

**Executive**

**Statement of Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 27 January 2015. 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)

**Clinical Waste Collection**

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a separate clinical waste collection is offered only for hazardous or infectious clinical waste, meaning that offensive waste, such as sanitary protection products (Sanpro waste), will be collected and disposed of via the domestic rubbish collection and disposal at the Energy from Waste plant;</li> <li>(2) additional rubbish capacity is provided to households generating Sanpro waste at no charge, where required;</li> <li>(3) the Council works with healthcare providers to ensure they make their own arrangements to remove clinical waste that they generate in clients' homes, or that they pay the Council to collect this waste; and</li> <li>(4) the Council work with pharmacies and others to explore the potential for a network of sharps-box depositories and exchanges.</li> </ol>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To reduce the costs incurred by the Council in providing a clinical waste service that currently exceeds our statutory duties, and develop alternative disposal provision that some clients may prefer.

**Domestic Waste Containers - Charges and Policies**

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the consolidated waste collection policies in Appendix 4 be approved;</li> <li>(2) the proposed list of exemptions from charges for domestic waste containers (Appendix 3) be adopted with effect from 1 February 2015; and</li> </ol>
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	(3) the Council more robustly follow an escalation process leading to the use of Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to require residents to purchase or provide domestic waste containers to the required specification.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To reduce the net cost to the Council for purchasing and delivering domestic waste containers to residents and to move towards cost neutrality for this chargeable service. Also to ensure that appropriate policies and charges for domestic waste collection are applied consistently and fairly.

### Parking Places Enforcement

<b>Agreed</b>	That:-  (1) the City of Exeter (Civil Enforcement Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2014 to include the Swans Nest car park for enforcement of classes of vehicles not permitted be amended;  (2) the permanent inclusion in the 2014 Order of sites at Duryard, Bromhams Farm, Cowick Barton Fields, Bettysmead, Hamlin Lane, King George V and Station Road (Pinhoe) following their successful trial in 2014 be confirmed;  (3) the Clifton Hill Ski Slope Approach as suitable for enforcement by a private parking enforcement company be confirmed; and  (4) the private arrangements currently in place for Station Road, Exwick and Flowerpot be reviewed at the end of the lease periods in May and March 2017 respectively.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To enable Council parking enforcement resources to be prioritised to the areas of statutory responsibility and income protection and to allow for effective enforcement of areas that require regular patrols but would be low priority for the Council's in-house enforcers.

### City Centre Business Improvement District

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council that it approves the City Council casting its votes in favour of setting up the City Centre BID in the forthcoming ballot in February 2015.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

### Rugby World Cup 2015 Update

<b>Agreed</b>	the report be noted and that the Assistant Director Economy bring a report to the next Executive on the support required to host the European seven a-side tournament on the 11 and 12 July.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To update Members on progress with preparations for the tournament.

## Annual Review of Support for Small Businesses

<b>Agreed</b>	That the:-  (1) the City Council to continue to fund business support for embryonic, new and existing businesses to provide opportunities for individuals to secure the means of improving their financial position and promoting job creation, at a cost of £42,000; and  (2) authority be given to officers within Economy to negotiate a service level agreement for 2015 – 2016, following a contract advertisement, for the continued delivery of services outlined in the report under the banner of Exeter Business Support.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To ensure that there is fit for purpose business support, advice and guidance for the residents of the city to gain free advice and guidance on setting up a new business, and improving the prospects of an existing business. Without a dedicated support, business start-up and survival rates could fall in Exeter.

## 2015/16 Council Tax Base and NNDR1

<b>Agreed</b>	That:-  (1) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Exeter City Council as its tax base for the year 2015/16 shall be 34,750; and  (2) responsibility to approve the Council's NNDR1 return by 31 January 2015 be delegated to the Assistant Director Finance (Section 151 Officer).
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To ensure that the Council meets its statutory deadline for notifying Precepting Authorities and the Government by 31 January 2015.

## 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 item 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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## Exeter and Heart of Devon Growth Board Minutes 10 November 2014

<b>Agreed</b>	that the minutes of the Exeter and Heart of Devon Growth Board meeting held on 10 November 2014 be noted.
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## Housing Rents and Service Charges 2015/16

<p><b>Agreed</b></p>	<p>That:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) rents of Council dwellings are increased by 2.2% from 1 April 2015;</li> <li>(2) garage rents are increased by 2.2% from 1 April 2015;</li> <li>(3) service charges are increased by 2.2%, with the exception of charges specified below from 1 April 2015; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) 2.8% increase in respect of cleaning communal areas in line with anticipated rises in cleaning contract costs;</li> <li>(b) 0% increase in respect of communal electricity at Weirfield House;</li> <li>(c) 0% increase in respect of water at Magdalen Gardens;</li> <li>(d) 3.1% increase in respect of fire alarm testing in line with rises in maintenance and monitoring contract costs; and</li> <li>(e) 5% increase in respect of repair costs in line with Building Cost Information Service (BCIS) rates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(4) in principle to charge full market rent to tenants with a household income of at least £60,000; and</li> <li>(5) the flexibility to let new-build council housing at 'affordable rents' – up to 80% of local market rent, where considered appropriate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reason for Decision:</b></p>	<p>As set out in the report.</p>

### Urgent Item - Permitted Development rights for changes of use from offices to residential

<p><b>Agreed</b></p>	<p>That the Leader, in consultation with Chair of Planning Committee, write to the Minister of State for Housing and Planning at the Department for Communities and Local Government raising the City Councils concerns and asking him to commission a thorough evaluation of the impact these Permitted Development rights were having in terms of the economic, financial and housing consequences and to assess if there was a case for more widespread exemptions.</p>
<p><b>Reason for Decision:</b></p>	<p>To support the loss of valuable office accommodation within the city.</p>

**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 24 February 2015.**