

Executive

Statement of Decisions

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

Council Tax Support Scheme 2018/19

Agreed	That it is recommended that Council approve the scheme for 2018-19 to continue without substantive changes from the current year scheme.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Car Park Refurbishment and Development

Agreed	<p>That the City Surveyor be authorised to procure consultants to assist:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) with the production of a Car Park Investment Strategy, subject to further funding approval in due course; (2) with the production of a Feasibility Study for the future development of city centre surface car park sites; (3) with work on reducing city centre car usage; and <p>That it is recommended that Council approve:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (4) a budget of up to £100,000 for the consultant costs associated with the feasibility and congestion work.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

New Entertainment Venue Needs Assessment

Agreed	<p>That:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) progress and comment on the findings of the needs assessment be noted; and(2) a public consultation exercise on the findings of the needs assessment be approved; <p>That it is recommended that Council;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(3) accepts the reports' recommendation that the Corn Exchange is the preferred location for any entertainment venue; and(4) approves a budget of £5,000 for a public consultation exercise on the findings of the needs assessment.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Mitigating the Impacts of Development on Protected Habitats

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended to Council that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) the reduction in the overall cost of habitats mitigation measures referenced in Table 26 of the South East Devon European Site Mitigation Strategy be welcomed;(2) the revised per dwelling charges for habitats mitigation detailed in Appendix 1 be approved and implemented from 1 January 2018, and index linked in accordance with the recommendation made by the South East Devon Habitats Regulations Executive Committee on 27 July 2017;(3) that the revised per dwelling charges having the effect of increasing Exeter's contribution to overall habitats mitigation costs from the £2,000,000 committed for this purpose to 2026 (by Executive on 10 February 2015) to approximately £4,000,000 of the £15,456,264 total cost of implementing the Strategy to 2026, be noted; and(4) that no SANGs are to be delivered in Exeter to 2026 be noted but the South East Devon Habitats Regulations Executive Committee had approved an appraisal being undertaken of future SANGs capacity and likely delivery costs, including in Exeter's Valley Parks, to inform the development of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan and any future iteration of the South East Devon European Site Mitigation Strategy.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Queens Crescent Gardens - Agreement or Lease and Compulsory Purchase

Agreed	<p>That it is recommended that Council approve the;</p> <p>(1) £50,000 of unallocated New Homes Bonus receipts be allocated to Exeter St. James Community Trust Ltd as a grant (as a one off payment, and subject to satisfactory confirmation that the monies would be appropriately invested), to address immediate and ongoing liabilities associated with the Trust taking on the lease of Queen's Crescent Garden; and</p> <p>(2) £5,000 of unallocated New Homes Bonus receipts be allocated for the purchase and installation (by Exeter City Council Public Realm) of three new rubbish bins outside the Queen's Crescent Garden walls.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Additional Fixed Term Staff to support New Fire Safety Management Policy

Agreed	<p>That is it recommended that Council approves two new posts to be added to the Council's establishment to include the additional posts of an Implementation Officer (Liaison) and an Implementation Officer (Installations) on a maximum 18 month fixed term basis.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Freedom of the City - Ron Crabb

Agreed	<p>That is it recommended to Council that:-</p> <p>(1) the title of Honorary Freeman of the City Status be conferred on Mr Ron Crabb; and</p> <p>(2) the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor be requested to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on the rising of the ordinary meeting on 19 December 2017, for the purpose of passing the appropriate resolution under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

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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 paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.
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RAMM'S Business Plan for 2018 - 2022

Agreed	<p>That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) RAMM's Business Plan 2018-2022 be endorsed; (2) the final submission of the Business Plan to the Arts Council England to support RAMM's case for investment be agreed; (3) the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture be authorised to agree adjustments to the Business Plan that do not affect its overall priorities or direction of travel; (4) the Director Communications and Marketing and Museum Manager be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Economy and Culture, to submit applications for grant funding less than £100,000 in value, where there is no requirement for match funding; and (5) the Museum Manager be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Economy and Culture, to submit applications for grant funding less than £50,000 in value, where there is no requirement for match funding.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Place Services Operational Depots

Agreed	That it is recommended that Council approves the allocation of £40,000 to complete a detailed study to examine the feasibility of amalgamating all Place operational services at the current Exton Road sites.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Staffing within Arts and Events

Agreed	<p>That the following be approved;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) as of 1 April 2018, the job description for the Arts and Events Manager be amended to represent a way forward for the service area;(2) the Arts and Events Assistant be made redundant as of 31 March 2018;(3) out of the existing Arts and Events revenue budget, Exeter City Council provide an annual grant of £20,000 for two years to the Exeter Cultural Partnership, once it's governance has been agreed upon;(4) out of the Arts and Events revenue budget, Exeter City Council provide one-off grant funding for event organisers with the purpose of upscaling existing events or introducing new events to Exeter; and(5) the new structure be implemented on 1 April 2018.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Belle Isle Temporary Welfare Facilities

Agreed	<p>That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) an exemption be made from the requirement under the Council's Contract Regulations to follow a tender exercise for the installation hire/purchase and removal of welfare facilities at Belle Isle Depot; and <p>That it is recommended that Council approve;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(2) an additional one off sum of £50,000 for installation and an ongoing revenue sum of £84,000 per year to cover rental of the temporary buildings to be added to the Public and Green Spaces Budget. This funding would remain until a permanent solution was found.
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 19 December 2017.