



Exeter City Council

A virtual meeting of **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** will be held on **TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 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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| 1 Minutes | |
| To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings of Council held on 20 October 2020. | 7 - 20 |

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| 2 Councillor Rachel Lyons - Request for Extension to Period of Absence (Section 85 Local Government Act 1972) | |
| Members will be aware that they have a statutory responsibility to attend at least one meeting of the authority every six months. If they fail to do this, they are disqualified with immediate effect, unless the Council has agreed to an extension to this period of absence. | |
| Cllr Lyons last attended a meeting on 21 st July, meaning her six month period for attendance would expire on 21 st January. Over the past few months she has been unwell including several periods in hospital, and she has been too unwell to attend any meetings. She has asked that the Council consider approving an extension to her period of absence to take her up to end of the 2020/21 municipal year, during which she hopes to have made a recovery which will allow her to resume her duties as a Councillor. | |

Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 states, inter alia:

'...if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.'

RECOMMENDED

That in accordance with section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, it is approved that Cllr Rachel Lyons be granted an extension to her period of

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absence to the end of the 2020/21 Municipal Year, 5th May 2021.

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| | Details of questions should be notified to the Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support at least three working days prior to the meeting - by 10am on Thursday 10 December 2020. Further information and a copy of the procedure are available from Democratic Services (Committees) (Tel: 01392 265115) with details about speaking at Council to be found here: Public Speaking at Meetings . | |

To receive minutes of the following Committees and to determine thereon:-

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15 Notice of Motion by Councillor Oliver under Standing Order Number 6.

This Council notes that:

The Covid-19 emergency has exposed major inequalities across the country, with children and families suffering disproportionately. Between March and August 2020 there has been a 115% increase in Universal Credit claimants nationally, and in Devon an even greater increase: 165% for all claimants and 173% for 16-24 years old. Trussell Trust research shows three million children in the UK are at risk of hunger during the school holidays.

Foodbank use has dramatically increased. The Independent Food Aid Network recorded a 59% increase in demand for emergency food support between February and March 2020. The [Exeter Foodbank states](#) that figures from Citizens Advice show a 78% rise in enquiries about food banks in the past six months.

The UK Government has committed to UN Sustainable Development Goals, which have an international and domestic commitment to ending hunger by 2030.

The UK Government has asked businessman and cookery writer Henry Dimbleby to lead on producing a [National Food Strategy](#).

This Council believes that:

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- No one in Exeter should go hungry, and children least of all.
- Food justice is about taking action on the causes of hunger such as affordability and availability of good quality nutritious food.
- The current Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown imposed on the majority of the City's economic activities have revealed and exacerbated existing inequalities, leading to further unemployment and income insecurity, and more food poverty as a result.
- Exeter City Council, Devon County Council, schools, faith and voluntary groups have played a key role in supporting those suffering food poverty during the Covid-19 pandemic, and that should be recognised.

The Council resolves:

1. That the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Culture supported by the Member Champion for Equality and Diversity take responsibility to:
 - a) develop a city-wide food action plan.
 - b) set up a working group to research and map the extent of food poverty in the city;
2. To commit to setting up a food partnership with Devon County Council, city-based partners and stakeholders to develop and implement the Exeter Food Action Plan;
3. To campaign, in association with Exeter MPs, for Government to:
 - a) legislate the existing commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals to end hunger by 2030;
 - b) commit funding in the next spending review to increase access to nutritious food, whilst awaiting development of the National Food Strategy;
 - c) support local food production and suppliers, so that food supplies are sustained throughout the pandemic and as a result of exiting the EU, to protect workers' jobs, and to contribute to Exeter's commitment to Net Carbon Zero 2030; and
 - d) increase Universal Credit to help people suffering food poverty, with an equivalent uplift to those on legacy benefits.

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16 Notice of Motion by Councillor D. Moore under Standing Order Number 6

Council notes:

- The interest shown by developers to bring forward planning applications for co-living developments in Exeter;

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- Currently Co-living is not defined in the National Planning Policy Framework or Exeter Planning Policy; and
- Planning authorities in London and Manchester have sought to develop planning policies to set out the requirements for Co-living so that planning decisions may be clearly determined.

Council resolves:

- To develop planning policy to set out the requirements for Co-living either by amending existing local supplementary planning policy or by developing new supplementary planning policy.
- To set up a cross party working group of Members to consider the matter and inform the drafting of planning guidance for consideration by this Council; and
- To progress this matter the working group is requested to prepare a report for presentation to Council in April 2021.

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17 Questions from Members of the Council under Standing Order Number 8.

Question from Councillor Hannaford

1. Bearing in mind that the new Domestic Abuse Bill 2020 aims to raise awareness and understanding about the devastating impact of domestic abuse on victims, survivors, and their families, with a clear focus on the voice of the child, and seeks to further improve the effectiveness of the justice system in providing protection for victims of domestic abuse and bringing perpetrators to justice, and strengthen the support for victims of abuse by statutory agencies, can I please ask the Leader of the Council, how will Exeter City Council implement the areas in the Bill that specifically relate to District Councils, including the new “duty to comply”?
2. How will Exeter City Council apply and monitor the areas in the Bill that specifically relate to social housing tenants?
3. How will Exeter City Council work with all key stakeholders, service partners, agencies and charities to raise awareness, campaign and give help, advice and support?
4. How will Exeter City Council interact with the Domestic Abuse Partnership (Board)?
5. Can we please have further reports and updates on these specific matters through the scrutiny process?
6. Can we please consider an annual report on domestic and sexual violence and abuse on an Exeter specific basis?

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Date: Monday 7 December 2020

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