



A meeting of **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** will be held at the **GUILDHALL, HIGH STREET, EXETER** on **WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026**, 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 the Democratic Services Manager - democratic.services@exeter.gov.uk

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Agenda

7 Budget 2026/27

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Date: 17 February 2026

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Chief Executive

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1 Public Questions

Details of questions should be notified to Democratic Services at least three working days prior to the meeting - by 10am on Friday 20 February 2026.

Further information and details about speaking at Council to be found here: [Public Speaking at Meetings](#).

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are reminded of the need to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests that relate to business on the agenda and which have not already been included in the register of interests, before any discussion takes place on the item. Unless the interest is sensitive, you must also disclose the nature of the interest. In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, you must then leave the room and must not participate in any further discussion of the item. Councillors requiring clarification should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer prior to the day of the meeting.

3 To note Minute No. 97 & 98 of the Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee - 22 January February 2026

For the Quarter 2 Budget Scrutiny and 2026/27 Budget Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Plan.

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4 To note Minute No. 92 of the Executive on 16 December 2025

For 2026/27 Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan.

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5 To note Minute No. 93 of the Executive on 16 December 2025

For the Council Taxbase and NNDR 1 2026/27

(Pages 13 - 14)

6 **To note Minute No. 94 of the Executive on 16 December 2025**

For the Housing Rents and Service Charges 2026-27

(Pages 15
- 16)

7 **Budget 2026/27**

To pass the following resolution:-

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RESOLVED:-

- 1) That the following, as submitted, be approved:
 - (a) the Revenue estimates for 2026-2027;
 - (b) the Capital programme for 2026-2027;
 - (c) the Fees & Charges for 2026-2027;
 - (d) the Treasury Management Strategy for 2026-2027;
 - (e) the Prudential indicators for 2026-2027 (incorporating the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement); and
 - (f) the Capital Strategy for 2026-2027
- 2) that it be noted that, at the meeting of the Executive on the 16 December 2025, the Council calculated the figure of 40,186, as its council tax base for the year 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 in accordance with Sections 31A of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-
 - (a) £127,722,990 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) £120,035,006 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) £7,687,984 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) £191.31 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
£127.54	£148.80	£170.05	£191.31
E	F	G	H
£233.82	£276.34	£318.85	£382.62

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 2026-2027, 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:-

Devon County Council

A	B	C	D
£1,260.78	£1,470.91	£1,681.04	£1,891.17
E	F	G	H
£2,311.43	£2,731.69	£3,151.95	£3,782.34

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

A	B	C	D
£202.13	£235.83	£269.51	£303.20
E	F	G	H
£370.58	£437.96	£505.33	£606.40

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority

A	B	C	D
£73.12	£85.31	£97.49	£109.68
E	F	G	H
£134.05	£158.43	£182.80	£219.36

- 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 2026-2027 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D
£1,663.57	£1,940.84	£2,218.09	£2,495.36
E	F	G	H
£3,049.88	£3,604.42	£4,158.93	£4,990.72

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.

8 Appointment of the two Council Independent Persons

To consider the report on the appointment of the Council's Independent Persons. (Pages 235 - 252)

A plan of seating in the Guildhall is attached

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