

## **EXETER BOARD**

### **THIS MEETING IS AT COUNTY HALL**

Date: Thursday 25 September 2014  
Time: 6:00pm  
Venue: **Daw Room, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter**

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

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#### *Membership –*

Exeter City Council

Councillors Baldwin, Branston, Robson and Sutton

Devon County Council

Councillors Foggin, Hannaford, Hannan, Hill, Leadbetter, Morse, Owen, Prowse and Westlake

Associate Members

Mr Richard Atkins (Exeter College), Sara Bond (Exeter Chamber of Commerce), Simon Bowkett (Exeter CVS), Gillian Champion (Exeter sub-locality of the Eastern Region New Devon CCG), Dr Jonathan Draper (Exeter Cathedral), Angela Pedder (RD & E), Geoff Pringle (Exeter University), Jude Taylorson (Faith Groups) and Sharon Taylor (Devon & Cornwall Police)

#### Agenda

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

- 1 **Apologies**
- 2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2014**
- 3 **Items requiring urgent attention**
- 4 **Open Forum**

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## 5 **Devon Youth Service Proposed Location of Exeter Hub**

Following the decision of the Exeter Board on 17 July (Min. No. 8) that:-

- (1) Devon County Council be recommended to establish two youth hubs in Exeter, one at Westside and the other at the Phoenix Centre, Wonford;
- (2) in order to facilitate and promote the provision of youth services across the City, including at the Knight Club and the 100 Club, Devon County Council be requested to work with Exeter City Council to establish a Youth Strategy for Exeter; and
- (3) a Working Group be established comprising Members and Officers of Devon County Council and Exeter City Council to progress the Youth Strategy.

The response of the County Councils' Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Skills is set out below:-

1. the 100 Club will be Exeter's youth hub and the centre of the network of provision for the city. It is a DCC owned building which includes office accommodation.
2. the Joint Exeter Board be invited, at its meeting on 25 September 2014, to consider making, from the Exeter Board Community Grant Fund to support the development of community capacity in the other three sites across the City. Devon County Council would like to emphasise that delivery out of the other three venues (and anywhere else in the City) will be determined by the degree in which others come forward as partners, and that beyond the first year of any capacity building funds available, other resources will need acquiring from outside of DCC.
3. the Joint Exeter Board be advised that the DCC would favourably consider grant funding, from the £200,000 allocated by Cabinet, for community capacity building in Devon.
4. the DCC Youth Service will coordinate discussions with the groups and organisations interested in developing youth services in Exeter with the support from Services for Communities as appropriate.
5. a joint youth strategy for Exeter would need to cover issues such as: play, housing services and health and wellbeing. The development of this Youth Strategy may take many months and would include a wide selection of partners, consultations and input. It is not clear who would be those most appropriate 'lead' on this piece of work but it is envisaged that DCC would be a major partner alongside others.

Peter Stephenson of Exeter YMCA and Richard Cummings of ISCA Church have been invited to participate in the debate.

## 6 **Exeter Community Transport Association - Presentation by Mike Ellis**

## 7 **Funding Sub Group**

To confirm membership as:-

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Chair (Devon County Council)  
Deputy (Exeter City Council)  
Councillor Baldwin (Exeter City Council)  
Councillor Hannaford  
Councillor Owen (Devon County Council)  
Councillor Prowse  
Councillor Westlake

and to note date of next Sub Group as 4 November 2014.

## 8 **Weed Killing in Exeter - Chair and Tom Vaughan - Report attached**

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## 9 **Feedback from Member Representation on Multi agency groups**

### (a) Exeter Health and Well Being Board

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Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2014

### (b) Community Safety Partnership

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2014

## 10 **Dates of Meetings 2014/15 and Business**

### (a) Board Meetings

Thursday 25 November 2014 – Civic Centre  
Thursday 15 January 2015 – Civic Centre  
Tuesday 28 April 2015 – County Hall  
Thursday 23 July 2015 – City Centre  
Thursday 24 September 2015 – County Hall

### (b) Future Business

Members are asked to consider topics and themes and whether to have sight of the forward plans of the City Council's Executive and the County Council's Cabinet and of Scrutiny Committees.

University of Exeter - Role in City - Phil Atwell - November  
Location of Community Assets in the City - Dawn Rivers  
Transition Town Exeter and Economic Development Strategy  
Exeter Cultural Strategy  
Exeter Respect

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next **Exeter Board** will be held on Tuesday 25 November 2014 at 6.00 pm

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## EXETER BOARD

Thursday 17 July 2014

### Present:-

Exeter City Council

Councillors Baldwin, Branston, Robson and Sutton

Devon County Council

Councillors Foggin, Hannaford, Hannan, Hill, Leadbetter, Morse, Owen, Prowse and Westlake

Associate Members

Simon Bowkett (Exeter CVS)

### Also Present

Partnerships and Policy Development Officer, Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer, Housing Performance and Projects Manger, Assistant City Development Manager (Planning), Democratic Services Officer (Committees) (HB)

Also Present

Vicki Worthington - ExeTRA

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### APOLOGIES

These were received from Angela Pedder, Geoff Pringle and Sharon Taylor.

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### CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

In accordance with the agreement that the Chairmanship and Deputy Chairmanship should alternate annually between the City and County Councils, it was

**RESOLVED** that:-

(1) Councillor Leadbetter be appointed Chair for 2014/15; and

(2) Councillor Sutton be appointed Deputy Chair for 2014/15.

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2014

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2014 be taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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### FUNDING SUB GROUP

**RESOLVED** that:-

(1) the Chair, Deputy Chair, Councillors Baldwin, Hannaford, Owen, Prowse and Westlake serve on the Funding Sub Group; and

(2) the next meetings of the Sub Group be held on 30 July and 2 Sept 2014.

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## **OPEN FORUM**

### Electric Car Charging

Mr Ives spoke on the difficulties he had experienced at trying to use the various electric car charging points throughout the City. He had found that, at three charging points in the City, the Guildhall Car Park, outside the Civic Centre and at Matford Park and Ride there had been petrol/diesel cars parked continuously, with Council vans re-charging at the latter two. Further, although the Government had allocated money for the provision of charging units, such as at main line railway stations, he had been informed by the manager of the St David's Railway Station that there were no plans to provide such a unit at present.

