



Exeter City Council

A virtual meeting of **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** will be held on **TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2020**, at 6.00 pm. via Zoom (the Press and Public can contact the Democratic Services Officer on 01392 265107 for further details) as legislation has been passed to allow Council's to hold meetings remotely.

If you have an enquiry regarding any items on this agenda, please contact John Street, Corporate Manager Democratic & Civic Support on 01392 265106.

During the Corona Virus outbreak, meetings will be held by virtual means. The live stream can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/exetercitycouncil/live/%E2%80%99> at the meeting start time.

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13 Notice of Motion by Councillor D. Moore under Standing Order No. 6
Making Votes Matter in Local Elections

Council notes that:

1. The electoral system used for local elections in England and Wales, First Past the Post (FPTP), is not a fair system, because it means that votes do not have equal weight and many votes are wasted. Exeter is no exception.
2. The alternative to FPTP is a system of Proportional Representation (PR), where votes cast for parties translates more or less directly into seats won. There are many variants of PR. The Single Transferable Vote System (STV) variant of PR is already in use for local elections in Scotland and Northern Ireland. With this system, voters rank candidates in order of preference and those who receive the most backing (including second and subsequent choices) are elected to serve in multi-member wards.
3. Exeter City Council (in common with most other district councils) already has multi-member wards and thus the transfer to a proportional system would be easier than if the wards were single-member.
4. The introduction of PR for local elections in Scotland has led to an increase in turn-out, which was 47% at the last elections held in 2017. In contrast turn-out in the Exeter City Council election in 2019 was 36%. This suggests that the improved representation offered by PR encourages greater engagement in local democracy.
5. That PR should be introduced as the voting system in any further Government devolution, and reorganisation of local government, in order to improve democratic participation and accountability in local government.

Council believes:

There should be a move to the use of a system of proportional representation for local elections as soon as is practicably possible as this would boost turn-out and elect a council which is more representative of the range of political views of Exeter's residents.

This Council resolves:

1. To call upon Her Majesty's Government to
 - a. commit to changing electoral law to permit such a move.
 - b. Introduce such a system of voting in any reforms to local government presented to Parliament.
2. Write to Exeter's two MPs to ask them to call for a change to electoral law to permit such a system and promote the matter for debate in Parliament.

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15 Further postponement of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

In accordance with Part 2, Regulation 4 (2) of The Local Authorities and Police Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, it is:-

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (1) the Annual General Meeting originally scheduled for 19 May 2020, which had previously been postponed until at least December 2020, be now further delayed until May 2021, subject to the necessary Government guidance being received before that time, that it is appropriate to hold such a meeting; and
- (2) as a consequence of (1) above, all current appointments for Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor, Committee Chairs and Deputy Chairs, continue until the meeting identified in paragraph (1) above takes place.

16 Questions from Members of the Council Under Standing Order No. 8.

Date: Monday 12 October 2020

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