



Exeter City Council

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the COUNCIL will be held at THE LECTURE THEATRE, INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, EXETER COLLEGE MAIN SITE CAMPUS, HELE ROAD, EXETER on TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2022 on the rising of the Ordinary meeting of Council which commences at 6.00pm at which you are hereby summoned to attend

PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO VIEW AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET PROPOSED BY THE PROGRESSIVE AND CONSERVATIVE GROUPS

This meeting is open to the public and those addressing the Council under the public speaking provisions, but because of current social distancing restrictions brought about by the Corona Virus outbreak, any members of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact the Democratic Services Team committee.services@exeter.gov.uk in advance, as there is limited capacity for public attendance. Priority will be given to those addressing the Council under the public speaking provisions.

In line with the advice from Steve Brown, Director of Public Health, all attendees are kindly requested to take a Lateral Flow Test prior to the meeting.

Further details for the meeting at Exeter College, including COVID compliant protocols, will follow closer to the meeting.

4 Budget 2022/23

To pass the following resolution:-

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RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the following, as submitted in the Estimates Book, be approved:-
 - (a) the Revenue estimates for 2022-2023;
 - (b) the Capital programme for 2022-2023;
 - (c) the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022-2023
 - (d) the Prudential indicators for 2022-2023 (incorporating the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement
 - (e) the Capital Strategy for 2022-2023

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- (2) that it be noted that, at the meeting of the Executive on the 11 January 2022, the Council calculated the figure of 37,666, as its council tax base for the year 2022-2023 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (3) that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2022-2023 in accordance with Sections 31A of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) £111,826,010 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f) of the Act;
 - (b) £105,420,892 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act;
 - (c) £6,405,118 being the amount by which the aggregate at (3)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (3)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year;
 - (d) £170.05 being the amount at (3)(c) above divided by the amount at 2 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year;

(e) Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£113.37	£132.26	£151.16	£170.05
E	F	G	H
£207.84	£245.63	£283.42	£340.10

Being the amount given by multiplying the amount at (3)(d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (4) That it will be noted that, for the year 2022-2023, Devon County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall and the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts on precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2003, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

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A	B	C	D
£xxx.xx	£xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx
E	F	G	H
£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx

Devon County Council - Adult Social Care

A	B	C	D
£xxx.xx	£xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx
E	F	G	H
£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

A	B	C	D
£164.37	£191.77	£219.16	£246.56
E	F	G	H
£301.35	£356.14	£410.93	£493.12

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority
Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£xx.xx	£xx.xx	£xx.xx	£xx.xx
E	F	G	H
£xx.xx	£xxx.xx	£xxx.xx	£xxx.xx

- (5) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (3)(e) and (4) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby set the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2022-2023 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx
E	F	G	H
£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx	£x,xxx.xx

Standing Order 30

Members are asked to note that a recorded vote is required to approve the budget and to set the Council Tax in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014. Standing Order 30 refers.

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EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL: 22 FEBRUARY 2022

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BUDGET

Amendments to the proposed budget by the Progressive Group – received Monday 14 February 2022

Proposal 1

Proposed by Cllr K. Mitchell

Seconded by Cllr M. Mitchell

That the Council employ a full time Planning Enforcement Officer Grade G in 2022/23.

The total cost of this post including the market surcharge and on costs is £41,196.00.

The cost of this additional post be found by the Council introducing a charging regime for its Pre Application Advice Service to developers.

Using a system similar to Plymouth City Council in regard to a major development deemed to be 10 properties or more, the scale of charges is £2,028-£3,728. There is a higher negotiated scale of charges for developments involving more than 150 properties.

Last year, the Council was involved in pre application advice regarding 26 'major developments'. Therefore, using the Plymouth scale, the income that Exeter could have raised last year would have been a minimum of £52,728.

Proposal 2

Proposed by Cllr D. Moore

Seconded by Cllr A. Sparling

That the Council employ a full time Scrutiny Programme Officer Grade H post in 2022/23.

The total cost of this post including on-costs is £42,828.00.

The purpose is to support the Scrutiny Programme Board, the Scrutiny Committees, officers and Councillors to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council's scrutiny function and contribute towards the Council's objective of being a well-run Council.

The cost of the post for 2022/23 to be met from HRA unallocated funds of £4,282.80 and from the GF Final Settlement of £38,545.20. Total funding £42,828.00.

**Amendments to the proposed budget by the Conservative Group – received
Wednesday 16 February 2022**

Proposed by Cllr A. Leadbetter

Seconded by Cllr A. Jobson

Amendment to the Budget

In Exeter there are over 5,600 exempt dwellings in respect occupation mostly by students if those properties were subject to Council Tax at Band B, this would provide the Council with an additional £725,000 of annual income. It is time the legislation was changed to permit this because it is clear from tonight's resolution that tough decisions have to be made.

However, the Conservative Group does not support the budget as set by the Labour administration.

The Conservative Group proposes the following amendment:

- a) Provision should be made for the roll out of re-cycling of food waste across the City as a matter of urgency and without further delay. There should be support given to a programme to better educate residents as to what can be re-cycled.
- b) From the 15% Community element of CIL there should be a programme to refit and update the City's play parks - such work to be completed within two years. The Connect and Well-being budgets to be reduced accordingly.
- c) The feasibility study for the Wonford Community Centre should be reduced to £250,000 and the refurbishment of the Wonford Centre should be budgeted for the year 2022/23 with no further delays.
- d) The funding from the saving in the above feasibility budget should be used for street cleaning; grass cutting; bin emptying and the enhancement of green corridors and smaller green spaces for wildflower planting.
- e) Provision should be made for the Exeter City Council Car Parks to offer free parking on the 1st Sunday in each month.