

Executive

Statement of Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on **Tuesday 1 December 2020**. 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

Members Allowances 2021/22

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED to Council that: -

- (1) the basic structure and principles of the current Members' Allowances scheme for 2021/22 be retained;
- (2) the principle that any Member qualifying for more than one Special Responsibility Allowance is paid the higher allowance only, be retained;
- (3) the Councillors' Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances including the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor's Expenses Allowances, should be linked and updated in line with the Local Government Employers (LGE) staff pay award for the previous year (a 2.75% increase in the annual Local Staff Pay Award was awarded by the Employers side for staff which was effective for staff from April 2020), and be uplifted by this amount with effect from 1 April 2021;
- (4) the principle that Special Responsibility Allowances be paid to no more than 50% of the overall number of councillors be kept under review and adhered to where possible;
- (5) a new Special Responsibility Allowance be paid to the Chair of the newly formed Harbour Board;
- (6) a new Special Responsibility Allowance, to be funded from Housing Revenue Account, be paid to the Chair of the newly formed Council Housing and Development Advisory Board;
- (7) the current Dependants' Carers' Allowance scheme be maintained, with the continuation of the level of allowance matching the Living Wage of £9.30 (with effect 1 April 2020) per hour or part of (retaining the uplift of the standard rate of income tax to £11.16). In the case of members who need specialist care for a child or adult dependant, a higher rate, of up to £25 per hour or part thereof, can be agreed by negotiation in advance with the Corporate Manager, Democratic and Civic Support;

- (8) the sum of £50 paid to the Independent Persons affiliated to the Audit and Governance Committee for up to four hours work, and £100 for four hours and over, payable to each of the two Independent Persons (up to a maximum of £500 per person in any one year) be retained; and
- (9) the Travel and Subsistence allowances available for staff, to continue to apply to Exeter City Councillors, where appropriate.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Freedom of the City

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED to Council that: -

- (1) the title of Honorary Freeman of the City Status be conferred on Gareth Steenson; and
- (2) the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor be requested to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on the rising of the Ordinary Meeting on 15 December 2020, for the purpose of passing the appropriate resolution under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Overview of General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21 – Quarter 2

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council notes and approves (where applicable): -

- (1) the General Fund forecast financial position for the 2020 financial year;
- (2) the supplementary budget as detailed in paragraph 8.10 of the report;
- (3) the outstanding Sundry Debt position as at September 2020; and
- (4) the creditors' payments performance.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

2020/21 General Fund Capital Monitoring Statement – Quarter 2

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the revision of the annual capital programme to reflect the reported variations detailed in paragraph 8.1 and Appendix 1 of the report.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

2020/21 HRA Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 2

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council notes and approves (where applicable): -

- (1) the HRA forecast financial position for 2020/21 financial year;
- (2) the revision of the HRA Capital Programme to reflect the reported variations detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Treasury Management 2020/21 Half Year Update

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council note the Treasury Management report in respect of the first six months of the 2020/21 financial year.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2021-22

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve: -

- (1) that the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for the current year continues for 2021-22 without substantive changes; and
- (2) the work to develop options for Members' consideration for a simpler scheme, that was halted in March 2020 due to Covid-19 response priorities recommence in February 2021.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Future strategic planning with East Devon, Mid Devon and Teignbridge District Councils and Devon County Council

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council: -

- (1) approve the formal withdrawal of Exeter City Council from preparing the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP);
- (2) support in principle the production of a joint non-statutory plan, to include joint strategy and infrastructure matters, for the Greater Exeter area in partnership with East Devon, Mid Devon and Teignbridge District Councils and Devon County Council. This would be

subject to agreement at a later date of details of the scope of the plan, a timetable for its production, the resources required and governance arrangements; and

- (3) note that the work to develop Exeter's Local Plan had commenced, as agreed in the report to Council on 21 July 2020. A report outlining the scope and timescale for the development of the Local Plan would be presented to Members early next year.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Environmental Health and Community Safety Enforcement Policy

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the revised Enforcement Policy.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Amendment to Street Trading Policy and Terms of Reference for the Licensing Sub-Committee

Agreed:

RESOLVED that Executive note and support the amendment to the Street Trading Policy and the Terms of Reference for the Licensing Sub-Committee.

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the following addition to the Council's Constitution Terms of Reference for the Licensing Sub-Committee: -

- To determine whether to grant or refuse a street trading consent.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay for public consultation.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Review of Safeguarding Policy

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the revised Safeguarding Policy be supported; and

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the revised Safeguarding Policy.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Review of Equality and Diversity Policy

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the revised Equality and Diversity Policy be supported; and

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the revised Equality and Diversity Policy.

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 15 December 2020