



## Exeter City Council

A meeting of **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** will be held at the **GUILDHALL, HIGH STREET, EXETER** on **TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2019**, at 6.00 pm, at which you are hereby summoned to attend. The following business is proposed to be transacted:-

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To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2019.	5 - 20
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### Notices of Motion

- 15 Notice of Motion by Councillors Williams and Harvey under Standing Order No. 6

#### Council notes:

- the increasing evidence of the dangers to both human health and biodiversity of continuing use of glyphosate weed killer
- glyphosate is deemed “probably carcinogenic to humans” by the World Health Organisation’s International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). The exposure route (breathing in or by absorption through the skin) is currently unclear. Two recent high profile court cases in the United States have resulted in Monsanto which manufactures glyphosate under

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the trade name 'Roundup' being successfully sued by individuals for causing their cancers;

- in 2018 the GMB Union called for the UK Government to immediately ban glyphosate;
- glyphosate is currently used by the City Council in Exeter's parks and green spaces and under contract from Devon County Council on highways;
- whilst glyphosate is a cheap and effective herbicide (sometimes inaccurately described as a pesticide), emerging evidence of health and environmental implications is driving trials of alternatives for effective alternative solutions for the treatment and control of weeds;
- discussions about the use of this weed killer by local authorities have, until recently, been more concerned with the financial considerations of alternatives rather than the health and safety and biodiversity implications. However, this is now changing and a number of cities and local authorities in this country and abroad have taken a variety of measures to limit or exclude the use of glyphosate herbicide for the treatment of weeds;
- other local authorities, notably Glastonbury and Shaftesbury, in the South West have banned the use of glyphosate, and Lyme Regis and Wadebridge have declared they are pesticide-free. Bristol City Council are actively considering the introduction of a phased reduction in glyphosate use;
- Exeter City Council parks and green spaces team are currently trialling alternative methods of weed control to glyphosate; Exeter City Council fully supports this course of action;
- Devon Wildlife Trust, who are working in partnership with Exeter City Council particularly with regard to the Valley Parks, do not use glyphosate because of the detrimental effect it has on insects (bees) and biodiversity;

This Council believes:-

- this Council has a duty of care to its citizens and staff; and
- the use of such glyphosate has a detrimental effect on biodiversity and the environment in general.

Council resolves:-

- to investigate and trial alternative safe and cost effective methods of weed suppression and management;
- to use the results of these trials to inform Council processes over the next three years; and
- to assess the success or otherwise of the planned reduction strategy in glyphosate use with regular progress reports to Place Scrutiny Committee.

16 Notice of Motion by Councillor M Mitchell under Standing Order No. 6

Council notes:

Exeter City Council urges HM Government as a part of any ongoing review of the Business Rates system to lift the exemption that currently applies to Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA), thereby ensuring that local authorities and local communities benefit from a broadening of the local tax base.

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The Council is encouraged to promote this view through its Members of Parliament and the Local Government Association.

17 Questions from Members of the Council under Standing Order No. 8.

A plan of seating in the Guildhall is attached as an annexe

Date: Monday 7 October 2019

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Chief Executive &  
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**NOTE: Members are asked to sign the Attendance Register**

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