

Executive

Statement of Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 12 July 2016. 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

Leisure Complex and Bus Station Programme Board - Minutes 28 June 2016

Agreed	That the minutes of the Leisure Complex and Bus Station Programme Board meeting held on 28 June 2016 be received and, where appropriate, adopted.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the minutes.

Annual Scrutiny Report 2015/16

Agreed	That the Annual Scrutiny Report 2015/2016 is approved.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Devolution for the Heart of the South West

Agreed	That it is recommended Council approve:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) it agrees in principle to sign up to the creation of a combined authority for the Heart of the South West, subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Exeter and the wider growth area being recognised as a fundamental contributor to improving productivity and this being given due prominence in any proposed devolution proposal or deal;
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	<p>b) the inclusion of appropriate, place-based decision making arrangements that reflect sub-regional geographies (i.e. the Greater Exeter area), with powers and flexibilities to agree and oversee, for example, the programmes addressing productivity and economic development, including investment in skills and business development;</p> <p>c) any governance review, consultation on that review and resulting scheme of governance making explicit reference to the principle of subsidiarity and double devolution and that review, consultation and scheme not reviewing, or advocating the review of, the organisation of local authorities in the Heart of the South West area i.e. participating local authorities' electoral arrangements, governance arrangements, their constitution and membership, and structural and boundary arrangements;</p> <p>d) The Leader of the Council participating in any meetings or negotiations, including meetings with Government members and officials, that relate to devolution and/or the creation of a combined authority.</p> <p>(2) that giving this in principle agreement it notes that it does not commit the Council to entering into a devolution deal or becoming a member of a Heart of the South West Combined Authority. This would be subject to future debate and agreement by the Council and subject to negotiations with Government.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Environmental Health and Licensing Statutory Service Plan

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended Council approve:-</p> <p>(1) the Statutory Service Plan 2016/17; and</p> <p>(2) the Assistant Director Environment be authorised to change the Statutory Service Plan in the light of centrally issued guidance and/or to meet operational needs.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Capital Monitoring 2015/16 and Revised Capital Programme for 2016/17 and Future Years

Agreed	That it is recommended Council approves:- (1) overall financial position for the 2015/16 annual capital programme; and (2) amendments and further funding request to the Council's annual capital programme for 2016/17.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Overview of Revenue Budget 2015/16

Agreed	That it is recommended Council approve:- (1) approves the net transfer of £198,695 from Earmarked Reserves as detailed in paragraph 8.3.6; (2) approves the supplementary budgets of £1,457,409 as detailed in paragraph 8.3.8; (3) notes the Earmarked Reserves at 31 March 2016; (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 2016 at £5,516,722; and (8) approves the Housing Revenue Account working balance at 31 March 2016 at £7,068,670 and approves the Council Own Build working balance at £169,004.
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 2015/16

Agreed	That it is recommended Council approve the Treasury Management report for the 2015/16 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.

Development of an Exeter Playing Pitch Strategy

Agreed	That it is recommended Council delegate the approval of the draft Exeter Playing Pitch Strategy for consultation purposes to the Portfolio Holder for City Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sport and Health and Wellbeing, as set out in Option 2 shown in Appendix 1. A follow up report would be produced at a later date for consideration by Executive to agree the adoption of the strategy.
Reason for Decision:	The EPPS will set out the high level vision, objectives and actions towards playing pitches within the City. This will provide a framework and give overall direction to our future work in this area. Delegation of the approval to consult on the draft strategy will accelerate the process leading to an earlier adoption.

Application for extinguishment of vehicular rights in Paris Street

Agreed	That provided the developer undertake to meet the City Council's full costs, delegated power is given to the Assistant Director City Development to submit an application (or applications) to the Secretary of State for the extinguishment of rights to use motor vehicles on Paris Street (between Dix's Field and High Street) under the terms of Section 249 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The purpose of this application is to improve the amenity of that area in accordance with the scheme set out within the approved outline planning application (reference 15/0791/01) for the redevelopment of the Bus and Coach Station site. That redevelopment scheme includes the formation of a public amenity space on the land.
Reason for Decision:	The extinguishment of rights under Section 249: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accords with the terms of planning consent ref. 15/0791/01;• Preserves these areas of the highway as public highway;• The developer is not eligible to apply under this section and can only apply to stop up the highway, in which case it would cease to be public highway.

