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AGENDA FOR **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RESOURCES**

The Scrutiny Committee - Resources will meet on **WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2008**, commencing at **5.30 pm**, in the Rennes Room, Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter to consider the following business. If you have an enquiry regarding any items on this agenda, please contact Sarah Selway, Member Services Officer on **Exeter 265275**.

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

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MINUTES

To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2008.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors are reminded of the need to declare personal and prejudicial interests, including the nature and extent of such interests, in relation to business on the agenda, before any discussion takes place on the item. Councillors requiring clarification should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer prior to the day of the meeting.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It is not considered that the Committee would be likely to exclude the press and

public during the consideration of any of the items on this agenda but, if it should wish to do so, then the following resolution should be passed: -

RECOMMENDED that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for particular item(s) on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

4 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 19**

A period of up to 15 minutes will be set aside to deal with questions to the Committee from members of the public.

Details of questions should be notified to the Assistant Chief Executive at least three working days prior to the meeting. Further information and a copy of the procedure are available from Member Services (265275) also on the Council web site: <http://www.exeter.gov.uk/scrutinyquestions>

5 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER STANDING ORDER 20**

To receive questions from Members of the Council to appropriate Portfolio Holders.

Details of questions should be notified to the Assistant Chief Executive at least three working days prior to the meeting. Further information and a copy of the procedures are available from Member Services (Exeter 265275)

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

***MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE MEMBER SERVICES OFFICER OF ANY QUESTIONS OR ISSUES ON PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORTS BY 9.00 AM ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.**

6 **AIM PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROGRESS**

To consider the joint report of the Head of Contracts and Direct Services, Head of Housing and Social Inclusion, Head of Treasury Services and the Head of Estates Services – *report circulated (Monitoring Schedule available on request and on the Internet).*

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7 **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

To consider the report of the Head of Treasury Services - *report circulated*

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MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE

- 8 **CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT**
- To consider the report of the Head of Treasury Services - *report circulated* 7 - 16
- 9 **OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2008/2009**
- To consider the report of the Head of Treasury Services - *report circulated* 17 - 22

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RESOURCES

- 10 **MEDIA SPECULATION OF A £11 MILLION BUDGET DEFICIT**
- This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of the Chair, in light of the recent adverse media publicity concerning an alleged £11m to £30m budget deficit. 23 - 26
- The purpose of placing this item on the agenda is to allow members to establish the facts concerning the financial position and to establish the background behind the release, briefing and publication of the information.
- In order to allow the appropriate portfolio holders to give an account and to answer members' questions, Councillors Fullam and R Hannaford have been requested to be present at the meeting in accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.
- The financial spreadsheet on which the Express & Echo based its story is circulated to members with a covering report by the Director Corporate Services to clarify the financial position shown in the capital forecast – *report circulated*

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next **Scrutiny Committee - Resources** will be held on Wednesday 26 November 2008 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: <http://www.exeter.gov.uk/forwardplan>
Councillors can view a hard copy of the schedule in the Members Room.

Membership -

Councillors Coates (Chair), D J Morrish (Deputy Chair), M A Baldwin, Boyle, P Brock, Hobden, Martin, Newton, Noble, Prowse, Robson, Thompson and Wardle

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