

EXECUTIVE

STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 11 January 2022. 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 John Street, Corporate Manager Democratic & Civic Support on 01392 265106 or email john.street@exeter.gov.uk

Strategic Case for the Exeter Development Fund

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council note the progress on the Exeter Development Fund Strategic Case and, recognising the complexity of the matter, agree to:

- (1) additional, dedicated briefings for Members on the strategic case and, when published, on the full business case; and
- (2) a report be presented to the Strategic Scrutiny Committee on the full business case including, if considered appropriate, the formation of a Task and Finish Group to review this in detail.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

2022/23 Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council note the contents of the report and approve the proposals to establish a balanced revenue budget and capital programme.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Council Taxbase and NNDR 1 2022/23

Agreed:

RESOLVED 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 2022/23 shall be 37,666; and
- (2) the responsibility to approve the Council's NNDR1 return by 31 January 2022 be delegated to the Director Finance (Section 151 Officer).

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Housing Rents and Service Charges 2022-23

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve:-

- (1) the increase of Council dwelling rent by 4.1% from 1 April 2022;
- (2) the increase of garage rent by 4.1% from 1 April 2022; and
- (3) the increase of service charges by 4.1% from 1 April 2022, with the exception of charges specified in paragraph 11.3 of the report.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Local Council Tax Support scheme 2022-23

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the continuation of the current Local Council Tax Scheme into 2022-23 without substantive changes.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code: Self-Assessment

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the Executive note the Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code report.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public

Agreed:

RESOLVED 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's 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Options Report for Rennes House

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- (1) note the issues that have arisen in implementing the previously agreed decision to refurbish Rennes House including the significant increase in cost to undertaking such work;

- (2) note the compliance and Health & Safety obligations that the Council would be required to undertake following implementation of the Building Safety Bill, which would be significant and challenging and potentially unachievable with the building in its current condition or if only refurbished in line with the previous decision by Members;
- (3) reconsider the way forward and, in particular, to consider whether Demolish and Re-provide is more feasible to ensure a greater benefit to both residents and the community and as the most cost effective option when considered over the lifetime of the building; and
- (4) agree to receive a report, setting out the financial viability appraisal and confirmation of funding arrangements, including the potential of external (Homes England) grant funding and the revision of the capital investment programme to accommodate the preferred option, which would include some re-prioritisation or delays to other capital work streams.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Edwards Court Options Report

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- (1) agree to continue using Edwards Court as an extra care facility with Exeter City Council maintaining the building and housing staff providing the non-care elements of the service and noting that Devon County Council will be responsible for securing care provision via a commissioned service;
- (2) approve a budget of £350,000 to be set aside to enable the scheme to be ready to receive its first tenants and commence operation;
- (3) agree that a contribution of £20,000 per annum, subject to an annual uplift be used as a contribution towards the care provider's scheme manager;
- (4) agree that an Extra Care Property Services Manager be recruited by Exeter City Council to manage all non-care elements of the scheme at a cost of £35,000 salary; and
- (5) agree the budget set out for the Medium Term Financial Plan as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Members' Training

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the Executive note the Members' Training report.

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 22 February 2022.