The Chair advised that clarification would be obtained on the use of the Council's charging points and of any proposals for unit installation elsewhere in the City,

### St. Thomas Church, Cowick Street and Library in Cathedral Yard

The following responses, in italics, were provided to questions put by Paul Gibbons:-

1 St Thomas Church, Cowick Street has applied for Heritage Lottery Fund support. What are the two councils doing to support this?

*No approach has been made to either Council. The Church could apply to the City Council's Major Grants and New Homes Bonus Panel, subject to future plans including use by the wider community. The churches in the St Thomas Parish are St Thomas, St Andrews and Emmanuel, the latter in use by the Riverside Church. It was suggested that plans for St Thomas could be part of an holistic approach to the future planning for all three churches.*

2. The Law Library in Cathedral Close adjacent to the Devon and Exeter Intuition is a Grade I listed building and is owed by a private individual. Can it be used for tourism ?

*The property was in private ownership and the Council was not in a position to take it on for tourism purposes.*

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## **EXETRA PRIVATE TENANT PROJECT**

Councillor Hannaford introduced issues relating to private sector renting and the difficulties being experienced in the City by many tenants, referring also to the recent eviction of 40 tenants from a property in Bartholomew Street. Government ministers had been lobbied on the need for stricter regulations for this sector and he welcomed the Exeter CVS backed ExeTRA project.

The Chair welcomed Vicki Worthington who enlarged on the ExeTRA scheme, established earlier this year to offer support to private tenants by signposting to advice services and campaigning to achieve policy and cultural change in the way people live in the private sector. It was estimated that 21% of Exeter's residents were in the private sector, many in disputes with landlords, paying large fees even before moving in, with some 46% paying rent that was classified as "unaffordable rent". The average occupancy of a property was 12 months which had implications for social cohesion and community building as well as for the tenants themselves such as children's education etc.

Simon Bowkett referred to the National Private Tenants Organisation, now called Generation Rent, which also lobbied the Government and encouraged and supported a network of local groups such as ExeTRA. The growth in the private renting sector from 14% to 21% in recent years made the development of a strategic approach vital.

The Chair thanked Vicki Worthington and advised that the ExTRA grant request of £3,000 for a project officer to develop and deliver an education outreach programme on private tenants' rights to the Funding Sub Group.

**RESOLVED** that the grant application be referred to the Funding Sub Group.

7        **WEED TREATMENT - REFERENCE BACK FROM DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL CABINET**

On 14 May 2014, Devon County Council Cabinet noted that this Board at its meeting on 28 April 2014 (Minute 43) and in considering a report on the Weed Spraying Programme for 2014/5 in Exeter and the outcome of the Payback Community trial in 2013/14, had resolved that *'in view of the cost and other benefits, the Cabinet be requested to finance three annual weed sprays (and not just one) for an additional approximate cost of £22,000, to be funded from surpluses within the City's On Street Parking Account'*. The Cabinet had **RESOLVED** that, the views of the Joint Board be noted, but it be advised that use of On-Street Parking income in this way was not permitted under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Weed spraying had been reduced from three to one a year but there had been a delay in confirming the County Council works order to the City Council for weed control on footpaths for early June. As a result, the planned use of herbicide which had to be undertaken at the correct time of year and plant growth (that is spring or autumn) was impractical as the efficacy of herbicide would be extremely limited. Arrangements had been made with community groups and local businesses to undertake weed pulling in some areas of the City and County Council Highways Inspectors had arranged similar work by deploying Community Paybacks schemes. Liaison between City and County Council staff, before September, was vital to ensure the correct timetabling of weedspraying for the autumn.

In addition to the aesthetic value of removing weeds, uncontrolled growth was a danger to pedestrians, particularly the elderly, as long grass and weeds could hide bumpy footpaths, cracked pavements etc.

**RESOLVED** that the County Council's Neighbourhood Highway Manager attend the September Board meeting to update Members on arrangements for the autumn weed spraying.

8        **DEVON YOUTH SERVICE PROPOSED LOCATION OF EXETER HUB**

Devon County Council Cabinet on 11 June 2014 had resolved to retain eight area based Youth hubs with one to be identified for Exeter. As part of this decision, it had also resolved to invite this Board to advise the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Skills on the most appropriate site/location/venue for the proposed Exeter Hub, having regard to any expressions of interest received from Community Groups and views of interested parties in the City.

Following on from this decision, a briefing had been held for Exeter Members of the Board for a full understanding of the issues and options. It was apparent that the provision of a single youth hub for the City was unacceptable and that at least two youth hubs should be created for Exeter, one for the west of the City and one for the east at the Phoenix Club, Wonford. In addition, it was considered that, with the loss of two remaining youth centres, it would be necessary to create a Youth Strategy for Exeter in order to ensure as strong a youth service as possible for the City as a whole, including those areas currently served by the 100 Club and the Knight Club.

Members were supportive of the proposed way forward. They referred to the enormous contribution made by youth workers in the City especially for vulnerable youngsters and children from difficult backgrounds both at home and in school and those living in deprived areas of the City. There was a real concern that the reduction in youth centres could have a negative impact on young people in Exeter. A Member referred to correspondence from the Wonford Neighbourhood Police Team suggesting that the closure of the local youth centre would lead to a significant increase in anti social behaviour in the area. He also referred to the outreach work of the Youth Service as well as work in schools. He supported the creation of youth hubs in the east and west of the City and the development of a City wide Youth Strategy, including those areas currently served by the Knight Club and the 100 Club.

Members felt that Exeter, with different needs and geography to the County's rural hinterland, did not fit the suggested Cabinet model for Devon which proposed single, area-based Youth Centre Hubs for the major urban areas such as Exeter, Barnstaple, Tiverton etc. Although a single hub would be appropriate for other Devon towns, it would be inadequate for Exeter. A city centre hub location was not supported as it was felt that youngsters identified more with their local areas and problems associated with the city centre's late night economy could present issues for some parents.