Greater Exeter Strategic Plan

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended Council approve:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a Strategic Plan be prepared for the development of the Greater Exeter area intended to cover the period up to 2040 and that it be jointly prepared by East Devon, Mid-Devon and Teignbridge District Councils and Exeter City Council with the support of Devon County Council; (2) a joint budget of £330,000 be established for the current financial year to fund the preparation of the necessary evidence base for the plan on the basis of an equal split of £70,000 per district level authority with Devon County Council also contributing and holding the joint budget; (3) a budget of £70,000 as Exeter's share of the joint budget be approved; and (4) a detailed scope, timetable, terms of reference, governance and staffing arrangements be worked up for a Joint Strategic Plan and reported to Members at their next available meeting.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Exwick and Flowerpot Playing Fields

Agreed	<p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the transfer by lease of the Exwick and Flowerpot Playing Fields be approved, along the lines set out in this report; and (2) the detailed terms be agreed by the Corporate Manager Property in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder Enabling Services.
Reason for Decision:	Corporate Plan objective to deliver the Exwick Hub and to secure operational savings on playing field management.

Outside Bodies Appointments

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended Council approve:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) appointments be made to those outside bodies as set out in the Appendix with the following amendments; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety Partnership – Also appoint Portfolio Holder for Place Devon and Cornwall Food Association - Councillor Wood Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee – Councillor Wood;
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	<p>(2) the Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Group Leaders, to appoint, when necessary representatives to outside bodies during the course of the Municipal Year; and</p> <p>(3) the Corporate Manager, Democratic and Civic Support be requested to undertake a review of the membership of those bodies listed in the appendix to this report, and to which the Council appoints representatives, to confirm the continuing appropriateness for the Council to be so represented, and to bring a report to the Executive in due course on his findings.</p>
Reason for Decision:	To ensure that the Council is represented on outside bodies.

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 items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2, 3 and 4 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.
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Help Me with my Financial/Housing problem system - Final Restructure Report for Finance Aspect

Agreed	<p>That:-</p> <p>(1) the capturing of the proposed establishment of the immediate and short to medium term needs be noted. With further changes to come in Welfare Reform and Business Rates, there would be a need for the service to remain as agile as possible to reflect the changes in the way the service would be resourced. The structure may therefore need to be reviewed again in 2019; and</p> <p>That it is recommended Council approve:-</p> <p>(2) the proposed new establishment so that formal implementation can commence; and</p> <p>(3) an additional budget of £130,000 for 2016/17 as a consequence of the approval of the new establishment.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Restructure of Older Persons' Services for Housing

Agreed	That:- (1) the draft Business Case for the restructure of Exeter City Council's Older Persons' Service be approved; and (2) the consultation framework set out in the draft Business Case, which follows the Council's Management of Organisational Change Policy, be approved.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Staffing within Economy & Tourism

Agreed	That it is recommended Council approve:- (1) the addition of two new posts to the Council's establishment with the amendment of two existing posts' job descriptions and job titles to better reflect the work they undertake; (2) the re-evaluation of two additional posts and a change in the name of the service area to Growth & Enterprise as a result of the staff consultation; (3) the extension of the secondment of the Assistant Director Economy's to Innovation Exeter (located within the University of Exeter) for a further 12 months; and (4) an additional budget of up to £60,000 as a consequence of the re-structure.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Business Case for Valley Parks Transfer

Agreed	That:- (1) the principle of transfer of the lease of land owned or leased by the City Council in Exeter's Valley Parks, namely Riverside, Ludwell, Mincinglake, Belvedere and Duryard, Barley Valley and Withycombe Way, to Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) for a period of 30 years, be approved; (2) the principle of the grant of a development agreement and ground lease for a period of 99 years on any land identified between the Council and the Devon Wildlife Trust as suitable for a Visitor Centre be approved; (3) the principle of providing a financial contribution of a sum equivalent to five years' net revenue budget be approved;
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	<p>(4) the draft business case for the transfer of the City Council's Valley Parks to Devon Wildlife Trust be approved for consultation with staff and unions in accordance with the Council's Organisational Change Policy; and</p> <p>(5) the outcome of the consultation with staff and unions and the final business case be reported to the next meetings of Place Scrutiny Committee and Executive.</p>
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 26 July 2016.