



Exeter City Council

An **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** will be held at the **GUILDHALL, HIGH STREET, EXETER** on **TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2023**, at 6.00 pm, at which you are hereby summoned to attend.

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

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The following business is proposed to be transacted:-

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RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the following, as submitted in the Estimates Book, be approved:-
 - (a) the Revenue estimates for 2023-2024;
 - (b) the Capital programme for 2023-2024;
 - (c) the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023-2024;
 - (d) the Prudential indicators for 2023-2024 (incorporating the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement); and
 - (e) the Capital Strategy for 2023-2024.
- (2) that it be noted that, at the meeting of the Executive on the 10 January 2023, the Council calculated the figure of 38,247, as its council tax base for the year 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 in accordance with Sections 31A of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-

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- (a) £122,016,928 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) £115,318,731 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) £6,698,197 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) £175.13 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
£116.75	£136.21	£155.67	£175.13
E	F	G	H
£214.05	£252.97	£291.88	£350.26

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 2023-2024, 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

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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

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

A	B	C	D
£174.37	£203.44	£232.50	£261.56
E	F	G	H
£319.68	£377.81	£435.93	£523.12

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 2023-2024 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.

Date: 16 February 2023

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Budget Amendments from the Progressive Group

Proposer: Councillor Diana Moore

Seconder: Councillor Carol Bennett

We note the budget put forward. The Progressive Group propose the following amendments:

Amendment 1: Capital Budget

The proposed budget transfers surplus Income from the Guildhall Shopping Centre for 2023/24 (£1,089,000) to earmarked reserves for use for purposes as agreed with Government. The amendment is to use the surplus income for relevant purposes i.e. to repair the Guildhall MSCP (Part A), so releasing the funds proposed to be drawn down through borrowing for use on other projects (set out in Part B):

Part A:

- a. Use £883,400 of the surplus income to fund the repairs to the Guildhall MSCP £883,400 in 2025/26, which would be in line with the agreement with Government.
- b. To install and pilot in the Guildhall Car Park two lockable bicycle shelters for use by residents and one BDS cycle charging point for use by visitors and residents at a total cost of £9,400.

The remaining surplus income (£196,200) should be transferred to earmarked reserves.

Part B:

The investment (from borrowing) for works to the Guildhall MS Car Park to be reallocated for:

- a. A contribution of £537,750 for the replacement of Mallison Bridge to match partners' contributions (£500,000 DCC, ECQT and Bequest). Total project costs £1,037,750.00. The replacement of Mallison Bridge not only alleviates the problems created on the historic Quayside of funnelling all users through a small passageway but will also restore a strategic cycle and walking route.
- b. Invest £250,000 in the parks and open spaces infrastructure in the City Centre parks to boost investment in nature, play and improve community safety.
- c. One off refurbishment of Musgrave Row public toilets of £95,650.

Amendment 2: General Fund

Car Parks It is proposed to

- A. Extend the charging periods on a Thursday evening for the John Lewis, Guildhall, Mary Arches (ground level) and Mary Arches (multi storey) to align with the charges for those car parks on every other night of the week (i.e. to

10pm) and all other Central and Zone 1 Car parks. This will raise (£37,077.60) p.a.

To be spent on the one off reopening costs of £7,000 for Musgrave Row public toilets. Thereafter this income to be used to fund ongoing staff costs of £7,200 and £1,840 maintenance costs (Total £16,040).

The remaining funds £21,037.60 to be used for planting in the city's parks.

- B. To reverse the proposed cut to Exeter Community Grants Programme from £204,000 to £15,000 by increasing car parking charges across the board by 2.5% to raise £193,858 to create a Community funding programme of £208,858.

Amendment 3: General Fund

Retrofit

In 2020 Council allocated £300,000 for three business cases, some on which has been spent on one business case. The 2023/2024 budget proposes to use £49,000 of these funds to fund a potential compulsory purchase in respect of Mary Arches which leaves £143,000 unspent.

It is proposed to use these remaining funds to kick start the work to establish the viability of a city wide retrofit programme, learning from the Council's own work on its Council Housing, the work of the Local Government Association and other Councils

The proposal is to appoint two Officers both at Grade H (£92,980 total) for a period of 16 months (Total £123,973) to develop the model and feasibility of rolling out refurbishment at scale resulting in an evidence based business case for progressing the project. The remaining funds: £19,027 would be allocated for project costs.

One role would be Technical - focusing on modelling the scope, technical and financial issues. The other role would focus on Partnership and Community engagement to demonstrate demand and delivery capability. Building on the partnerships with other District Councils, Housing Association, Exeter College, the University and business bodies to understand the supply chain, skills and workforce development needs and engage with residents and business to cultivate demand, and understand and develop solutions to the barriers to progressing this work.