The proposed Youth Strategy would need to encompass new housing developments, reference being made to the recent successful provision of a community centre at Newcourt. The involvement of other community groups and interested parties, churches and charities would be an important element to be addressed by the strategy as would a mapping exercise on location/use of properties and community assets in the City across both Councils. Work should also ensure the effective targeting and support for the most vulnerable young people. In moving a motion to proceed on the basis of the above discussion, it was suggested that a working group of County Council and City Council Members and Officers be established, subject to the support of the County Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Skills.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Westlake and **SECONDED** by Councillor Owen, and

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) Devon County Council be recommended to establish two youth hubs in Exeter, one at Westside and the other at the Phoenix Centre, Wonford;
- (2) in order to facilitate and promote the provision of youth services across the City, including at the Knight Club and the 100 Club, Devon County Council be requested to work with Exeter City Council to establish a Youth Strategy for Exeter; and

- (3) a Working Group be established comprising Members and Officers of Devon County Council and Exeter City Council to progress the Youth Strategy.

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### **PROTECTION OF TREES**

Councillor Hannaford referred to the loss of trees experienced at Flowerpot Fields, Cowick Street, Manor Road Orchard, Exe Bridges, Fore Street and Wardrew Road and, more recently, South Street opposite the newsagents. Many were the result of developers/residential occupiers failing to consult properly with the local authority or simply disregarding Orders. The latter works had been undertaken by the County Council because of shallow and dangerous roots disrupting pavement slabs and creating a safety hazard.

The Assistant City Development Manager explained the background to local planning authority control on works to trees. The Council applied a consistent scoring system and landowners were required to provide the Local Planning Authority with six weeks prior notification of their intention to carry out works to trees within a Conservation Area. There were presently 477 TPO's in force with 32 area orders, 240 group orders and 51 woodland orders. It was important to strike the right balance and the intention of the system was only to protect trees with significant public amenity value. He would take on the Councillor's comments and undertook to ensure appropriate future consultation.

Other Members referred to tree planting undertaken recently in the City including the Millennium Wood at Topsham and to the County Council policy of replacing a lost tree by two trees somewhere in the City. The Chair suggested that this practice should be adhered to with regard to the loss of the South Street tree

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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### **HOUSING STRATEGY - EXETER**

The Housing Performance Manager reported that the City Council was producing a Housing Strategy and had recently consulted on the form and content. From this exercise, it had been evident that data on housing need and demand in the City was very limited.

As knowledge of demand was necessary to develop the strategy, the University of Exeter had been commissioned to undertake a study to measure need not recorded on the Housing Register and to understand the housing issues and problems of Exeter's citizens. A report would be made available by the end of the year. The Housing Strategy would help the Council deliver its aims of meeting housing needs, reducing carbon emissions and supporting Exeter's communities and neighbourhoods.

Councillor Hannaford advised that the Strategy was wide ranging, including planning and housing policies and covering all of the City's housing, not just the Council's stock. He referred to a report to the City Council's Executive on 15 July 2014 reviewing the Council's allocation of social housing which was now out to consultation.

A Member referred to the condition of Jubilee Court in Queen Street inspected by herself and a City Councillor who had written to the Chief Executive of Westward Housing Association highlighting the residents' concerns relating to cleanliness etc. but was still awaiting a response. It was noted that issues could be raised with Housing Associations at the regular Exeter Homes Partnership hosted by the City

Council and that the regulations for Housing Associations were set by the Homes and Communities Agency.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

11 **FEEDBACK FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON MULTI AGENCY GROUPS**

(a) Vision Partnership

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2014.

(b) Exeter Health and Well Being Board

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2014.

12 **DATES OF MEETINGS 2014/15 AND FUTURE BUSINESS**

(a) Board Meetings – all at 6.00pm

Thursday 25 September 2014 (County Hall)

Tuesday 15 November 2014 (Civic Centre)

Tuesday 15 January 2105 (Civic Centre)

Thursday 28 April 2015 (County Hall)

Thursday 23 July 2015 (Civic Centre)

Thursday 24 September 2015 (County Hall)

(b) Future Business

(i) University of Exeter – Role in City

(ii) Mapping Exercise on location/use of properties in the City

(iii) Economic Development

(iv) Transition Town Exeter and Economic Development Strategy

(v) Exeter Cultural Strategy

(vi) Exeter Respect

(The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and closed at 7.38 pm)

Chair

## EXETER BOARD FUNDING SUB-GROUP

Wednesday 30 July 2014

### **Present:-**

Councillor Andrew Leadbetter (Chair)  
Councillor Rachel Sutton (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Jill Owen  
Councillor Rob Hannaford  
Councillor Percy Prowse

### **Also Present:-**

Dawn Rivers, Community Involvement & Inclusion  
Jo Quinnell, Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Committees)

### 1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Westlake and Baldwin.

### 2 **UNRESOLVED APPLICATIONS**

#### 2a **Report back from Cllrs Owen and Leadbetter regarding funding application from The Hall, Stepcote Hill**

The Group considered the application for £3,000 to bring the fire escapes up to current regulations.

**Agreed** that the application is declined as no additional information has been provided since contact with Councillors Owen and Leadbetter.

#### 2b **Exeter Community Transport Association**

The Group considered the application for £2,000 towards the cost of replacing the aging fleet of mobility scooters, powered wheelchairs and manual wheelchairs.

**Agreed** that:

- (1) the application is deferred;
- (2) a presentation is made to the Exeter Board; and
- (3) a report is presented to the Exeter Board give an overview of all funding streams.

#### 2c **Life Education Wessex**

The Group considered the application for £5,330 to upgrade the mobile classroom for Exeter schools for education in health and drug prevention.

**Agreed** that the application is declined as it was considered not appropriate for the Exeter Board to fund and that these issues needed to be picked up by schools, health and police.

2d **Running Deer CIC**

The Group considered the application for £5,000 to provide leisure and cultural facilities to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people in Exeter.

**Agreed** that the application is declined due to concerns that only 96 pupils will benefit from the £5,000 requested. It was raised that this was not a priority for Exeter Board funding.

