

Executive

Statement of Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 14 July 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

Major Grants and New Homes Bonus Panel Minutes - 25 June 2015

Agreed	That the minutes of the Major Grants and New Homes Bonus Panel held on 25 June 2015 be received and, where appropriate, adopted.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the minutes.

Annual Scrutiny Work Programme Review

Agreed	That the Annual Scrutiny Report be noted.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Capital Monitoring 2014/15 and Revised Capital Programme for 2015/16 and future years

Agreed	That it is recommended that Council notes and approves the:- (1) overall financial position for the 2014/15 annual capital programme; and (2) amendments and further funding requests to the Council's annual capital programme for 2015/16.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Overview of Revenue Budget 2014/15

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended that Council:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) approves the net transfer of £800,076 from Earmarked Reserves as detailed in paragraph 8.3.6; (2) approves the supplementary budgets of £1,458,610 as detailed in paragraph 8.3.8; (3) notes the Earmarked Reserves at 31 March 2015; (4) notes the Council Tax account and collection rate; (5) notes the outstanding sundry debt, aged debt analysis and debt write-off figures; (6) notes the creditor payments performance; (7) by taking into account the overall financial position of the Council, approves the General Fund working balance at 31 March 2015 at £3,974,518; and (8) approves the Housing Revenue Account working balance at 31 March 2015 at £7,772,403 and approves the Council Own Build working balance at £127,994.
Reason for Decision:	To formally approve the Council's end of year financial position and carry forward any budgets that were not spent but the funding is still required.

Treasury Management 2014/15

Agreed	That is it recommended that Council approve the Treasury Management report for the 2014/15 financial year.
Reason for Decision:	It is a statutory requirement for the Council to publish regular reports on Treasury Management to Council. This includes an annual Treasury Management Strategy and half yearly report and a year-end report as a minimum.

Electoral Review of Exeter

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council that Members submit proposed amendments in writing to the Corporate Manager Democratic & Civic Support to enable them to be considered by Council on 28 July 2015.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended to Council to amend its Standing Orders and in particular Standing Order 54 to give effect to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) the Head of Paid Service, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer may only be dismissed by Council; and(2) when considering whether to dismiss any of the officers set out in (1) above, Council must have regard to any view expressed by an Independent Persons Panel.
Reason for Decision:	<p>In response to a legislative requirement.</p>

Update to Delegated Powers

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended to Council to approve the changes to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers set out in the Appendix to this report.</p>
Reason for Decision:	<p>To ensure that the Scheme of Delegation to Officers is up to date and matches the operational arrangements of the Council.</p>

Staff Capacity in City Development

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended to Council to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) approve the creation of an additional post of Principal Project Manager (Planning) (Grade 11) and 1.6 fte additional posts of Project Support Officer (Grade 4), and funding for a series of temporary agency and a consultancy appointments; and(2) approve adjustment of the relevant budgets - the total additional expenditure was proposed to be up to £200,000 in 2015/16, it may be less and there will be ongoing revenue costs of about £24,000 in 2016/17, £49,000 in 17/18 and £75,000 pa from 2018/19 as grant funding reduces.
Reason for Decision:	<p>To ensure that City Development is adequately resourced to deliver the growth agenda, maximise Council income and provide an improved level of customer service.</p>

Creation of New Post

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended to Council to :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) approve the deletion of post CS05105, Conveyancer, from the establishment and the creation of a new post of Conveyancer and Planning Solicitor with immediate effect; and(2) approve an increase in the Legal Services budget by £28,900 per annum.
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Reason for Decision:	To enable Legal Services to continue to provide an effective and efficient commercial conveyancing service and to respond to the City Development's request for additional legal support on complex planning issues.
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Agreed	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 paragraph 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.
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Monkerton Local Energy Network

Agreed	That:- (1) the City Council continues to use best endeavours to work with Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council, East Devon District Council, The University of Exeter, the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Trust Exeter to establish a public sector Joint Venture Company whose objectives include the continuation of the supply of heat through the various District Heating Systems in the event of operator underperformance. It is anticipated that the Monkerton Master Agreement will be assigned to this body. (2) the Leader of the Council, Chief Executive & Growth Director, the Section 151 Officer and the Corporate Manager - Legal Services be authorised to enter into a management company as described in the update sheet (once the relevant agreements have been satisfactorily drafted). (3) as a condition of the Growth Point Delivery Team Funding they be requested to discharge the administration of that management company on behalf of the City Council.
Reason for Decision:	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 28 July 2015.