

COMBINED STRATEGIC SCRUTINY AND CUSTOMER FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Date: Monday 6 June 2022

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Rennes Room, Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter

Members are invited to attend the above meeting.

If you have an enquiry regarding any items on this agenda, please contact Howard Bassett, Democratic Services Officer (Committees) on 01392 265107.

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Membership -

Allcock, Asvachin, Bennett, Branston, Ellis-Jones, Foale, Hannaford, Harvey, Holland, Knott, Jobson, Leadbetter, Lights, Mitchell, K, Mitchell, M, Moore, J, Oliver, Newby, Read, Snow, Sparling, Sutton, Vizard, Wardle and Warwick

Agenda

1 Appointment of Chair for the Meeting

2 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence from Committee members.

3 Minutes

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To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Combined Strategic Scrutiny and Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee held on 27 April 2022.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are reminded of the need to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests that relate to business on the agenda and which have not already been included in the register of interests, before any discussion takes place on the item. Unless the interest is sensitive, you must also disclose the nature of the interest. In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, you must then leave the room and must not participate in any further discussion of the item.

Councillors requiring clarification should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer prior to the day of the meeting.

5 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act) - Exclusion of the Press and Public**

It is considered that the Committee would be unlikely to exclude the press and public during the consideration of any of the items on this agenda but, if it should wish to do so, then the following resolution should be passed:-

“RESOLVED that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the particular item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

6 **Exeter Development Fund Overview**

Scrutiny is being asked to perform a critical friend role for the Council’s Executive in examining and highlighting the merits and risk associated with the City Development Fund ahead of the full Business Case being presented to the Executive for consideration later this year.

The sessions are as detailed below -

- Session 1 Introduction – 30 March
- Session 2: What is the economic case for pursuing a City Development Fund to support delivery - 27 April
- Session 3: Governance/Fund Management/Governance and Risk - 6 June
- Session 4: The Business Case in Detail - (Date TBC)
- Further Session To Discuss

7 **Exeter Development Fund**

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Session Three - The Governance Question - Fund Management, Governance and Risk

Introduction and summary

Introduction and presentation on the Government’s ambitions on reforms to Public Development Corporations and the key elements of the proposed governance structure –

Roli Martin, Project Manager, Exeter City Futures Team

Elaine Anning, Operations Director, Exeter City Futures Team

Karime Hassan, Chief Executive & Growth Director

The following external witness has been invited to the meeting –

Ian Piper Chief Executive Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

- The purpose of the invitation to the speaker is to gain an insight of the working of a development corporation and the resources and powers this model of governance brings to the development agenda.
- **Outcomes:** An understanding of the required governance structure to

manage a city fund and the areas that are mandatory.

Areas to explore in this session:

- The suggested structure in the Business Case, what are essential requirements to attract Government investment and market confidence?
- What elements are optional?
- What are the reasons for pursuing a Development Corporation model?
- The costs benefit implications of the model.
- Would planning powers be lost to a Development Corporation, the proposals suggest not?
- Who decides the composition of the Board?
- What management capacity would be required to run the fund?

For information - Please see a link to the outline Business Case of the Exeter Development Fund now available on the Exeter City Futures web site - <https://www.exetercityfutures.com/the-city-owned-development-fund-for-exeter-takes-a-step-forward/>

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Combined Strategic Scrutiny and Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee to be confirmed.

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