3 **APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3a **Age UK Exeter**

The Group considered the application for £4,696 to tackle the capacity issue by increasing the number of hours they are able to deliver volunteer coordination

**Agreed** that the application is declined as Age UK Exeter has been supported extensively by both Exeter City Council and Devon County Council, and the Board has responsibility to make funding fairly distributed to other groups.

3b **City of Exeter YMCA Community Projects**

The Group considered the application for £3,000 towards the costs of community job clubs at St Sidwells Centre.

**Agreed** that:

- (1) the application is approved;
- (2) a presentation be made to a future meeting of the Exeter Board; and
- (3) the Chair of the Funding Sub-Group meet with the organisers to learn more about the service and to possibly identify further support.

3c **Cyqnet Training Theatre**

The Group considered the application for £6,500 to install a modern efficient condensing gas boiler.

**Agreed** that the application is approved for £1,000 subject to Cygnet raising the remainder of the funds requested.

3d **Devon Carousel Project**

The Group considered the application for £2,000 for the Carousel Storytelling Tour.

**Agreed** that the application is approved, subject to no further approach being made to Devon County Councillors for funding through the Locality Budgets.

3e **Devon & Cornwall Food Association (Exeter)**

The Group considered the application for £500 towards equipment to help distribute excess food to charities in Exeter.

**Agreed** that the application is approved.

3f **Exeter Community Initiatives**

The Group considered the application for £3,850 to make a short film to raise awareness for the Ripple Effect Project – a volunteer led programme for people with experience of substance addiction.

**Agreed** that the application is declined as the DAAT is leading on awareness raising with this client group and missed deadlines for the project – May 2014.

3g **Exeter Foodbank**

The Group considered the application for £1,500 towards more equipment and to build removable storage for weekly food stock to enable the service to be extended.

**Agreed** that the application is approved for £1,000 as the total cost of the project stated in the application form is £1,000.

3h **ExeTRA**

The Group considered the application for £3,000 to pay for a project worker to develop and deliver private tenants' rights education outreach programme.

**Agreed** that:

- (1) the application is approved; and
- (2) a councillor representative to be invited to sit on the forum as well as Trading Standards and ECAB.

3i **Exetreme Imagination Festival**

The Group considered the application for £10,000 to run a 3<sup>rd</sup> Exetreme Imagination Festival in the city.

**Agreed** that the application is declined as funding is confirmed from other sources and not a priority for the Exeter Board.

3j **First Steps Community Playgroup**

The Group considered the application for £500 towards the costs of a hot water boiler, fridge freezer and taps.

**Agreed** that the application is declined. However it will be funded through Councillor Prowse's Locality Budget.

3k **Hospital Radio Exeter**

The Group considered the application for £10,000 to re-fit the second studio.

**Agreed** that the application is declined as it is not a strategic issue for the City.

3l **Royal Marines Volunteer Cadet Corps**

The Group considered the application for £20,000 to purchase replica weapons to allow children to undergo military lesson training correctly.

**Agreed that:**

- (1) the application is declined as it was not supported at this stage; and
- (2) The Chair to undertake a visit to learn more about their work.

3m **SOS Global**

The Group considered the application for £6,168 to provide evidence based educational packages to young people in areas of high deprivation.

**Agreed** that the application is declined as members felt it would be more appropriate to undertake more positive work with young people, eg trips and activity based work.

3n **Sound Gallery CIC**

The Group considered the application for £4,850 to launch Sound Gallery's new programme: Access to SiMPT+ for 19+ year olds.

**Agreed** that the application is declined as the Exeter Board has previously supported Sound Gallery and there is a limit to the grant fund.

3o **St Thomas Social Club**

The Group considered the application for £3,000 for new ceiling tiles and insulation.

**Agreed that:**

- (1) the application is declined as the Club had previously been supported and not all funding has been spent; and
- (2) Councillors Hill and Hannaford investigate further.

3p **Olive Tree Association**

The Group considered the application for £3,840 to convene partnership meetings in order to plan to provide more effective services for minority ethnic people.

**Agreed** that the application is declined as a new BME Forum has recently been established by Exeter City Council and would be appropriate to be discussed as part of this group. It will therefore create a duplication and would not be an appropriate use of funds.

3q **Devon Rape Crisis Service**

The Group considered the application for £6,000 to contribute to the core costs of running the office and volunteer costs.

**Agreed** that the application is approved at £2,000 as only 20% of service users are Exeter residents.

(The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and closed at 3.41 pm)

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Exeter Board  
25 September 2014

## **Weed Killing in Exeter**

Report of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste

***Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.***

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Committee notes the following report.

### **1. Background/Introduction**

A report was brought to the Exeter Board Committee of 28 April 2014 to inform Members on the Weed Spraying Programme for 2014/5 in Exeter and the outcome of the Community Payback trial in 2013/14. This report is intended to update members on amendments to the programme and planned works.

### **2. Proposal**

Cabinet approved the report of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste to Cabinet on 12 March 2014 setting out the County Road Highway Maintenance Revenue Budget for the financial year 2014/15. The report included an allocation of £343,916, for Weed Clearance County Wide. Of this, £37,923 is for Harmful & Invasive Weeds, £20,400 is for the Community Payback Scheme. The remainder is for targeted weed spraying.

Approximately £25.5K of the weed spraying budget is allocated for Exeter.

The £20.4K allocated Countywide for the Community Payback scheme will fund approximately 15-20 days of work to be undertaken in Exeter. Local County members will be kept informed on the development of this programme.

Whilst an order was in place with Exeter City Council to undertake weed spraying in the city in line with the treatment undertaken last year, the advice received from the City Council was that it would not be cost effective to spray due to the level of growth this year.

As a result of this advice, the budget has been reallocated to undertake a programme of targeted weed pulling on strategic routes and key areas of the city. It will also fund a mechanical sweeper to clear weeds from kerb edges. Much of this work is already underway. This will be in addition to the budget for work to be undertaken by the community payback teams.

Weed Spraying of sites on strategic routes and key locations will be undertaken following weed pulling subject to timing, budget and resource availability.

### **3. Options/Alternatives**

The revenue funded programme for 2014/15 optimises the use of the available funding to provide for reactive and clear up activities, winter maintenance, safety defect repairs and routine and cyclic maintenance activity.

