

EXECUTIVE

STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 9 February 2021. 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 John Street, Corporate Manager Democratic & Civic Support on 01392 265106 or email john.street@exeter.gov.uk

Urgent Delegated Decision

Agreed:

That the urgent decision be noted.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

General Fund/HRA Estimates and Capital Programme 2021/22

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- (1) approve the overall spending proposals in respect of both its revenue and capital budgets;
- (2) the Council Tax for each Band be approved as set out in section 8.19.3, subject to Devon County Council, the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner and the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority confirming their Band D levels respectively;
- (3) when the actual Council Tax amounts for Devon County Council, the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner and the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority are set, then the revised Council Tax levels submitted to Council on 23 February 2021 be approved; and
- (4) the Statement given by the Director Finance as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 be noted.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Capital Strategy 2021-22

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the Capital Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 of the report presented to the meeting.

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 Provision)

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt:-

- (1) the Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix A-C of the report presented to the meeting; and
- (2) the Annual Statement of Minimum Revenue Provision for the Council.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Treasury Management Strategy Report 2021/22

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the new Treasury Management Strategy and delegations contained therein.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Annual Pay Policy Statement 2021/22

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- (1) adopt the Policy, Report and Appendices and publish in accordance with the legislation; and
- (2) grant delegated authority to the Director - Corporate Services to make necessary amendments to the pay policy statement following any changes in legislation or subsequent increases in pay.

Gender Pay Gap

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve:-

- (1) annual reviews to track the relationship between both female and male earnings; and
- (2) the publication of the Gender Pay Gap Report and its findings on the Exeter City Council website and on the centrally held database on gov.uk.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Delegation of Powers to Amend Polling Districts and Polling Places

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve delegated powers being given to the Returning Officer of Exeter City Council or Acting Returning Officer (or appointed Deputy) to amend the designation of Parliamentary and Local Government polling districts and polling places, on a temporary basis, should it become necessary to do so, at short notice to facilitate the conduct of elections within the City of Exeter, due to any urgent issues which might arise, concerning the availability of polling places and polling stations and where there is insufficient time for amendments to be made and approved by Council.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Amendments to the Council's Constitution relating to planning decision making

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the following changes to the Council's Constitution:-

- (1) the amendment of the Terms of Reference for Planning Committee to include:-
 - Applications referred by the Chair and/or? Deputy Chair of Planning Committee
- (2) the amendment of the Terms of Reference for Delegation Briefing to state:-
 - Delegation Briefing is a sounding board of Members of Planning Committee that is open to all Members which meets periodically for a briefing on applications where the planning officers are minded to determine them under their delegated powers. The Chair (or Deputy Chair) of the Planning Committee reserves the right to refer any applications for determination by the full Planning Committee, having first sought the views of the relevant ward member at the delegation briefing.
- (3) the inclusion in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers of the following delegated powers to the Service Lead City Development in consultation with the Delegation Briefing:-
 - Applications that have been subject to representations from a statutory consultee that express views contrary to the officer recommendation; and
 - Applications that have been subject to objections from a Neighbourhood Forum, where that Neighbourhood has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, that Officers are minded to approve under delegated powers.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Consultation Charter

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the Consultation Charter, subject to consideration by the Scrutiny Programme Board at its forthcoming meeting on 18 February 2021.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

General Buller Statue Update

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:-

- (1) withdraw recommendation 2.2 of the report that went to Executive on 12 January 2021 and that the application for listed building consent for relocation and the formal consultation now not take place; and
- (2) approve all the other recommendations in the 12 January 2021 report, which remain unchanged.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

New Office for Exeter Corn Exchange

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve:-

- (1) the use of the vacant retail unit at 89 Fore Street as a public facing office/box office for the Corn Exchange; and
- (2) the removal of the rental income requirement within the budget of Corporate Property Estates for this unit.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Public Spaces Protection Order Renewal

RECOMMENDED that Council approve:-

- (1) the renewal of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), on the existing boundaries as shown in Appendix A of the report presented to the meeting, for a further one year period from the commencement date of 20 June 2021;
- (2) delegated power being given to the Service Lead - Environmental Health and Community Safety to authorise staff within the Environmental Health and Community Safety Service to be able to enforce the prohibitions of the PSPO; and
- (3) the continuation of the current policy of funding received from fixed penalty notices issued for a breach of any PSPO to be ring-fenced for initiatives to address anti-social behaviour and that the Exeter Community Safety Partnership continue to administer the funding.

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

Agreed:

RESOLVED 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.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Temporary Extension of the Commercial Manager post

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve:-

- (1) the extension of the Commercialisation Manager post for an additional two years, from April 2021 to March 2023; and
- (2) the review of the role and outcomes of the post in March 2022, to determine the continuation of the post.

Culture, Leisure and Tourism, business case, income and COVID-19 risks

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the content and risks posed by the pandemic as outlined in the report presented to the meeting, be noted.

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 23 February 2021.