

Executive

Statement of Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 11 July 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

Environmental Enforcement Options

Agreed	<p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) a 12 month pilot scheme using a specialist private contractor in order to test the impact of higher visibility enforcement on littering and dog fouling be undertaken; (2) a sensitive and balanced approach to environmental enforcement be ensured through an appropriate operational pre-agreement with the provider; and (3) such a scheme with a focused campaign proceed via all relevant media in order to educate and engage residents and visitors on the issues of littering and dog fouling.
Reason for Decision:	To provide a low financial risk opportunity to test the merits of investment in additional permanent environmental enforcement resource.

Environmental Health and Licensing Statutory Service Plan 2017/18

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended that Council approve:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the Statutory Service Plan; and (2) authorise the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager to change the Statutory Service Plan in the light of any centrally issued guidance and/or to meet operational needs.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Capital Monitoring 2016/17 and Revised Capital Programme for 2017/18 and Future Years

Agreed	That it is recommended that Council approve the:- (1) overall financial position for the 2016/17 annual capital programme; and (2) amendments and further funding requests to the Council's annual capital programme for 2017/18.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Overview of Revenue Budget 2016/17

Agreed	That it is recommended that Council:- (1) approves the net transfer of £330,710 from Earmarked Reserves as detailed in paragraph 8.3.6; (2) approves supplementary budgets of £1,450,507 be approved as detailed in paragraph 8.3.8; (3) notes the Earmarked Reserves at 31 March 2017; (4) approves the virements detailed in paragraph 8.3.9 of the report; (5) notes the Council Tax account and collection rate; (6) notes the outstanding sundry debt, aged debt analysis and debt write-off figures; (7) notes the creditor payments performance; (8) by taking into account the overall financial position the Council approves the General Fund working balance at 31 March 2017 at £5,264,841; and (9) approves the Housing Revenue Account working balance at 31 March 2017 at £8,567,454 and approves the Council Own Build working balance at £208,097.
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 2016/17

Agreed	That it is recommended that Council notes the content of the report.
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.

Community Builders roles and Neighbourhood portion of CIL/ Grants Roots Grants

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended that Council approves:-</p> <p>(1) the recommendation made by the Exeter Community Forum Grass Roots Grants Panel which met on the 7 June to review and support the following application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alphington Community Association - refurbishment of Alphington Village Hall – Capital grant £30,000 – supported in full by the Grass Roots Grants Panel; <p>(2) the recommendation made by the Exeter Community Forum Grass Roots Panel which met on the 25 May to review applications/ Expressions of Interest for Community Builders for the following areas (all roles to be part-time). Areas are based on community defined areas, not current ward boundaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newtown and St Leonards * • Pinhoe * • Wonford * • Alphington • Heavitree • Beacon Heath • Whipton • Digby • St Thomas * • Newcourt & Countess Wear * • St David's • Exwick * <p>The areas that are starred have an existing community builder role (1 day per week) funded through Integrated Care Exeter (ICE). The total amount that will be invested in this work over the next five years is £610,000, made up of £300,000 New Homes Bonus and £310,000 Neighbourhood CIL;</p> <p>(3) the recommendation made by the Grass Roots Grants panel that a Host Organisation should be appointed to manage the Community Builder roles for Exeter with reporting arrangements to the Exeter Community Forum steering group. This role includes the employment and management of all staff related to the roll out of community builders across Exeter; and</p>
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	<p>(4) delegated powers be given to the Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing, Communities and Sport in consultation with the Chair of the Exeter Community Forum and Programme Manager for Communities should there be a need for adjustment to:-</p> <p>a) areas covered by the Community Builder roles, and</p> <p>b) awarding of the grant to a host organisation to employ and manage the Community Builder programme.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Freedom of the City

Agreed	That it is recommended that Council in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council, on the rising of the Ordinary meeting of the Council on 25 July 2017, to consider granting the Freedom of the City to Mr Rob Baxter.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Appointment of Outside Bodies

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended that Council approves the:-</p> <p>(1) appointments be made to those outside bodies as set out in the Appendix; and</p> <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.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Committee Membership

Noted	Councillor Wood would replace Councillor Foale on the Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee.
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Proposal to commence Leisure Complex and Swimming Pool and Bus Station

	See Decision below
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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 items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 in respect of minute 73 below, and paragraphs 1,2, 3 and 4 in respect of minutes 74, 75 and 76 below, of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.
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Proposal to commence Leisure Complex and Swimming Pool and Bus Station

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended that Council approves:-</p> <p>(1) the allocation of an additional £0.62 million for the bus station and £7.05 million for the leisure centre to develop a new leisure complex and bus station; and</p> <p>(2) that once the overall budget of £39.92 million is agreed by the Council, the Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to enter into a written contract with the successful tenderer prior to the commencement of any works on site.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Housing Needs Restructure

Agreed	<p>That:-</p> <p>(1) the draft business case be approved, so that consultation with employees and trade unions could commence;</p> <p>(2) the actions being taken to respond to the Homelessness Reduction Act be noted; and</p> <p>(3) the review of the post of Joint Housing Needs Lead to be undertaken over the next six months be noted. Teignbridge District Council were currently employing this post and seconding the staff member to Exeter City Council.</p>
Reason for Decision:	A review of staff resources has been done in order to respond to changing national and local circumstances. The proposed restructure will allow the Council to provide holistic responses to housing need and make best use of temporary accommodation options.

Review of Staffing in Public Realm

Agreed	<p>That the following be approved:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) an additional 12 month fixed-term Grade 7 post of Compliance and Performance Officer to embed essential working practices within the Public and Greenspaces Team; (2) the deletion of one Team Leader post and the creation of a new post of Team Leader (Belle Isle) to meet requirements identified in a recent Health and Safety Report on the Belle Isle Depot; (3) the regrading of a vacant Grade 3 Public and Green Space Operator post to create an additional Grade 5 Assistant Operations Co-ordinator post in the Public and Greenspaces Team; and (4) the creation of an additional 12 month fixed-term Grade 5 post of Tree Officer (Housing) in the Business and Commercial Operations Team to ensure delivery of Housing tree management for 2017/18.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Staffing within Arts and Events

Agreed	<p>That:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the business case for a restructure of Arts and Events as set out in this report be approved and the Economy and Enterprise Manager be authorised to proceed to the first consultation stage in accordance with the Exeter City Council Management of Organisational Change Policy; (2) one post be made redundant as a result of the changes proposed within this report, that of the Arts and Events Assistant; (3) an annual grant of £20,000 for 2 years (out of the existing Arts and Events revenue budget) be approved to enable the Exeter Cultural Partnership to take on the lead on the strategic direction of arts across the city; and (4) a one off grant funding (out of the existing Arts and Events revenue budget) for an event organiser with the purpose of upscaling existing events or introducing new events to Exeter be approved. The purpose of grant funding will be to plug any gaps to provide a year round programme of engaging events which attracts additional visitors to the city, raises the profile of Exeter and works to the vision and priorities of the Exeter Cultural Partnership and Visit Exeter as well as working to the purpose of "Provide great things for me to see and do"; and
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	(5) Members thanked the Arts and Events Manager for her 100% dedication and commitment to the role in delivering major events in Exeter.
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 Extraordinary Council on 19 July 2017 and Council on 25 July 2017.