The distribution of Highway Revenue funding is based on experience of managing the network, data on asset management and consultation feedback. It strikes a balance between the competing needs of the network, travelling public, communities and residents.

Alternative levels of funding of work functions were considered as part of the budget consultation process. Feedback from the consultation was taken into account in drafting the detailed budget proposals.

There is a need for in year flexibility in the funding of work functions to enable the service to respond to unforeseen and extreme events.

#### **4. Consultations/Representations/Technical Data**

The allocation of a budget to fund Community Payback work follows a successful trial undertaken in Exeter and Newton Abbot areas in 2013/14. The work proved to be very cost effective in terms of productivity and social value as reported to this committee on 27 January.

The results of the 2013 National Highways and Transport (NHT) Public Satisfaction Survey reflect public perception of performance, importance and desire for various activities to be funded. Analysis shows that the condition of the highway network and the speed and quality of repairs are important to the public.

The complete survey can be seen at <http://nhtsurvey2013.econtrack.co.uk>. The National survey shows that whilst levels of satisfaction are generally very low, compared to other highway authorities included in the survey Devon is a relatively high performing authority.

Consultation on the highway budget proposals were included in the Tough Choices consultation which can be found at <http://toughchoices.co.uk>

#### **5. Financial Considerations**

The cost of this work will be met from the County Council's Revenue Budget.

#### **6. Sustainability Considerations**

Contingency budgets pressures have presented the highways service with a real challenge in maintaining the level of service for weed control. Increasingly safety related activities dominate the budget setting considerations. However by introducing new, cost effective ways of delivery and by being flexible in managing the budget, the service has managed to sustain a reasonable level of service.

#### **7. Carbon Impact Considerations**

This proposal will have a neutral carbon impact.

#### **8. Equality Considerations**

An Impact Assessment has been carried out for the savings to the Highways Revenue budget compared to 2012/13, a copy of which was circulated to Cabinet Members, and is available alongside this report on the Council's website at: [http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/councildemocracy/decision\\_making/cma/index\\_exc.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/councildemocracy/decision_making/cma/index_exc.htm)

## 9. Legal Considerations

The lawful consequences of the recommendation have been considered in the preparation of this report.

## 10. Risk Management Considerations

The proposals contained in this report have been assessed and all reasonable actions are taken to safeguard the Council's position.

## 11. Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

The proposed programme is designed to make best use of the financial resources agreed by Cabinet and following the Cabinet endorsed approach to Asset Management.

David Whitton  
Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste

### Electoral Divisions: All Exeter Divisions

#### Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

Contact for enquiries: Tom Vaughan

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
Nil		

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## EXETER HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Tuesday 8 July 2014

### Present:-

Gillian Champion (in the Chair)	Clinical commissioning Group
Councillor Owen	Exeter City Council
Councillor Hannaford	Exeter City Council
Councillor Westlake	Devon County Council
Dr Virginia Pearson	Public Health – Devon County Council
Patsy Temple	Public Health – Devon County Council
Nicola Glassbrook	Public Health – Devon County Council
Julian Tagg	Exeter City Council
Matt Evans	Active Devon
Simon Bowkett	Exeter CVS
Caroline Lee	Devon Health watch
Robert Norley	Exeter City Council
Dawn Rivers	Exeter City Council
Howard Basset	Exeter City Council

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### APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillors Edwards, Leadbetter and Prowse, Jayne Hanson and Martyn Rogers.

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### CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Edwards, the meeting was chaired by Gillian Champion, the Deputy Chair.

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2014

Subject to the amendment of Min. No. 15 to read "Public Health Director For Devon" and the substitution of Simon Bowkett for Councillor Owen in the last paragraph of Min. No. 17, the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

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### MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTE - NEIGHBOURHOOD HEALTHWATCH PILOT (MIN. NO. 17)

Robert Norley, the Assistant Director Environment and Dawn Rivers, the Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer, reported that a discussion had been held with Martyn Rogers of Age UK Exeter and Westbank and it was felt that there was potential for a pilot in the St Thomas and Cowick area in co-ordination with existing community links fostered by the Police. Patsy Temple, the Public Health Specialist, advised that the health data on falls indicated an appropriate area to focus on.

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### GETTING EXETER ACTIVE

Patsy Temple, the Public Health Specialist, presented the final behaviour change scoping report Getting Active and the proposed way forward for the implementation

of the agreed Board priority of targeting 30-50 year olds both those employed and those on low incomes/unemployed who were currently active but who did less than 3x30 minutes of physical activity a week. Delivery of the priority was being developed through the Exeter Physical Activity Group, the minutes of the meeting of 4 June having been tabled.

Patsy reported that the data collected through the Sport England Active People Survey was the source providing comparable data at a district local authority level determining whether Exeter was the most active City in the south west was problematic because of the volatility of this data. The Active People Survey used a small sample size of 500 respondents at district local authority level and it was therefore vulnerable to a variety factors causing large fluctuations. Further, only two years of comparable data were available to pool for a more reliable measure – due to a recent widening of eligibility criteria. The use of further process outcomes measures to complement this headline measure was discussed.

A promotions led approach was proposed based on the 4 P's of marketing : Product, Placement, Price and Promotion. This would be using existing physical activities providers delivering opportunities in the City, in a broad range of outdoor and indoor venues with the barriers for participating now understood for the target population through the scoping report.

It was proposed that the Exeter Physical Activity Group take forward the Getting Exeter Active priority with regular reporting to the Board. A physical activity framework would be developed for the City with the development of a physical activity strategy happening later in the year. A promotions led campaign would be undertaken with EXPAG developing and directing physical activity opportunities for the targeted group in the City with the allocation of public health grant monies to assist this.

The Board discussed the way forward and gave further consideration to the target audience. A Member felt strongly that the identified target group, to a certain degree, had easier access/opportunities to health/fitness initiatives and that the programme would therefore be developed at the expense of those with practically no resource, opportunity or motivation to improve their fitness levels. The latter group was acknowledged as one with a multitude of social problems covering issues such as stress, substance abuse, self harm, cyber-bullying and that these correlated with poverty with a clear disparity between this group and the identified target group.

