

EXECUTIVE

Date: Tuesday 9 January 2024

Time: 5.30 pm

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

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business.

If you have an enquiry regarding any items on this agenda, please contact Mark Devin, Democratic Services Manager on 01392 265477.

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Membership -

Councillors Bialyk (Chair), Wright (Deputy Chair), Denning, Foale, Morse, Parkhouse, Pearce, Williams, R and Wood

Agenda

Part I: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public present

1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence from Committee members.

2 Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2023.

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3 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.

4 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public

It is considered that the Committee would be unlikely to exclude the press and public during consideration of any of the items on the agenda, but if it should wish

to do so, the following resolution should be passed:-

RECOMMENDED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the particular item(s) on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act

5 **Questions from the Public Under Standing order No. 19**

To receive questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and responses thereto.

Details of questions should be notified to the Democratic Services Manager by 10.00am at least three working days prior to the meeting. Further information about speaking at a committee can be found here: [Speaking at a Committee](#)

6 **Urgent Matter - Response to the Governments consultation to the Home Office's consultation cap for safe and legal routes for asylum seekers**

Urgent matter of the response from Exeter City Council to agree the number of properties it believes it can facilitate provide in response to the Government's consultation on refuges and asylum seekers entering the UK via safe routes in 2025.

Due to the timings of the consultation and Exeter City Council's meeting dates it was not possible for the Council to consider a draft response in advance of its submission. The response to the consultation has been treated as an urgent matter.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, it has been discussed with the Leader, the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Homelessness Prevention and Council Housing, Development and Support Services in addition to the Chair of the Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee, and the Executive is now invited to note the response which has been submitted and dealt with under emergency provisions. The key issue identified relates to:

1. The government consulted with local authorities to introduce an annual cap on the number of refugee entrants using safe and legal routes coming to the UK. This is to meet a duty under the Illegal Migration Act 2023.
2. It provided an opportunity for local authorities to put forward their capacity to house and support people coming to their districts in light of current pressures. The aim is to establish a migration system which is sustainable and well managed. There is an expectation for every Local Authority (or equivalent) to respond to this consultation.
3. The consultation paper suggested that there should be a politically agreed commitment to any figure proposed and that any proposition represents a consensus view in the area. Response in two tier areas needed to the agreed by District and County Councils. This was facilitated by Devon County Council who provided a Devon wide response.
4. By using historic data and an understanding of the current housing market

Exeter City Council has proposed to agree to facilitate 5 properties from private rented sector being provided in response to the consultation.

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| 7 | City Wide Net Zero | To consider the report of the Director Net Zero and City Management. | (Pages 25
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| 8 | 2024/25 Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan | To consider the report of the Director Finance. | (Pages 41
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| 9 | Council Taxbase and NNDR 1 2024/25 | To consider the report of the Director Finance. | (Pages 57
- 64) |
| 10 | Housing Rents and Service Charges 2024-25 | To consider the report of the Director Finance. | (Pages 65
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| 11 | Approval of Devon Districts Procurement Strategy (DDPS) | To consider the report of the Director Finance. | (Pages 79
- 100) |
| 12 | Update Briefing on the Governance Review Working Group | To consider the report of the Director Corporate Services. | (Pages
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| 13 | Members' Training | To consider the report of the Director Corporate Services. | (Pages
107 - 118) |
| 14 | Tenancy Policy and Strategy Review | To consider the report of the Director City Development. | (Pages
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| 15 | Council Housing Strategy 2023 - 2027 | To consider the report of the Director City Development. | (Pages
139 - 170) |
| 16 | Review of Safeguarding Policy | To consider the report of the Director Net Zero and City Management. | (Pages
171 - 202) |
| 17 | Review of Policy for Dealing with Unacceptable Customer Behaviour | To consider the report of the Director Net Zero and City Management. | (Pages |

18 **Review of Equality and Diversity Policy**

To consider the report of the Director Net Zero and City Management.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Executive will be held on **Tuesday 6 February 2024** at 5.30 pm in the Civic Centre.

A statement of the executive decisions taken at this meeting will be produced and published on the Council website as soon as reasonably practicable.

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