



## Exeter City Council

A meeting of **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** will be held at the **GUILDHALL, HIGH STREET, EXETER** on **TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2014**, at 6.00 pm, at which you are hereby summoned to attend. The following business is proposed to be transacted:-

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This motion seeks to explore the viability of allowing members of the public to ask questions of this Council at its commencement of Full Council Meetings. This may or may not include questions written in advance. In addition to consider that the same facility to be afforded at Executive Meetings which may only be restricted to "agenda items".

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## 12 Notice of Motion by Councillor Bull under Standing Order No. 6

This Council notes:

1. that the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is currently being negotiated between the US and the EU supposedly to pursue the interest of free trade.
2. TTIP negotiations are being conducted behind closed doors between representatives of the EU and US without transparency or democratic accountability.
3. TTIP would open up access to government procurement markets and eliminate preferential treatment to local suppliers and introduce investment protection provisions that include investor state dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanisms which allow investors to challenge state actions which they perceive as threatening to their investment.
4. The potential implications of TTIP with respect to the City of Exeter, regarding social and environmental affects, and across the spectrum of public services
5. ISDS mechanisms allow for disputes between investors and governments to be heard by tribunals of “experts” rather than resolved by the host state’s courts. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) recently explained that “foreign investors have recently used ISDS claims to challenge measures adopted by states in the public interest (for example, policies to promote social equity, foster environmental protection or protect public health).

This Council believes that:

1. the TTIP negotiations are potentially catastrophic for public services as the EU/US representatives are negotiating to hand over the right to regulate in the public interest without transparency or accountability to their electorates.
2. ISDS mechanisms would make it hard for any government to reverse liberalisation and privatisation without being sued by foreign investors. So whatever voters actually wanted, the trade treaty would place major barriers in the way of government giving expression to their democratic will.

This Council resolves:

1. To call upon the Leader to write to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills, the two MPs representing Exeter and all 6 South West MEPs raising our serious concerns about the developing TTIP, the secretiveness of its process and its potential impact on public services, social and environmental protection, financial regulation and basic democratic oversight
2. To call upon the Leader to write to Devon County Council and all the other district councils in Devon to urge them to join us in opposing the potential impact of the TTIP.
3. To call upon the Leader to write the District Councils Network and Local Government Association to urge them lobby on behalf of all Local Authorities on the potential impact of the TTIP.

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A plan of seating in the Guildhall is attached as an annexe

Date: Monday 8 December 2014

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Growth Director

**NOTE: Members are asked to sign the Attendance Register**



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