Whilst recognising that there might be a ripple effect between the two groups there was acknowledgement that more direct action would be necessary, Simon Bowkett suggesting partnerships with organisation who work with disadvantaged groups and Virginia Pearson proposing a separate piece of market research be undertaken to encompass this group as a later stage of the project. Ultimately, the goal of increasing physical activity in the wider population would impact positively on the use of health services in the City. There was support for seeking to bridge the inequality gap between the two groups.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) the now established “Active Exeter Group” (Exeter Physical Activity Group) take forward the priority of Getting Exeter Active and develop the delivery plan;
- (2) the next EXPAG meeting be used to develop a framework for physical activity in the City outlining the broad direction of travel for the next year and

current thinking of key partners in the delivery of this e.g. the City Council, leisure providers, the Rugby World Cup legacy, Active Devon - this brief document to be developed with prior work from the Group's Members via email;

- (3) a physical activity strategy be developed through the EXPAG group with support from a strategic level later this year;
- (4) the public health grant monies be used to "purchase" this brand development and marketing of "Getting Exeter Active" and for the establishment through the EXPAG group of additional physical activity opportunities to engage the target population segment;
- (5) market research to be carried out with a different demographic (those from the most disadvantaged populations) at a later stage in the project; and
- (6) an update report be submitted to the meeting of this Board on 11 November 2014.

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### **PRESENTATION ON EVERY ADULT MATTERS**

The Chair welcomed Nicky Glassbrook, Senior Public Health Officer (Health Inequalities). She explained that the Making Every Adult Matter Coalition had been formed in 2008 and represented over 1,600 agencies with the aim of improving policy and services for people facing multiple needs and exclusions. Those with multiple need experienced several problems at the same time such as homelessness, substance misuse, mental ill health and re-offending and had ineffective contact with services and lived chaotic lives. The MEAM approach was to deliver a coordinated service between local bodies and identify synergies between existing programmes. There was a focus on using existing resources and infrastructure, supporting frontline workers to work differently, encouraging managers to support new working processes and influencing the move to commission across systems and not services.

Councillor Hannaford referred to his experience, as Chair of the City Centre ASBAT Sub Group, where, in many cases, it was the same 20 or so individuals who were being dealt with by a variety of agencies, including, as confirmed by Caroline Lee, being discharged on to the streets from the RD&E. It was the hope that, at least some would ultimately accept the reality of their situations, and seek to seriously engage with the various support agencies.

The Chair thanked Nicky Glassbrook for attending.

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### **PRESENTATION ON DEVON HEALTHWATCH**

The Chair welcomed Caroline Lee, Devon Healthwatch Partnership Officer. She explained that Healthwatch was the new independent consumer champion created under Section 221 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to gather and represent the views of the public. It would take on the work of the Devon Local involvement Network (LINK Devon) and formerly the old Community Health Councils. Its work included:-

- representing the views of the public on Health and Wellbeing Boards;
- providing a complaints advocacy service; and
- reporting concerns about the quality of healthcare to Healthwatch England.

and locally it worked with bodies such as CAB, Devon Senior Voice, Devon Link Up, Be Involved Devon, Devon Carers Voice and Living Options. Further details are available on the link below:-

<http://www.healthwatchdevon.co.uk/aboutus/>

A representative of Healthwatch would attend future meetings of the Board. Robert Norley was requested to send all Councillors a link for them to sign up to Healthwatch bulletins.

The Chair thanked Caroline Lee.

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### **RUGBY WORLD CUP**

**RESOLVED** that Catherine White be invited to the next board meeting to present an overview of the Rugby World Cup (RWC) background and legacy.

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### **LEGAL HIGHS**

**RESOLVED** that Gill Unstead of DAAT be invited to the September meeting to give a presentation on issues posed by legal highs.

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### **EXETER ICE - INTEGRATED CARE FOR EXETER**

The Chair reported that the Integrated Care for Exeter (ICE) Steering Group was to establish a community hub in Whipton, based at Whipton Hospital. Robert Norley advised that the City Council had supported a multi-agency expression of interest led by the County Council, for the Government Transformation Challenge Award 2015/16. The expression of interest centred on the ICE project and had been submitted on 1 July 2014.

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### **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Wednesday 3 September 2014

Tuesday 11 November 2014

Tuesday 3 February 2015

Tuesday 14 April 2015

Tuesday 7 July 2015

Wednesday 2 September 2015

(The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and closed at 4.20 pm)

Chair

## COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Monday 14 July 2014

### Present:-

Supt Keith Perkin	- Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Karime Hassan	- Exeter City Council
Graham Rooms	- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Ian Treadwell	- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service – Exeter, East & Mid Devon
Mike Hamilton	- Dorset, Devon and Cornwall CRD
Geraldine Ford	- Dorset, Devon and Cornwall CRC
Pauline Johns	- Dorset, Devon and Cornwall CRC
Trevor Gardiner	- Dorset, Devon and Cornwall CRC
Sue Peters	- Rise/Addaction
John Harvey	- Exeter City Council
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
Gill Wheelwright	- Exeter City Council
Steve Stewart	- Exeter City Council
Howard Bassett	- Exeter City Council

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### ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

**AGREED** that Superintendent Keith Perkin be appointed Chair and Karime Hassan Deputy Chair for the ensuing year.

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### APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillor Prowse, Nicola Channon, Karen Mandefield, Patsy Temple, Gill Unstead and Simon Perkins.

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### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 2 OCTOBER 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2013 were agreed.

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### PRESENTATION ON GREEN REPARATION - GERALDINE FORD, COMMUNITY PAYBACK MANAGER & MANAGER FOR GREEN REPARATION

Geraldine Ford, the Community Payback Manager and Manager for Green Reparation at Dorset, Devon, Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company, advised that Community Payback had organised a competition for any community group to bid for the use of Probation clients enrolled in the Payback Scheme and that Exwick Heights Primary School had been one of the winners which would be appropriately publicised. She referred to the greater profile been given to Community Payback and to media coverage of work on Falmouth seafront when the Police Commissioner and the Chief Constable had been present. Jacqui Felix-Mitchell, the PR/Marketing officer for Community Payback, worked closely with the Police Commissioner's office.

