



## Exeter City Council

A virtual meeting of **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** will be held on **TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2021**, at 6.00 pm, **(MEETING POSTPONED FROM 20 APRIL 2021)** 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 Extraordinary and Ordinary meetings held on 23 February 2021. 5 - 22
- 2 Official Communications
- 3 Public Questions  
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 22 April 2021. 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](#).
- 4 Suspension of Standing Orders  
**RECOMMENDED** that in accordance with Standing Order number 48 (Suspension of Standing Orders by Council), Standing Order number 47 (Variation and Revocation of Standing Orders by Council) be suspended to allow for consideration of the following item.
- 5 Return to physical meetings - Venues  
In light of the possibility that Councils will, after 7 May 2021, not be able to hold meetings via virtual means, and therefore return to physical meetings, and the need for the Council to consider what requirements it will need to put in place to ensure its future meetings are held in a COVID secure way, the Council is  
**RECOMMENDED** to amend Standing Order 1(1) to allow all meetings of the Council (including the Annual General Meeting) and its Committees to be held at any venue considered suitable by the Corporate Manager, Democratic & Civic Support in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

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

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13 Notice of Motion by Councillor Harvey under Standing Order No. 6

### **Climate and Ecological Emergency**

#### **This Council notes that:**

1. Exeter City Council (ECC) declared a Climate Emergency in February 2019 and committed to becoming Net Zero Carbon by 2030, recognising the scale and urgency of the global challenge from climate change following the IPPC report published in October 2018. To contribute to achieving its net zero objectives ECC has:-
  - Adopted a Net Zero Carbon Roadmap in conjunction with Exeter City Futures to achieve net zero carbon targets.
  - Secured £1.6 million of European Development Funding to install a solar farm and battery storage on waste ground close to the Council's depot.
  - In the past year, delivered the following carbon saving measures:-
    - Financial savings of £630,000
    - Energy savings of 2,300,050 kWh
    - Carbon savings of 550 tonnes
  - Added 21 new 3- and 4- bedroomed homes built to Passivhaus standards.
  - Commissioned the building of St Sidwell's Point – the UK's first leisure centre to be built to Passivhaus standards.
  - Started the roll-out of the retrofitting of all 4000+ council housing to our super energy efficient standards.
  
2. Demonstrated its commitment to protecting the environment and greening the city by:-
  - Consulting residents on the creation of a city-wide Tree Strategy.
  - Implementing an ambitious tree-planting programme including 2,000 trees on the Monkerton Ridgeline, and a new woodland of 300 trees off Lancelot Road.
  - Encouraging biodiversity through wildflower planting and naturalising grass areas, and a phased reduction in the use of glyphosate weed-killer.

**This Council believes that:**

1. Exeter City Council has shown, through its net zero carbon achievements, tree-planting and green-spaces activities, its commitment to contributing to achieving its net zero carbon and ecological objectives.
2. We all have a responsibility, both individually and collectively, to mitigate the harmful effects of climate change and ecological decline.
3. Local Authorities are well-placed to initiate the changes that can contribute to the mitigation of the harm caused, by continuing to set ambitious targets to address the Climate and Ecological emergency.
4. The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill provides a timely evaluation and summary of the actions required by Government in order to achieve climate and ecology objectives.

**The Council resolves:**

1. To declare an Ecological Emergency to supplement and strengthen the Climate Change Emergency declaration of February 2019 by this Council.
2. To continue to work with partners, both locally and regionally, including DCC, to achieve net zero carbon objectives, and to conserve and support the recovery of the natural environment.
3. To support community consultation with respect to identifying solutions to address both climate and ecological emergencies.
4. To request that our two MPs support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

14 Questions from Members of the Council under Standing Order No. 8.

Date: Thursday 15 April 2021

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