

Executive

Statement of Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 10 January 2017. 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 Panel Minutes - 30 November 2016

Agreed	That the minutes of the Major Grants Panel meeting held on 30 November 2016 be received and, where appropriate, adopted.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the minutes.

Housing Rents and Services Charges 2017/18

Agreed	That:- (1) rents of Council dwellings are reduced by 1% from 1 April 2017; (2) garage rents are increased by 2% from 1 April 2017; and (3) service charges remain at their existing levels, with the exception of charges specified below from 1 April 2017:- (a) 3.5% increase in respect of water at Magdalen Gardens in line with rises in water and sewerage charges; and (b) 5% reduction in respect of door entry systems in line with system maintenance costs.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Tenant and Leaseholder Involvement & Communication Strategy

Agreed	That:- (1) the new Tenant and Leaseholder Involvement and Communication Strategy 2016 – 2020 be adopted; and (2) the Housing Service's 5 Key Pledges (Local Offers) be adopted.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Policy for tackling Anti-Social Behaviour in Housing

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council that the new Anti-Social Behaviour Policy for Housing be adopted with immediate effect.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Budget Strategy 2018/19

Agreed	That that the contents of the report be noted and that the proposals to establish a balanced revenue budget and capital programme be approved.
Reason for Decision:	The Council is required to set a balanced budget and Council Tax prior to the start of the financial year.

2017/18 Council Tax Base and NNDR1

Agreed	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 2017/18 shall be £36,197; and (2) responsibility to approve the Council's NNDR1 return by 31 January 2017 be delegated to the Assistant Director Finance (Section 151 Officer).
Reason for Decision:	To ensure that the Council meets its statutory deadline for notifying Precepting Authorities and the Government by 31 January 2017.

Greater Exeter Strategic Plan Report on Governance, Scope and Timetable and amended Local Development Scheme

<p>Agreed</p>	<p>That the following be approved:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the subject matter of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan, subject to review as the plan be progressed; (2) the timetable for the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan; (3) the timetable for the Exeter Development Delivery Plan, subject to further review as work on the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan progresses; (4) the Local Development Scheme attached as Appendix A, to have effect from 18 January 2017; (5) the preparation of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan under Section 28 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, without the need for a statutory joint planning committee; (6) the establishment of a Member Steering Group with a representative from each of the five Councils, to which the Portfolio Holder for City Development, be appointed, with Portfolio Holder for Economy as the deputy; (7) the establishment of a joint Member Reference Forum to which relevant Members from each of the five authorities are invited to attend as required. The forum would meet to consider and make comments on draft plan proposals before they are formally considered by each Council; (8) the “Issues” document attached as Appendix B to this report for consultation; (9) the draft Greater Exeter Statement of Community Involvement attached as Appendix C for informal consultation; (10) that resolution of any inconsistencies arising from the decisions of individual Councils on GESP documents being delegated to Exeter City Council Chief Executive & Growth Director in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for City Development and the Chief Executives of East Devon, Teignbridge and Mid Devon; (11) following agreement with the other District Councils, delegated authority to agree minor modifications (which do not go the heart of the documents’ meaning) being granted to the Assistant Director, City Development or City Development Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for City Development; and (12) the noting of the staffing proposal.
<p>Reason for Decision:</p>	<p>As set out in the report.</p>

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Representations on Outside Bodies - Spotlight Review

Agreed	That after having consideration for the attached spreadsheet of information (Appendix 1) and the Spotlight Reviews' findings:- (1) the feedback contained within this report be recognised; and (2) the suggested actions contained within this report at Section 8 be agreed.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Portfolio Holders' Responsibilities and Priorities

Agreed	That the list of Portfolio Holders Responsibilities and Priorities be noted.
Reason for Decision:	As circulated.

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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Supporting an Exeter-based Credit Union

Agreed	That it is recommended that Council notes and approves:- (1) Plough & Share's move to Exeter, by way of a one-off payment, primarily to meet the costs in increased rental charges and Business Rate Relief. The final payment will be dependent upon the rental value of the premises, but approval is sought up to a maximum of £10,000 for rent; (2) the conditions to be attached to the support as outlined in section 8.8 of this report with the following amendments; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition 1 - for work in Exeter, the name to be changed to one that was more meaningful to Exeter, including the name of the City;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 2 - that the Plough & Share Credit Union make every effort to secure operating premises in an area of high footfall seeking advice from Council officers where necessary. A final decision on the Council's support to be delegated to the System Lead – Finance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Customer Access, once the Council was informed of the chosen location. <p>(3) that following a tendering process, Plough & Share be awarded £36,000 to underwrite loans to the Council's welfare support clients who would not normally be offered a loan as well as cover the fees incurred per loan; and</p> <p>(4) the nomination of a representative of the Council to the Plough & Share Management Committee.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Staffing in Public Realm

Agreed	That the recommendation as set out in the report be agreed and the Assistant Director Public Realm be authorised to proceed to the consultation stage in accordance with the Council's Organisational Change Policy.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Review of Staffing Housing Customers

Agreed	That one new post is added to the Council's establishment to include an additional post of a Housing Customer Technical Assistant (HCTA).
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 21 February 2017.