Pauline Johns spoke to a presentation on the Green Employability Project. It was delivered in partnership with local/national commercial public and third sector businesses/organisations within the green industry, adult education and external employment training providers and Job Centre Plus. The participants would obtain robust work experience and skills they progressed whilst serving the sentence

which would help CV building and future job searches and therefore increased prospects of gaining future employment. It would also generate income for Probation whilst making a contribution to climate change.

Re-cycling had been identified as one area for the scheme. Councillor Edwards referred to shortage of appropriate skills in the construction industry which could be explored by Community Payback with approaches to the Chamber of Commerce etc. Contact had already been made with Sita Waste and she would liaise also with officers at the Council's MRF facility at Marsh Barton. It was suggested that the City Council could give consideration to identifying premises for use by the project.

The Chair thanked Geraldine and Pauline for their presentations.

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**AGREED** that the results of the scheme be reported to a future meeting of the Partnership

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#### **ENGAGE PROJECT - TREVOR GARDNER, PROJECT MANAGER**

Trevor Gardener, the Project Manager, and Mike Halladay explained that the Probation Service had been split into the National Probation Service which dealt with high risk individuals and local Community Rehabilitation Companies, Exeter to be included in the Devon, Dorset and Cornwall area. There would be a split on the risk of harm and not on the risk of reoffending. A tendering exercise had been undertaken for companies to bid for the latter area of work, the Government to advise of the results by October, with a 1 April 2015 start. Some clients of the local companies would also include some high risk individuals and it was noted that the NPS was not represented on local Partnerships.

Trevor Gardner explained the work of Engage and his role within it. The aim of Engage was to establish new community hubs for probation clients which was hoped would improve their engagement with the community and move away from the more insular/silo approach of the past. The hubs would provide access to a variety of opportunities/influences including food, shower, job club, housing and volunteering. The Barnstaple Freedom Centre was home to one of the first eight hubs already established with a total of 15-20 to be provided ultimately. In Exeter, use was made of St. Petrocks during the afternoon when it was not in use.

St Petrocks had been in operation since Christmas and it was too early therefore to supply data but these would be provided to assist in determining the success of this initiative. Responding to Karime Hassan, he stated that it was hoped that savings would be achieved through economies of scale. The City Council representatives emphasised that, with further, stringent cuts in local government to come it was possible that many current services would retract or be withdrawn with CCTV cameras a possible option as these were not currently financially supported by either the police or local business.

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#### **HOSPITAL LIAISON**

Sue Petters, the Regional Manager for RISE, reported that a specialist alcohol advice nurse would be placed at the RD&E to interact with those with alcohol

problems. Using examples from North Devon and Torbay assertive engagement would include texting, emails and home visits for those who recognise a need to change their behaviour. It would also cover drug dependency although it was noted that the hospital had advised that, ideally, more than one nurse was required.

Feedback to this group on progress with the hospital liaison would be important and it was suggested that linkage with the domestic abuse and Engage groups would be of value.

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## DEVON YOUTH SERVICE REVIEW

Lisa Rutter reported that Devon County Council was to reduce the current number of Youth Centres from 34 to a hub model of 8. The current four centres in Exeter – Wonford, the 100 Club Countess Wear, Beacon Heath and Buddle Lane Hall would reduce to one. The Exeter Joint Board, which was meeting on 17 July, had been invited to advise the Cabinet Member for Children, School and Skills on the most appropriate site/location/venue for the proposed Exeter Hub. It was possible that Wonford would be identified as a hub although it was also hoped that the Board would call for two centres to remain open

Extensive formal consultation with staff, young people and communities had been carried out but, despite an Impact Assessment being negative, there was wide concern that reduction in current provision was likely to have a negative impact on young people. The review had been aimed at ensuring the Council's reducing resources were used effectively to target and support the most vulnerable young people

Many felt that the proposal to move away from a universal youth service to a more targeted model would mean that young people could fall through the net. With some 2,000 young people a year attending youth centres in Exeter, there was great concern that there would be an adverse impact on their futures. The Phoenix Centre at Wonford for example had 90 attending on Friday evenings although it was hoped that Wonford might be recommended for retention. The Youth Service also undertook outreach work and work in schools. The first cohort of staff would leave in September with the majority to leave by October.

Through the Community Interest Asset Transfer process, it was proposed that extra funding be provided for communities to help them develop their own local youth offer using Council buildings and other assets community groups and interested parties had been asked to register their interest in taking on assets.

**AGREED** that the Chair write to both the Devon Strategic Partnership and Devon County Council expressing concern at the cuts in the Youth Service and urging the retention of more than one centre in Exeter, Lee Rutter to forward necessary data to Superintendent Perkin for this purpose.

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## FINANCE GOVERNANCE

Gill Wheelwright reported that for the financial year 2014/15 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has allocated £10,000 to each Devon district CSP for ASB activities, with an additional £10,000 for local priorities.

£5,000 had been proposed for allocation to each of two local priority areas:

- Domestic and sexual violence and abuse, and hate crime,

- Alcohol, violence and the night time economy.

The alternative would be to commit some funding to other emerging local priorities.

ASB work including, creation of a 'help zone' in the city, taxi marshalls scheme, training for taxi marshalls and taxi drivers and support for street pastors would contribute towards an overall Devon target of reducing ASB by 5%. John Harvey referred to the former as a key priority and it was noted that admissions to A&E had been reduced in Plymouth since the introduction of a similar zone. With regard to taxi marshalls, he also advised that, as part of the Business Improvement District initiative, consideration could be given to incorporating Fridays or possibly bank holiday Sunday/Mondays, although these were not as busy as Saturdays. Although there were existing governance arrangements for the allocation of ASB funding it was agreed that arrangements needed to be made to cover funding for additional local priorities and it was suggested that spend of up to £2,000 be delegated to the Chair and lead officer of the ASB group, Night Time Economy Group and Domestic Abuse Group.

