

Executive

Statement of Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 4 February 2014. Decisions made by the Executive will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Sarah Selway, Democratic Services (Committees) Manager on 01392 265275 or email sarah.selway@exeter.gov.uk

Future Workings of Scrutiny

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council that a cross party working group be established to look into the future workings of scrutiny and that the proposals are brought back through Executive to Full Council.
Reason for Decision:	To ensure that a robust Scrutiny Process is in place.

Members Allowances 2014/15

Agreed	That the report be deferred.
Reason for Decision:	To reassess the Members Allowances.

Annual Pay Policy Statement

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council that the Pay Policy Statement 2014/15 be adopted and published in accordance with legislation.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Treasury Management Strategy Report 2014/15

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council to adopt the new Treasury Management Strategy and delegations contained therein.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (incorporating the Annual Statement of Minimum Revenue Position)

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council to adopt the:- (1) Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix A–C; and (2) Annual Statement of Minimum Revenue Provision for the Council.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

General Fund Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme 2014/15

Agreed	That it is recommended to Council:- (1) to approve the Council’s overall spending proposals in respect of both its revenue and capital budgets; (2) to set aside the amounts allocated from the New Homes Bonus for major infrastructure along with the unallocated funds to finance the proposed new leisure complex, with any additional funding left over used to support the revenue budget in terms of financing and repaying borrowing that has been incurred; (3) to remove the ring-fence on capital receipts for the Canal Basin project; (4) to approve the council tax for each Band as set out in section 21.3, subject to Devon County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Devon and Cornwall and the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority confirming their Band D levels respectively; (5) when the actual council tax amounts for Devon County Council, Devon and Cornwall Police Authority, and the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority are set then the revised council tax levels be submitted to Council on 25 February 2014 for approval; and (6) to note the Statement given by the chief finance officer as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003.
Reason for	

Decision:	As set out in the report.
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Consultation on Draft Development Brief for South West Alphington

Agreed	That:- (1) the draft Brief be approved as a basis for public consultation; and (2) authority be delegated to the Assistant Director City Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder City Development, to agree any further minor editorial amendments required prior to publication.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Opening Hours for Civic Centre -Based Services

Agreed	(1) efforts to ensure that the staff resources are used effectively in order to meet customer demand as part of the Council's systems thinking approach are noted; (2) the revised opening hours for the CSC be effective from the completion of consultation with affected staff for the services included in the 'Help Me' System; and (3) the end date of the current pilot of opening until 7pm on Thursdays be no later than Mid March to allow for consultation with staff and stakeholders.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Research Project to Investigate Housing Need in Exeter

Agreed	(1) the undertaking of a Research Project to investigate housing need in Exeter and, by extension, the functioning of the housing market in Exeter, be approved, this Research Project to inform the new Housing Strategy. (2) the research would be carried out by Exeter University in partnership with the Council's Housing Development Team, the total cost would not exceed £30,000 net, be noted.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Empty Homes Strategy 2014-17

Agreed	that the Empty Homes Strategy 2014-2017 be approved.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public

Agreed	that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.
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Tender of Housing Gas Contract

Agreed	that the tendering of the gas contract following a different service delivery model be approved.
Reason for Decision:	As set out in the report.

The decisions indicated will normally come into force 5 working days after publication of the Statement of Decisions unless called in by a Scrutiny Committee. Where the matter in question is urgent, the decision will come into force immediately. Decisions regarding the policy framework or corporate objectives or otherwise outside the remit of the Executive will be considered by Council on 25 February 2014.