



Exeter City Council

A meeting of **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** will be held at the **GUILDHALL, HIGH STREET, EXETER** on **TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023**, at 6.00 pm, at which you are hereby summoned to attend.

The meeting will be live streamed on YouTube.

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If you have an enquiry regarding any items on this agenda, please contact Mark Devin, Democratic Services Manager on 01392 265477.

The following business is proposed to be transacted:-

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1 Minutes	
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023.	5 - 26
2 Official Communications	
3 Public Questions	
Details of questions should be notified to the Democratic Services Manager at least three working days prior to the meeting - by 10am on Thursday 7 December 2023. Further information and a copy of the procedure are available from Democratic Services (Committees) (Tel: 01392 265115) with details about speaking at Council to be found here: Public Speaking at Meetings .	

To receive minutes of the following Committees and to determine thereon:-

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Notice of Motion

9 Notice of Motion by Councillor Atkinson under Standing Order No. 6

The Chancellors Autumn statement has set the country on course for a “more painful” austerity drive after the next general election after more than a Decade of austerity starting under David Cameron and George Osborne.

The £20bn package of tax cuts is almost entirely funded by swinging real-terms reductions to public spending planned from 2025 when it may not even be in government according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

It is estimated that the NHS receives 20% of its funding from National Insurance. The plans to cut National Insurance means that some funding for social care and the NHS will have to come from other budgets or general taxation.

This implied a 1.8% cut for unprotected budgets each year from 2024-25 to 2028-29, including for prisons, the courts system, local government and further education.

After taking into account funding settlements for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, it said the plans implied cuts of 3.4% in England.

This Council has had more than 50% of its budget cut since 2010 and is already again having to make difficult decisions in planning to achieve a legally balanced budget for 2024-5.

Economists doubt efficiency gains on such a scale can be achieved. Councils all around us in the Southwest and throughout the county are on the verge of bankruptcy and many have already issued S114 notices.

This Council resolves to

- 1) Write to the government to ask them to make no real time cuts to Local Government until it has undertaken a spending review; and
- 2) Seek the support of the Local MPs and the LGA to oppose the Chancellor's Budget for Local Government.

10 Notice of Motion by Councillor Read under Standing Order No. 6

This Council:

Expresses deep sympathy for all those affected by the conflict in Israel and Palestine. To those in the Exeter area who have been affected by this conflict we offer our support in this difficult time.

Condemns the murder of Israeli civilians, the taking of hostages by Hamas and subsequent death and destruction in Gaza. Believes that the urgent priority must be to stop the deaths and suffering of any more civilians in Gaza, Israel and the rest of Palestine.

Hopes for an immediate further release of all hostages and release of Palestinian prisoners held without charge and an immediate permanent ceasefire to allow more aid and the possibility of a peaceful resolution.

Believes the tragic recent events in Israel, Gaza and Palestine must not be allowed to divide our communities in Exeter.

Believes Jews, Muslims and people of all faiths and none should feel safe in our city.

Condemns the increase in anti-Semitic and Islamophobia violence and abuse in

the UK and believes all forms of racism have no place in our city.

The Council resolves to:

(i) explore how the Council can better support and facilitate events for people of all faiths and none, where they can come together and express solidarity and sadness in response to these events.

(ii) offer appropriate support to any local resident who needs our assistance as a result of these violent events.

(iii) stand ready to provide support and open our arms to innocent people displaced and affected by these events.

The Council also calls on the UK Government to press all parties to agree:

(i) to an urgent permanent ceasefire in Gaza, Israel and the rest of Palestine and to make every effort to resume the peace process;

(ii) to guarantee that international humanitarian law is upheld and that civilians are protected in accordance with those laws;

(iii) to ensure that civilians have access to humanitarian support, including unfettered access of medical supplies, food, electricity, other fuel and water.

The Council requests the Chief Executive of the Council to submit this motion to the UK Government.

11 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 4 December 2023

Bindu Arjoon
Chief Executive