

## Executive

### Statement of Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 15 July 2014. Decisions made by the Executive will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Sarah Selway, Democratic Services (Committees) Manager on 01392 265275 or email [sarah.selway@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.selway@exeter.gov.uk)

#### Annual Scrutiny Report 2013/14

<b>Agreed</b>	That the report and the progress and direction of Scrutiny over the past year, together with the proposals on direction for the forthcoming year, be noted.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To ensure that the Council has a robust Scrutiny process.

#### Members' Allowances 2014/15

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That it is recommended to Council that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as set out in the report, be agreed;</li> <li>(2) a detailed survey be undertaken amongst Councillors to ascertain their time commitments whilst undertaking their various Member roles;</li> <li>(3) a representative from the South West Employers together with an Independent Advisor on Members' Allowances be invited to join this Council's Independent Panel on Members' Allowances, to replace two of the existing Panel members; and</li> <li>(4) up to £5,000 be made available to cover any costs associated with the proposed review.</li> </ol>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Redesign of the Council's Private Rented Schemes

<b>Agreed</b>	That the changes proposed to the current direct lettings and in-house management scheme outlined in this report be approved.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Review into the policy for allocating social housing - Report of Task and Finish Group

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That a six week consultation with households on the housing register, partners (housing associations, Devon County Council, neighbouring local authorities, voluntary sector agencies etc) and staff be undertaken on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to restrict eligibility for housing to those with an evidenced housing need within the policy and thereby removing Band E;</li><li>• to remove applications where people do not bid for 12 months or refuse three properties deemed suitable for their needs;</li><li>• to give additional priority for working households and those who make a contribution to the local community; and</li><li>• to only register applicants with a local connection of two year's residence in Devon; and</li></ul> <p>The outcomes of the consultation to be reported back to Executive.</p>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Creation of an additional Post of Project Support Officer in City Development

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council the City Development establishment be increased by a further full time post of Project Support Officer with effect from Council on 29 July 2014 and that budgets be adjusted accordingly.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Council response on petition in respect of badgers

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That the Council:-</p> <p>(1) continue to comply with the Protection of Badger's Act 1992; and</p> <p>(2) prohibit badger culling on Council owned land.</p>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Rugby World Cup 2015 Update

<b>Agreed</b>	That the position be noted.
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## Future of the Waterways

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That it is recommended to Council that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) the draft Harbour Revision Order submitted to the Department of Transport is no longer viable and should not be pursued, and an alternative course of action was now required for the management of the Estuary, Quay, Basin and Canal; and</li><li>(2) a review be undertaken of the options open to the City Council in respect of the future management of the Estuary, Quay, Basin and Canal, in consultation with users of the Port of Exeter area.</li></ul>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To resolve the outstanding draft Harbour Revision Order and to scope an alternative way forward for the future management of the Estuary, Quay, Basin and Canal.

## Update on Consortium Bid for Major Arts Council Funding for the RAMM

<b>Agreed</b>	That the RAMM's bid to the Arts Council for a Major Partner Museum Grants Programme covering the period of 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 be endorsed.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Exeter Economic Development Strategy

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That the:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Exeter Economic Development Strategy be approved; and</li><li>(2) City Council work with neighbouring public authorities to adopt the Living Wage as the standard for their lowest paid employees and to promote this principle and the benefit of paying the Living Wage to employers in general across Exeter and its wider economy.</li></ul>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Capital Monitoring 2014/15 and Revised Capital Programme for 2014/15 and Future Years

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council to approve the:-  (1) overall position in respect of the 2013/14 annual capital programme; and  (2) amendments and further funding request to the Council's annual capital programme for 2014/15.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Overview of the Revenue Budget 2014/15

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council to:-  (1) approve the net transfer of £3,419,871 to Earmarked Reserves as detailed in paragraph 8.3.6;  (2) approve the supplementary budget of £267,310 as details in paragraph 8.3.8;  (3) note Earmarked Reserves at 31 March 2014;  (4) note the Council Tax account and collection rate;  (5) note the outstanding sundry debt, aged debt analysis and debt write-off figures;  (6) note the creditor payments performance;  (7) take into account the overall financial position of the Council and approve the General Fund working balance at 31 March 2014 at £3,364,637; and  (8) approve the Housing Revenue Account working balance at 31 March 2014 at £5,963,219 and approve the Council Own Build working balance at £103,512.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Treasury Management 2013/14

