

EXECUTIVE

STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 12 January 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

General Buller Statue Review

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the findings of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group be noted.

RECOMMENDED that Council approve: -

- (1) an application being made for listing building consent for the relocation of the statue to an alternative location, to allow the opportunity to conduct a public consultation on the proposed Task and Finish Group recommendations prior to a final determination of the matter by full Council;
- (2) temporary information boards be erected near to the statue;
- (3) an arts-based engagement project with residents be established, through a public art working group in conjunction with the University of Exeter and Exeter Culture, to consider the role of public art and create a new public art strategy in Exeter;
- (4) a working group be created to establish a Council Anti-Racism Strategy led by the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities; and
- (5) the Corporate Equality and Diversity Group develop a training and awareness raising programme for staff and Councillors on equality impact assessments, and their role in the Council's decision-making process.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Tree replanting programme following Ash Dieback Disease in Exeter

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the capital budget presented in the report, to allow the Tree Management Team to begin the replanting of new trees in place of diseased Ash trees following the Ash Die Back emergency and for additional Ash tree works in accordance

with the recommended actions by the Exeter City Council Service Manager Public and Green Spaces, in order to maintain tree canopy cover.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

2021/22 Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council: -

- (1) note the contents of the report; and
- (2) approve the proposals to establish a balanced revenue budget and capital programme.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Council Tax base and NNDR 1 2021/22

Agreed:

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Exeter City Council as its tax base for the year 2021/22 shall be 37,377; and
- (2) the responsibility to approve the Council's NNDR1 return by 31 January 2021 be delegated to the Director Finance (Section 151 Officer).

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Housing Rents and Service Charges 2021-22

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve: -

- (1) the increase of Council dwelling rent by 1.5% from 1 April 2021;
- (2) the increase of garage rent by 1.5% from 1 April 2021; and
- (3) the increase of Service Charges by 1.5% from 1 April 2021, with the exception of charges detailed in paragraph 13.3 of the report.

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.