



Exeter City Council

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of the Scrutiny Committee - Economy

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AGENDA FOR
EXETER CITY COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - ECONOMY

The Scrutiny Committee - Economy will meet on **THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2013**, 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 Sharon Sissons, Member Services Officer on **Exeter 265115**.

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

1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence from Committee Members.

2 **MINUTES**

To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2013.

3 **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.

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

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 15 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act.

5 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF 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 Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support at least three working days prior to the meeting. Further information and a copy of the procedure are available from Member Services (01392 265115) and also on the Council's web site <http://www.exeter.gov.uk/scrutinyquestions>

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

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

7 **BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PRESENTATION**

Presentation by Stephen Oliver from YTKO who has been commissioned by Connecting Devon and Somerset to manage their business support programme aimed at equipping businesses across the two counties with the knowledge and skills to take full advantage of the improved broadband services being brought by the recently announced £94 million private and public sector investment to be made in Devon and Somerset.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY EXECUTIVE

8 **PREPARATION OF KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY STRATEGY 2013 - 2018**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director Economy – *report circulated* 1 - 4

9 **CITY CENTRE BID**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director Economy – *report circulated* 5 - 8

10 **PRODUCTION OF PROMOTIONAL VIDEO**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director Economy – *report circulated* 9 - 10

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ECONOMY

11 **PROGRESS REPORT: EHOD EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS BOARD**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director Economy – *report circulated* 11 - 16

12 **SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director Economy – *report circulated* 17 - 30

13 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TASK AND FINISH GROUP SCOPING REPORT**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director Economy – *report circulated* 31 - 32

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

14 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2012**

To consider the joint report of the Strategic Director and Assistant Director Finance – *report circulated* 33 - 44

PART II: ITEM SUGGESTED FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION BY EXECUTIVE

15 **EXETER AND HEART OF DEVON GROWTH BOARD MINUTES**

Members are invited to note the minutes of the Exeter and Heart of Devon Growth Board held on 22 January 2013 – *minutes circulated to Members* 45 - 52

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next **Scrutiny Committee - Economy** will be held on Thursday 30 May 2013 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 Crow (Chair), Brock (Deputy Chair), Baldwin, Bialyk, Bull, Choules, Crew, Lyons, Mottram, Pearson, Prowse, Robson and Wardle

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