

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

3 APRIL 2012

LOCALISM IN THE EXETER CONTEXT

1.0 THE PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for funding towards the working of the proposed Exeter Board to be established by Devon County Council.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At a recent meeting of the Devon County Council's Exeter Locality (County) Committee the members expressed a preference for the establishment of a single wide Board for Exeter with discretion to devolve responsibilities to neighbourhood level as appropriate. Members hoped that collective decisions could be made to maximise benefits, achieve best value and target resources to the most important areas. The Committee requested that a meeting of the City and County Council leaders with the Cabinet Lead for Exeter take place to discuss the proposals.
- 2.2 The Leaders have now met and are in favour of a joint board comprising 9 members from Devon County Council and 5 members from Exeter City Council with proposed funding contributions of £86,000 from Devon County Council and £8,600 from Exeter City Council. The suggestion is that membership from the City Council would comprise three from the ruling group and one each from the other political groups.
- 2.3 This initiative follows on from the Exeter locality (County) Committee's consideration of how Devon County Council's commitment to help communities help themselves would be best achieved in Exeter.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

1. That Executive support the establishment of a joint County Council and City Council Exeter Board
2. That Executive appoints five members to the joint Exeter Board
3. That Executive approves a financial contribution of £8,600 towards the work of the Exeter Board

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Background papers used in compiling this report:-

Exeter Locality County Committee Agenda and minutes Tue Jan 31 2012