

## EXECUTIVE

### STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 9 January 2024. 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 Mark Devin, Democratic Services Manager on 01392 265477 or email [mark.devin@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:mark.devin@exeter.gov.uk)

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

**Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that the urgent matter be noted.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

#### **City Wide Net Zero**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approve:-

- (1) that Exeter City Council take a leading role in coordinating and facilitating City Wide Net Zero for two years (2024/25 and 2025/26); and
- (2) that a temporary two year post of Grade M (indicative) be established to coordinate and facilitate City Wide Net Zero, sitting within the Net Zero team and be paid from the one-off net zero earmarked reserve.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

#### **Update Briefing on the Governance Review Working Group**

**Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) the content of the report be noted;
- (2) the actions from the last meeting of the Governance Review Board, as detailed in 8.4 of the report be noted as being taken forward; and
- (3) the Members of the Governance Review Working Group be thanked for their contributions.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Members' Training**

**Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee note the Members' Training report.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Tenancy Policy and Strategy Review**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the adoption of the new Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy for the period 2023-2027.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Council Housing Strategy 2023 - 2027**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approves the new Council Housing Strategy as summarised in the report presented at the meeting.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **2024/25 Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council note the contents of the report and approve the proposals to establish a balanced Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Council Taxbase and NNDR 1 2024/25**

**Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Exeter City Council as its tax base for the year 2024/25 shall be 39,045;
- (2) the Collection Fund Surplus of £1,572,067 and the 97.5% increase in the Collection Rate be approved; and

(3) the responsibility to approve the Council's NNDR1 return by 31 January 2024 be delegated to the Section 151 Officer.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Housing Rents and Service Charges 2024-25**

**Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that the Executive approves:

- (1) the increase of Council dwelling rent by 7.7% from 1 April 2024;
- (2) the increase of garage rent by 7.7% from 1 April 2024; and
- (3) the increase of service charges by 7.7% from 1 April 2024.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Approval of Devon Districts Procurement Strategy (DDPS)**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the themes and outcomes set out in the Devon Districts Procurement Strategy 2023-2027.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

### **Review of Safeguarding Policy**

**Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that the report be deferred to enable officers to address the removal of the central record relating to safeguarding.

**Reason for Decision:** To determine the position with regards to the central record relating to safeguarding

### **Review of Policy for Dealing with Unacceptable Customer Behaviour**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approves the revised policy for Dealing with Unacceptable Customer Behaviour.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the report.

## **Review of Equality and Diversity Policy**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the adoption of the revised Equality and Diversity Policy.

**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**