

EXECUTIVE

STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Monday 28 February 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

Urgent Item- Situation in Ukraine

Agreed:

That the following motion be put forward for consideration by the Extraordinary meeting of Council on 10 March 2022:-

(1) That Exeter stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and the Council agrees to immediately suspend its civic relationship with Yaroslavl;

(2) That it be noted that the Leader of the Council will write to Vadym Prystaiko, the Ukrainian Ambassador to the United Kingdom offering the City's support for the people of Ukraine in these difficult times;

(3) That it be noted that the Leader of the Council has written to the Home Secretary advising her that Exeter has always been a City which welcomes refugees from all over the world in their hour of need, and it would support the acceptance of Ukrainian refugees and urges the UK Government to consider an urgent review into the criteria to be applied to those Ukrainian citizens who are seeking asylum in the UK;

(4) That appropriate arrangements be made, in cooperation with Inclusive Exeter, to extend and engage support for the Ukrainian community in Exeter.

Reason for Decision: As outlined by the Council Leader.

Urgent Decision – Exeter City Council's response to the Devon Climate Citizens Assembly

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the urgent matter be noted.

Reason for Decision: As outlined by the Portfolio Holder for Net Zero Exeter 2030.

Pinhoe Community Hub Business Proposal

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- (1) note the contents of the Business Case; and
- (2) authorise officers to work with the community group to assess the viability of the business case, noting that any recommendation around CIL would return to Executive and Council for determination.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement 2021

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the content and publication of the Annual Infrastructure Statement for 2021 be noted.

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 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.

Reason for Decision: The proposed reasons for the exemptions was that it was in the public interest to maintain the confidentiality of the company's business plan and business case respectively and the recommendation that minutes 42 and 43 be taken under Part 2, be maintained.

Hamlin Gardens Housing Scheme

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- (1) note the procurement and budget issues that had arisen in implementing the previously agreed decision on the development of the Hamlin Gardens site; and
- (2) approve an increase in the approved budget by £1.3 million to £5.3 million to allow the Council to enter into a construction contract with the chosen main contractor.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Exeter City Living Business Plan 2022-23

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- (1) approve the 2022-23 Exeter City Living Business Plan, and commit to funding and expenditures as outlined in the plan and include the provision to recruit in accordance with the Business Plan based on a committed development pipeline;
- (2) agree to the principle to dispose of the sites identified in Appendix A of the Business Plan to achieve the objectives of the City Council, namely, building homes, and to authorise the City Surveyor, in consultation with the Leader of the City Council, to enter into negotiations to sell the sites identified in Appendix A of the Business Plan;
- (3) agree to strive to achieve a timely and efficient process of site disposal in support of the Business Plan in accordance with the 'Sale Methodology' outlined in Appendix B of the Business Plan, and to standardise option agreements for the sites outlined in Appendix C of the Business Plan. The timeline for the development programme demonstrates the importance of timetables being met in order to comply with funding agreements and the implications of construction inflation;
- (4) note for clarity, that the Developments outlined in the Appendices are over and above Clifton Hill and Vaughan Road (The Gardens, Whipton) which Exeter City Living are already committed to deliver in line with their 2020-2021 Business Plan;
- (5) note that, in relation to the Housing Revenue Account new build and asset remodelling projects, Exeter City Living will be the developer of choice and given opportunity of first refusal;
- (6) note that, Exeter City Living will pioneer the transition to a Net Zero future delivering Passivhaus standards or a Net Zero standards as the default position (unless otherwise instructed by the Shareholders on specific sites), demonstrating climate resilience and delivering healthy buildings, with low or zero car parking provision, depending on location and access to facilities; and
- (7) note for clarity, that the Business Plan does not include an assumption that Exeter City Living will act as a property management company for the purposes of built to rent accommodation, and any such requirement may require a change in the scope of the management agreement and a refresh of the Business Plan.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

A Business Case for the Creation of a Residential Property Company

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- (1) approve the Business Case and support the operation of a property management function and that a single company structure (Exeter City Living) be the vehicle for delivery, rather than Exeter City Homes being made operational;
- (2) agree to the production of a Business Plan outlining the objectives, planned activities, deliverables, performance management framework and forecast financial performance for the property management function, using the financial model developed with actual projects costs and actual incomes to demonstrate that the venture would be feasible, viable and profitable, before it is entered into; and

- (3) agree to the review and amendment of the original Management Agreement between any involved subsidiary company and the Council as the shareholder of the parent company Exeter City Group, to permit Exeter City Living to exercise the function of a property management company, with the proposed amendments brought back to Council.

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 10 March 2022.