

EXECUTIVE

STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 3 December 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

Members' Allowances 2025/26

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

- (1) the basic structure and principles of the current Members' Allowances scheme be retained for 2025/26;
- (2) the principle that any Member qualifying for more than one Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) is paid the higher allowance only, be retained;
- (3) the Councillors' Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances including the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor's Expenses Allowances, continue to be linked and updated in line with the national pay awards applied to staff (under the Green Book arrangements) for the previous year, (a lump sum payment of £1,290 was agreed for the period 2024/25 effective from April 2024). As this was a lump sum rather than a percentage increase across the board the Panel considered that it was appropriate to use the median percentage pay increase for Exeter City Council staff of 4% as a benchmark for the Basic Councillor Allowance;
- (4) the principle that Special Responsibility Allowances be paid to no more than 50% of the overall number of Councillors continue to be kept under review and adhered to where possible;
- (5) the current Dependants' Carers' Allowance scheme be maintained, with the continuation of the level of allowance matching the hourly Living Wage as applicable from April of each year. In the case of Members who need specialist care for a child or adult dependant, a higher rate, of up to £25 per hour or part thereof, can be agreed by negotiation in advance with the Democratic Services Manager;
- (6) the sum of £50 be paid to the Independent Persons affiliated to the Audit and Governance Committee for up to four hours work, and £100 for four hours and over, payable to each of the two Independent Persons (up to a maximum of £500 per person in any one year) be retained; and
- (7) travel and subsistence allowances available for staff continue to apply to Exeter City Councillors, where appropriate.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places within the Exeter City Council Area

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:

- (1) adopt the proposals as set out at paragraph 8.5 of the report for implementation from a revised register of electors for publication by 1 February 2025;
- (2) formally publish its final report on the Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places within the Exeter Constituency by 10 January 2025, as required by the Representation of the People Act 1983 (RPA 1983); and
- (3) agree to complete a further review by 31 January 2030, as required by the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Review of Corporate Risk Register

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the Council's Corporate Risk Register be approved and any necessary actions to help mitigate the risks be proposed to Council.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Overview of General Fund Revenue Budget 2024/25 – Quarter 2

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council notes and approves (where applicable):

- (1) the General Fund forecast financial position for the 2024 financial year;
- (2) the supplementary budgets and budget transfers as detailed in paragraph 8.9 and Appendix 3 of the report;
- (3) the outstanding Sundry Debt position as at September 2024;
- (4) the creditors payments performance; and
- (5) the One Exeter programme update.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

2024/25 General Fund Capital Monitoring Statement – Quarter 2

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approve:

- (1) the overall financial position for the 2024/25 Annual Capital Programme; and
- (2) the further funding requests to the Council's Annual Capital Programme for 2024/25, as detailed in paragraph 8.6 of the report.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

2024/25 HRA Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 2

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council notes and approves (where applicable):

- (1) the HRA forecast financial position for 2024/25 financial year; and
- (2) the revised HRA Capital Programme to reflect the reported variations detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Treasury Management 2024/25 Half Year Update

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council:

- (1) note the Treasury Management report in respect of the first six months of the 2024/25 financial year; and
- (2) adopt the Treasury Management Environmental, Social and Governance policy.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

City Point Update

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the Executive note:

- 1) the progress to date following the withdrawal of The Crown Estate's interest as lead developer;
- 2) that meanwhile uses for the Former Bus Station site would be considered and that officers would develop medium term uses for the site, plans for consultation, and to bring forward ideas to the Executive, having given consideration to there being no financial resources at the current stage;
- 3) that officers and potential development partners (including new adjoining landowners), would work on a potential comprehensive delivery solution and present proposals to the Executive in early 2025; and
- 4) that a market insight report be commissioned by officers to look at delivery options for the land within the City Council's control.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report and as amended at the meeting.

The Exeter Plan: Publication

Agreed:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the publication of the Regulation 19 version of the Exeter Plan be approved for an eight-week period from 12 December 2024;

- (2) delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director for Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for City Development, to agree minor changes to the Regulation 19 Publication version of the Exeter Plan before it is published; and
- (3) delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director for Place, in consultation with Portfolio Holder for City Development, to agree a change to the publication date if required.

RECOMMENDED that Council:

- (1) approves the submission of the Exeter Plan, policies map, associated documents, evidence base and Regulation 19 representations, to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director for Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for City Development, to make minor changes to the Regulation 19 Publication version of the Exeter Plan and to submit these to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

The use of Body Worn Video Cameras

Agreed:

RECOMMENDED that Council approves the Body Worn Video Cameras Policy and the use of Body Worn Video Cameras across the City Council's enforcement activities.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Appointment to the Devon and Torbay Housing Advisory Group

Agreed:

RESOLVED that the Leader of the Council, Cllr Philip Bialyk, be appointed to represent Exeter City Council on the Devon and Torbay Housing Advisory Group.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Selection and Appointment of Exeter Harbour Designated Person

Agreed:

RESOLVED that James Hannon, Associate Maritime Consultant be appointed as the Designated Person for the role of Harbour Duty Holder.

Reason for Decision: As set out in the report.

Appendix A - Selection and Appointment of Exeter Harbour Designated Person

Agreed:

The recommendations were agreed in Minute No.135.

Reason for Decision: As set out in Minute No.135.

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 17 December 2024.