**AGREED** that the proposed administrative arrangements for funding, as set out in the report, be approved with the following criteria:-

- (1) delegated authority be granted to the ASBAT Night Time Economy Group and Domestic Violence Chair/Lead Officer to approve funding up to £2,000, the CSP Executive Group to approve requests for funding above £2,000, with the final decision resting with the Chair and that the CSP adopt a similar process for funding local priorities; and
- (2) as the CSP executive Group only meets 2/3 times per year, requests for funding of £2,000 and above be circulated by email, with a response requested within 72 hours.

### 31 **TREND IN OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES FOLLOWING ANALYSIS BY THE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT UNIT**

Superintendent Perkin stated that a significant percentage of these figures were domestic in origin.

### 32 **REOFFENDING**

Mike Hamillton enlarged on the implications the Transforming Rehabilitation agenda was having on the Probation Service which had been disbanded on 31 March 2014 with 70% up for sale the results to be known in October, with new providers in place by the following April. He referred to progress with the shadowing arrangements which were in place until 2015. The CRC was operating with largely the same cohort of those posing a medium risk of harm. Despite the changes the Devon and Cornwall Probation Trust had achieved the majority of its performance targets and the re-offending in Devon had reduced over the past year by 8.89%.io Given the pre-emptive action taken by TurnAround IOM, it was believed that there had been a significant impact on acquisitive crime. Legislation had been enacted to ensure that all offenders leaving prison would be supervised by the two new organisations.

### 33 **DOMESTIC FAMILY & SEXUAL ABUSE**

There was no one in attendance to comment on the paper as this was from the

Devon wide Alliance which effectively replaces adva. Melinda Pogue-Jackson reported that she provides support on behalf of the council to the Exeter Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Forum which is chaired by Mary Fredlund of Artstars. This year the contract for domestic abuse support in Devon was re-commissioned with a Wiltshire based organisation called Splitz winning the contract and there would be more information about this organisation and the new Alliance available at its launch on 15 July. Melinda explained that the Exeter forum had tried to get police representation and had been in contact with Sergeant Phillipa Moore but it had proved difficult to identify one single person for that role.

Superintendent Perkin stated that domestic abuse is a priority area of work and that he would like to meet with the chair and possibly speak at the next forum meeting on 24 September 2014. He would also liaise with Melinda on finding a Police representative for the forum.

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## **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Steve Stewart updated the Partnership on the work of the ASBAT Graffiti Group and the City Centre Issues Working Group. The latter had recently focussed on developing the new begging campaign which had been launched recently. The campaign was based on street stencils promoting reasons why the public should not feel guilty about not giving to beggars and to educate them on what services are available to beggars and the homeless. He advised that there had been a large number of comments and "likes" to a Facebook picture of a discarded needle with a significant aggressiveness to homeless people. John Harvey commented that the atmosphere of the City Centre during the evenings was compromised by beggars and street drinking/anti-social behaviour and it was noted that many actually had beds for the evening and were not technically homeless. It was noted that the BBC Insight programme had interviewed the homeless/beggars in Exeter and would be broadcast on Friday 18 July 2014.

The CSP mobile CCTV camera has been deployed continually since purchased but two years of free 3G data that came with the CCTV unit would come to an end in May 2015. The cost of each deployment was currently £75 and to date the Partnership had paid the £75 for each deployment as every deployment has been requested by the police. So no revenue has been made by the CCTV unit for ongoing costs. A decision would need to be made about charging for deployment of the unit.

An application had been made for a new Section 30 dispersal order in the city centre area and would potentially be the last Section 30 application before the new legislation came into effect. The new Anti Social Behaviour Legislation had been granted royal assent and was due to commence in the second half of 2014. Specialist working groups were looking into each part of the legislation with a view to writing new policies and procedures. There would also be direct implications for local authorities as well which would need researching.

As a result of Operation Handbag, crime figures had increased largely because of greater police visibility. Members acknowledged the commitment of Tanya Youngs, the Exeter Inspector, to this initiative and the importance of maintaining a consistent approach to this drive was now important. Karen Mandefield had an important role from publicity perspective.

**AGREED** that Steve Stewart progress the re launched after discussions with various partner agencies about how best to proceed to include representation from most local charities and agencies at every monthly meeting to work together on the

most difficult to solve problems and individuals in the city centre area. Steve would liaise with Martin Burrows on this.

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### **ALCOHOL, VIOLENCE AND THE NIGHT TIME ECONOMY**

John Harvey presented his report on progress since the last meeting and added the following comments.

#### Helpzone

This had been successfully introduced before Christmas and meetings were on-going with view to the long term implementation of this initiative. It was likely that Mary Arches Church opposite Mosaic would become the new venue therefore providing good synergy with the street pastors. It was proposed that the scheme be re-launched prior to the start of the new University term.

#### Late night establishments

Concerns had been expressed that, once clients had left late night drinking establishments and food outlets there was little interest from these businesses to monitor the dispersal of the public from the adjoining areas. Discussions were being held with licensed premises with a view to securing a joint approach to crowd dispersal. For example, it was being suggested that nightclubs could employ door staff to stay on beyond closing hours to assist with clearing the immediate areas including possible participation in taxi marshalling.

#### The Best Bar None and Purple Flag.

The target remained to deliver both Best Bar None and Purple Flag prior to the Rugby World Cup. Elsewhere, this had reduced insurance as well as reduction in ASB and crime overall with a positive impact in relation to required policing levels.

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### **EXETER CSP ACTION PLAN - THE WAY FORWARD**

The Action Plan had been produced by Beverly Weston, the then Police Community Safety Officer, and had been circulated at the end of 2013. It was now necessary to re-work with this year's objectives.

#### **AGREED that:-**

- (1) The four tasking groups refresh their respective areas for report back to the next meeting of the Executive Group; and
- (2) Gill Wheelwright collate the information.

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### **CRIME FIGURES**

Superintendent Perkin reported the change in emphasis with target setting with a focus on victim based crime. The main issues related to violence and shoplifting and awareness training had increased the domestic violence figures. Because of the change in reporting, crime statistics had increased of late. Councillor Edwards felt that it would be important to get the message across that the increased figures were the result of this changing emphasis and that it would be important to alert the business community before the release of new figures. Karime Hassan also stated that this issue should be raised at the Devon Strategic Partnership.

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 January 2015 at 9.30am.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 12.30 pm)

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