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council to approve the Treasury Management report for the 2013/14 financial year.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Local Government Pension Scheme Discretions

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That it is recommended to Council:-</p> <p>(1) to approve and publish the Employer Discretions Policies contained in Appendices A and B attached to this report in accordance with the requirements of the LGPS Regulations and subject to the following changes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>changing Appendix B discretion B30(2) to read as follows: "This discretion will be used where there is no cost to the Council (or the application is made under and meets the grounds for waiving the actuarial reduction - see discretion B30(5)); and</li> <li>inclusion of the discretions in relation to Shared Cost Additional Voluntary Contribution Arrangement (Regulation R17(1) &amp; TP15(1)(d) &amp; A25(3)) in Appendix A in line with the principles outlined in the report, with the discretion being "The Council does not apply these discretions."</li> </ul> <p>(2) that any decision to be taken when discretion would apply should be made in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Constitution be amended accordingly.</p>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report and advised at the meeting.

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public**

<b>Agreed</b>	That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.
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### **Shared ICT Service**

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That it is recommended to Council to:-</p> <p>(1) implement a shared ICT service between Exeter, Teignbridge and East Devon Councils, according to the detail set out in the Updated Business Case and Implementation Plan attached to the report;</p> <p>(2) support the creation of a stand-alone limited company ("the Company") to be called Strata Service Solutions Ltd which is wholly owned and controlled equally by the three councils to deliver the ICT shared service;</p> <p>(3) grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of Exeter City Council, to finalise and sign legal agreements in line with the Updated Business Case and Implementation Plan;</p>
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	<p>(4) grant delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive, to transfer the remaining ICT budgets for FY 14/15 as at go-live date (expected to be 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 ) to the shared service (Strata) and to transfer future budgets as per the payment plan in the Updated Business Case;</p> <p>(5) approve the budget for this Council's share of the implementation costs, as set out in the report;</p> <p>(6) approve the transfer of ICT staff to the new company (under TUPE) at go-live date;</p> <p>(7) approve the transfer of all ICT assets to the company at the go-live date;</p> <p>(8) agree the appointment of Chris Powell as the interim Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the company from 1 August 2014, with recruitment to the permanent post to be delegated to the Chief Executive and Leader in negotiation with the other local authority partners;</p> <p>(9) approve the transfer of line responsibility for all ICT staff from 1 August 2014 to the Interim COO. However staff will remain employees of the council until formal transfer; and</p> <p>(10) approve the creation of a Joint Executive Committee and Joint Scrutiny Committee, the terms of reference for which will be set up following a formal report to Council to agree this constitutional change.</p>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report

### Corporate Property Interim Structure and Issues

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That it is recommended to Council:-</p> <p>(1) the new post of Corporate Property Assets Manager be approved;</p> <p>(2) the new post of Helpdesk Co-ordinator be approved;</p> <p>(3) the Corporate Energy Manager be designated full time;</p> <p>(4) the new management structure encompassing the Estates Team and parts of the former Engineering Team be formally approved; and</p> <p>(5) the Corporate Manager Property proceeds to acquire an Asset Valuation programme in partnership with neighbouring authorities if possible.</p>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## **Exeter and Heart of Devon Board Minutes - 17 April 2014**

<b>Agreed</b>	That the minutes of the Exeter and Heart of Devon Growth Board of 17 April 2014 be noted.
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### **Local Land Charges**

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council:-  (1) to settle the issues on the terms as outlined in the circulated report, subject to verification if required; and  (2) that the necessary budgetary provision be made.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

**The decisions indicated will normally come into force 5 working days after publication of the Statement of Decisions unless called in by a Scrutiny Committee. Where the matter in question is urgent, the decision will come into force immediately. Decisions regarding the policy framework or corporate objectives or otherwise outside the remit of the Executive will be considered by Council on 29 July 2014.**