

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ECONOMY

Date: Thursday 26 June 2014
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Rennes Room, Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business.

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Membership -

Councillors D J Henson (Chair), Brock (Deputy Chair), Branston, Brimble, Bull, Crew, Donovan, Foggin, Holland, Lyons, Robson, Wardle and Williams

Agenda

Part I: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public present

7 Portfolio Holders' Statement

Councillor Sutton (Portfolio Holder for City Development) and Councillor Denham (Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture) to present priorities for 2014/15. (This document will be circulated under separate cover). (Pages 3 - 6)

Date of Next Meeting

The next **Scrutiny Committee - Resources** will be held on Thursday 11 September 2014 at 5.30 pm

Future Business

The schedule of future business proposed for this Scrutiny Committee and other Committees of the Council can be viewed on the following link to the Council's website:

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Agenda Item 7

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Portfolio Holder Priorities 2014/15

The work programme for the Portfolio Holders for Economy and Culture and City Development is set out in the attached document (Appendix A).

Members should note that the document sets out the broad priorities for 2014/15 and that Portfolio Holders will be working closely with officers to refine and develop these priorities over the coming months. The refined list of priorities for 2014/15, which will also include outcomes and targets, will be published in September 2014 in the Council's Corporate Plan.

The document also shows the priorities for 2012 - 2014, which were reported previously to this Committee, and a list of priorities and initiatives which have been completed.

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Priorities for 2014/15

| Priority | Assistant Director/ Corporate Manager | Portfolio Holder |
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| Continue to work towards the redevelopment of the Bus and Coach Station and the delivery of a new energy-efficient swimming pool that is fit for a growing population and future climate change. | Richard Ball | Cllr Denham |
| Support the development of a local currency (similar to the already successful Bristol Pound) to support local businesses and independent traders. | Richard Ball | Cllr Denham |
| Work with the University and employers to help businesses benefit from the city's graduates and to create more graduate jobs to attract and retain a skilled workforce. | Richard Ball | Cllr Denham |
| Recognise the contribution that culture makes to the Exeter economy and encourage initiatives to support local businesses, such as new markets, community events and cultural activities. | Richard Ball | Cllr Denham |
| Promote the Living Wage and Equal Pay amongst Exeter's employers | Richard Ball | Cllr Denham |
| Introduce a Local Labour Agreement and work with developers to offer more jobs and training opportunities for local people. | Richard Short | Cllr Sutton |
| Work with employers, training providers, Job Centre Plus and others to identify the skills local people will need for new jobs in the city, including those at the Exeter Science Park. | Richard Ball | Cllr Denham |
| Continue with the City Council apprenticeship scheme and ringfence 2 apprenticeships for young people with disabilities or learning difficulties. | Caroline Hall | Cllr Edwards |
| Work with partners to promote and improve bus and rail transport in the city and fight for adequate public transport to meet demand from new housing. | Richard Short | Cllr Sutton |

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