

## PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE PRIORITIES FOR 2011/12

- **Open the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in December 2011**

We will reopen the museum and offer exhibitions and events which will attract the attention of many thousands of potential visitors and re-establish RAMM as the South-West's premier museum. RAMM will open on Sundays as well. Through our partnerships with national museums and the Royal Collection we will offer local people the chance to see world-ranking exhibitions on their doorstep as well as providing a significant attraction for visitors.

- **Enhance the City's parks and play areas**

Exeter already has a wonderful range of parks and it is our aim to maintain and extend play facilities and equipment in parks including paddling pools in St Thomas and Heavitree. The pools have undergone a substantial refurbishment including improvements to the water treatment systems to improve water quality, pressure grouting and a new water-proof coating as well as partial rebuilding of the pump houses. The pools will be open for 16 weeks in 2011/12, longer than they were last year. Despite the financial challenges faced by the Council we believe that this is money well spent given the pleasure that these facilities bring to the City's children and families.

- **Keep the City clean and pleasant for everyone**

We will continue our rolling programme of deep cleans of parts of the city and our work in removing chewing gum and graffiti. We will look for opportunities to enhance this further, particularly if the new Business Improvement District goes ahead.

We will continue to work to improve cleanliness of back alleys by working with residents to find the best way for them to store and present their rubbish. We realise that there won't be one solution for every area but we will need to be flexible and creative.

- **Minimise waste and build on our recycling rates**

We will work hard to make our collection and recycling systems as efficient as possible whilst not forgetting that our prime aim is to minimise the waste produce in the first place. Increasing our recycling rate will be a challenge as the recession will reduce the amount of newspapers and magazines purchased and because industry has been working hard to reduce the weight of packaging used.