

**Executive**

**Statement of Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 10 February 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

**European Rugby seven a-side tournament**

<b>Agreed</b>	That the update be noted.
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**General Fund/Housing Revenue Account Estimates and Capital Programme 2015/16**

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council:-  (1) to approve the Council's overall spending proposals in respect of both its revenue and capital budgets;  (2) to approve the council tax for each Band as set out in section 8.19.3, subject to Devon County Council, OPCC Devon and Cornwall and the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority confirming their Band D levels respectively;  (3) when the actual council tax amounts for Devon County Council and the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority are set then the revised council tax levels be submitted to Council on 24 February 2015 for approval;  (4) to note the Statement given by the chief finance officer as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To ensure that the Council is in a position to set a budget and determine the Council Tax for the City of Exeter in line with the statutory timeframe.

## Treasury Management Strategy 2015/16

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council to adopt the new Treasury Management Strategy and delegations contained therein.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	The Council adopted the <i>CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice</i> , which requires the Council to approve a treasury management strategy before the start of each financial year. In addition, the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) issued revised guidance on local authority investments in March 2010 that requires the Council to approve an investment strategy before the start of each financial year.

## Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (incorporating the Annual Statement of Minimum Revenue Provision)

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council to adopt the:-  (1) Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix A-C; and  (2) Annual Statement of Minimum Revenue Provision for the Council.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Annual Pay Policy Statement

<b>Agreed</b>	That it is recommended to Council that the Pay Policy Statement 2015/16 be adopted and published in accordance with the legislation.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	Section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 requires English and Welsh Authorities to produce a statutory Pay Policy Statement each financial year commencing in 2012/13. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government issued further guidance in early 2013.

## Channel Shift Implementation Resources

<b>Agreed</b>	That:-  (1) the replacement of the existing temporary Customer Access Officer post and the permanent Process Redesign Officer with the creation of a posts of Business Improvement Lead and Business Improvement Analyst be approved;  (2) the two staff currently employed would be put at Risk and recruitment commenced once there was a revised Organisational Change Policy in place; and  (3) the full Implementation Plan for the Channel Shift Programme be considered by the Channel Shift Board and presented at a future Executive meeting as would the draft Digital Strategy.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To implement the Council's agreed Channel Shift Programme; to drive business improvement across the Council and promote digital delivery; and to develop a Digital Strategy for the Council.

## Freedom of the City

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That it is recommended to Council:-</p> <p>(1) the following criteria against which future nominations for Freedom of the City of Exeter be adopted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) For those who have extraordinarily served the community over a number of years (minimum of 20 years) in a voluntary or professional capacity;</li> <li>b) For those who have achieved national, international or world recognition for excellence in their particular field of expertise (be it business, entrepreneurial, sport, or any other area);</li> <li>c) For those who have promoted Exeter during their career so as to significantly raise the profile of the City on a national, international or world basis;</li> <li>d) For those who have via a particularly extraordinary act, or series of acts, put the safety or well being of themselves secondary to those of others;</li> <li>e) Future awards would be on a life time basis and would not be eligible for passing to future generations; and</li> </ul> <p>(2) provision be made for the withdrawal of this award in line with the Council's adopted scheme for the enrolment of Honorary Aldermen.</p>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	As set out in the report.

## Managing Organisational Change and Redundancy Policy and Procedure

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That it is recommended to Council that:-</p> <p>(1) the implementation of the Managing Organisational Change and Redundancy Policy and Procedure with effect from 1 March 2015 be approved; and</p> <p>(2) the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council be given delegated authority to amend the policy where necessary.</p>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	In a climate of continued major financial restraint and changing expectations of local government it is vital that the Council has a clear and consistently understood / applied policy and procedure for managing changes to the Council's establishment (addition, deletion or replacement of posts) the relocation of services, fundamental changes to roles and responsibilities or redundancies.

## Governance and Prioritisation of Community Infrastructure Levy Funding

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That:-</p> <p>(1) the prioritisation of CIL income (total assumed at £25 million) as set out in the table below and in sections 11, 12 and 17 be agreed;</p>
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Purpose	Approximate Amount		Description
Administration	5%	£1.25m	Costs of administrating receipt and expenditure of CIL.
Neighbourhood Funding	15%	£3.75m	Developing and implementing a community- level strategy for addressing the demands of development.
European Site Mitigation	8%	£2m	Mitigating the recreational impacts arising from new development on European protected habitats.
City Centre Major Infrastructure	32%	£8m	Dedicated to city centre leisure, transport and public realm projects unless alternative contributions can be secured. Priority will be given in the early years to the city centre above other major infrastructure
Other major Infrastructure to include roads and schools	40%	£10m	Expected after 2019/20.

- (2) the formation of an Exeter only Major Infrastructure Panel with the flexibility to determine the final allocation of funding from CIL to major schemes and leverage funding from other sources as outlined in sections 13 to 16 be agreed;
- (3) the Council Leader meeting with counterparts at Teignbridge and East Devon District Councils and Devon County Council with a view to exploring the establishment of a joint cross boundary Major Infrastructure Panel, be supported;
- (4) the Assistant Director City Development be given delegated authority to agree the terms of reference as set out in paragraph 13.1 to implement an agreed infrastructure Business Plan;
- (5) the Assistant Director City Development be given delegated authority to confirm final neighbourhood funding arrangements in the St James neighbourhood area; and

	<p>(6) a joint Officer Working Group be established, consisting of relevant officers from Exeter City, Devon County, East Devon District and Teignbridge District Councils, the Group to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify infrastructure needs, priorities and sources of funding (including opportunities to lever moneys)</li> <li>• Bring schemes to a point where they are investment ready</li> <li>• Formulate and keep an up-to-date, draft five-year investment programme</li> <li>• Support and implement decisions by any joint Major Infrastructure Panel.</li> </ul>
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To help facilitate sustainable development growth and Exeter's continued vitality through CIL investment.

#### **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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#### **The Future of the Custom House**

<b>Agreed</b>	<p>That:-</p> <p>(1) the proposed relocation of the Quayside Visitor Centre to the Custom House be approved; and</p> <p>(2) the headline terms for the proposed letting to ECQT be approved.</p>
<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 24 February 2015.**