weeds and highway verges
5. Review management of the Exe Estuary Harbour
6. Support Exwick Sports Hub by transferring the playing fields to Exeter College
7. Renew the Gambling Policy
8. Reduce the carbon footprint of our vehicles by 3%
9. Consider an evening trade waste collection service

Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture: Councillor Rosie Denham

Our plans for 2015/16

1. Enhance the knowledge economy with particular emphasis on the Innovation Exeter initiative to raise the profile of the area for inward investment and to address skills development
2. Deliver a successful Rugby World Cup 2015
3. Procure an operator for the new leisure complex
4. Work with the Business Improvement District (BID) Board to progress the City Centre Strategy
5. Optimise tourism activities
6. Look at alternative governance arrangements of the RAMM
7. Adopt a new Parking Strategy and develop the Parking Action Plan
8. Replace the Pay on Foot barrier and ticketing systems in Mary Arches Street and Guildhall car parks
9. Develop a new Waterways Partnership for Exeter to steer the future of Exeter's waterways

Portfolio Holder for City Development: Councillor Rachel Sutton

Our plans for 2015/16

1. Continue to work towards low carbon initiatives including district heating schemes at Monkerton, City Centre and SW Exeter and sustainable travel proposals including railway station provision and improvements, park and ride and delivery of footpath/cycle networks
2. Progress the carbon reduction initiative programme and explore the concept of Exeter as a City Lab that pioneers technology and innovative use of data
3. Submit a Development Delivery Plan to the government and start work on a longer-term planning and infrastructure strategy for Greater Exeter
4. Negotiate local labour/contractor agreements as part of new planning commitments
5. Progress delivery of IKEA, Princesshay Leisure and the leisure complex and address issue posed by retail proposals in the Honiton Road corridor and at M5 Junction 27
6. Ensure council consents are in place to deliver the Exe Flood Prevention Scheme
7. Work with the University of Exeter to provide appropriate student accommodation
8. Establish the business case for the creation of a new Housing Development Company

Portfolio Holder for Enabling Services: Councillor Ollie Pearson

Our plans for 2015/16

1. Improve procurement arrangements
2. Maximise income opportunities from the Civic Centre and Guildhall
3. Enable customers to self-serve via digital services
4. Progress the development agreement for the Princesshay Leisure scheme at the Bus and Coach Station site
5. Implement the recommendations in relation to the ward boundary changes for Exeter
6. Prepare a Corporate Asset Management Plan
7. Deliver a robust health and safety compliance regime for corporate property
8. Roll out the Renewables Investment Programme
9. Progress the Council's aim to be a energy-neutral Council

Portfolio Holder for Customer Access: Councillor Heather Morris

Our plans for 2015/16

1. Publish a Homelessness Strategy to ensure efficient and effective management of homelessness
2. Work with partners to deliver joint programmes, including Targeted Families, Integrated Care Exeter and Exeter Community Hub
3. Improve standards in the private rented sector
4. Prepare for further changes to local welfare including the Local Council Tax Scheme

5. Help customers with their financial challenges by continuing to work with Job Centre Plus, providing money management and debt advice and facilitating a Credit Union
6. Revise the Council's policy for the allocation of social housing
7. Work with partners to tackle rough sleeping, within current resources

Portfolio Holder for Housing Revenue Account: Councillor Rob Hannaford

Our plans for 2015/16

1. Agree a new Housing Strategy 2015-2020
2. Improve standards in our social housing stock
3. Improve the management of our housing assets and achieve greater value for money from housing contracts
4. Examine alternative options for communicating with and engaging council tenants

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