

EXECUTIVE

STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 5 October 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

Northbrook Park Update

Agreed:

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the results of the public consultation be noted; and
- (2) the next steps set out in the report for further developing the proposals for North Brook Park be approved in principle, subject to a detailed proposal presented to the Executive Committee at a future date.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Government Consultation on Giving Police and Crime Commissioners Greater Powers of Competence

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the response to the Government consultation on granting Police and Crime Commissioners greater powers of competence.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Overview of General Fund Revenue Budget 2021/22 - Quarter 1

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council notes and approves (where applicable):

- (1) the General Fund forecast financial position for the 2021 financial year;
- (2) the supplementary budgets as detailed in paragraph 8.10 of the report;
- (3) the outstanding Sundry Debt position as at June 2021; and
- (4) the creditors payments performance.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

General Fund Capital Monitoring Statement - Quarter 1

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve:

- (1) the overall financial position for the 2021/22 annual capital programme; and
- (2) the amendments and requests for further funding to the Council's annual capital programme for 2021/22.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

HRA Budget Monitoring Report - Quarter 1

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve (where applicable):-

- (1) the HRA forecast financial position for 2021/22 financial year; and
- (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.

Review of the Council's Governance Arrangements

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the following changes to Exeter City Council's constitution with effect from the 18 October 2021:-

- (1) That Standing Order 44 be amended to state:-
 - (i) A member of the Council shall have the right to attend the meeting of any Committee, Sub-Committee or Executive of which he/she is not a member and may remain during consideration of both the public and private parts of the agenda. He/she may not vote at that meeting and may only speak or ask a question if he/she has given notice in writing (by electronic mail wherever possible) by 10.00 am on the day of the meeting to the Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support and has specified in the notice the particular agenda item or items on which he/she wishes to speak or ask a question.
 - (ii) Opposition group leaders shall not be required to give notice under Standing Order No. 44 to speak or ask a question on any items on the Executive agenda.
- (2) That the Petition Scheme be amended to:-
 - (i) request that petition signatories must identify through the tick box facility on the petition form, which of the eligibility criteria for living, working or studying in Exeter, they are relying upon in signing the petition. Any signatories which do not so indicate, will not be included in those signatures which are accepted; and

- (ii) state that all petition organisers will be given the opportunity to speak for up to five minutes on their petition, when it is considered at any appropriate Council body to which it has been referred. For clarity, this includes the provision for organisers of petitions of over 2,000 signatures, to do so at the appropriate Council body to which it has been referred, as well as the ability to address the full Council when initially submitting the petition.
- (3) That Article 7.05 of the Constitution (The Executive) be amended to include the following paragraph:-

3. Executive Members will, on allocation by the Leader of the Council, assume roles as Portfolio Holder with specific responsibilities. These responsibilities will be listed in Part 3 (b) the Council's Constitution. For clarity, not all Executive members may be allocated a Portfolio holder responsibility by the Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED that:-

- (4) the focus of Scrutiny be reinforced to manage the available resources to develop scrutiny training for all Members;
- (5) the maximum use of available resources for Member training and development be continued, including joint training with other authorities as appropriate;
- (6) Deputy Chairs of Scrutiny Committees will provide a leadership role to any Task and Finish Groups or Spotlight Reviews, as and when established;
- (7) the Council's representation on outside bodies be reviewed and an Annual Feedback Form to Members for the Outside Bodies on which they sit be issued, and such information to be presented to the Governance Review Board for consideration; and
- (8) an annual meeting of the Governance Review Board be established to consider any necessary amendments to the Council's governance arrangements, and their findings to be presented to the relevant Council body for consideration and approval.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Amendments to the Scheme of Delegation

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the changes to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers as set out in the Appendix of the report presented to the meeting

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

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 items on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Members' Training

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the Executive note the Members Training report.

RECOMMENDED that Council approve the amendments to the Council's Article of Association as set out in the appendices of the report.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Acquisition of property to support Liveable Exeter

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approves:-

- (1) a budget of £55 million to enable the Council to enter negotiations to purchase property within the Liveable Exeter programme and provide a budget for enhancements to the property; and
- (2) the appointment of an additional member of staff within Corporate Property to assist with the management of the portfolio.

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 18 October 2021.