



Exeter City Council

A meeting of **EXETER CITY COUNCIL** will be held at the **GUILDHALL, HIGH STREET, EXETER** on **TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024**, at 6.00 pm, at which you are hereby summoned to attend.

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

The following business is proposed to be transacted:-

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| 1 | Minutes
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2024. | 5 - 18 |
| 2 | Statement from the Leader of the Council | |
| 3 | Official Communications
To receive the Lord Mayor's communications. | |
| 4 | Public Questions
Details of questions should be notified to Democratic Services at least three working days prior to the meeting - by 10am on Thursday 12 December 2024. | |

Details about speaking at Council to be found here: [Public Speaking at Meetings](#).

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

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| 5 | Planning Committee - 7 October 2024 | 19 - 24 |
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Notice of Motion

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| 11 | Notice of Motion from Councillor Rees under Standing Order No. 6
<u>School Streets Motion - Exeter City Council Meeting, December 17th, 2024</u> |
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Proposed by: Councillor Rees
Seconded by: Councillor Banyard

School Streets are car-free areas outside schools. Roads are closed to vehicles

(or they have severely restricted access) for a short period at the start and end of the school day. School streets put children first. They provide space for children to talk, scoot, play or pause on the way to school. These schemes are overwhelmingly popular with parents, teachers and pupils.

The Labour Government has brought in stronger guidance for School Streets which will make them effective, as now they must be supported by enforcement and monitoring. The guidance gives the benefits of School Streets as follows:

“School Streets can improve the experiences and safety of schools’ pupils, staff, visitors, and neighbours at peak school arrival and departure times. Schemes can support the delivery of a range of benefits at the individual, school, neighbourhood and broader local authority level, including:

- removal of congestion and reduction in emissions outside schools;
- reduced instances of dangerous driving, parking and turning outside schools at times of day when many children and families are present;
- fewer road safety issues and improved perceptions of road safety;
- increased levels of walking, wheeling and cycling to school;
- enhanced opportunities for social interaction;
- improved physical and mental health amongst pupils;
- increased pupil independence; and
- developing early active travel habits which can be carried into later life.

The Council notes that:

1. Many schools in Exeter have significant problems with cars and road safety issues at school run time.
2. Creating more School Streets will help to deliver on City Council policies of Net Zero, reduced air pollution and increased active travel.
3. The City and County Councils are both committed to increasing active travel. The Live and Move Everyday Active Strategy 2022 has a practical focus on active travel to and from schools in Exeter and Cranbrook.
4. The Devon & Torbay Draft Transport Plans includes School Streets as a new measure.
5. The Child Health Initiative underlines the impacts of transportation and urban planning policies on the health and basic rights of children. It highlights the serious and costly health impacts of unsafe roads and air pollution on young people.

The Council resolves to:

1. Call on Devon County Council to work with schools and communities to increase the number of School Streets in Exeter, where schools are willing to explore this option.
2. To provide a progress report on this activity to the ECC Transport Member Working Group in six months’ time.

[Live-and-Move-Everyday-Active-Strategy-2022.pdf \(liveandmove.co.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/traffic-information/transport-planning/devon-local-transport-plan-4-2025-2040/)
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/traffic-information/transport-planning/devon-local-transport-plan-4-2025-2040/>
<https://www.childhealthinitiative.org/>

Climate and Nature Bill 2024

Proposed by: Councillor Tess Read
Seconded by: Councillor Diana Moore

The purpose of this motion is to ask Exeter's two MPs, Steve Race and David Reed, to support the Climate and Nature Bill currently progressing through Parliament. The Bill aims to:

- require the United Kingdom to achieve climate and nature targets;
- give the Secretary of State a duty to implement a strategy to achieve those targets;
- establish a Climate and Nature Assembly to advise the Secretary of State in creating that strategy; and
- give duties to the Committee on Climate Change and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee regarding strategy, targets, and connected purposes.

The second reading of the Bill will take place in the House of Commons on 24th January 2025.¹

This Council notes that:

- Exeter City Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and passed a further motion declaring a Climate and Ecological Emergency on 27th April 2021 resulting in the Council declaring an "Ecological Emergency to supplement and strengthen the Climate Change Emergency declaration of July 2019 by this Council".²
- Exeter City Council also resolved 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. To support community consultation with respect to identifying solutions to address both climate and ecological emergencies. To request that our two MPs support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill."
- On 21st March 2024 the Climate and Ecology Bill (CE Bill) was renamed the Climate and Nature Bill (CAN Bill).³

Therefore this Council resolves to

- Write to Exeter's two MPs, Steve Race and David Reed, to ask them to support the Climate and Nature Bill⁴ as it progresses through Parliament, in particular at its second reading in the House of Commons on 24 January 2025.

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13 Council Appointment to the Team Devon Joint Committee

¹ <https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3776/news>

² <http://committees.exeter.gov.uk/documents/s74534/Minutes%20of%20Previous%20Meeting.pdf>

³ [https://www.zerohour.uk/climate-and-ecology-bill/#:~:text=As%20of%2021st%20March%202024,Nature%20Bill%20\(CAN%20Bill\).](https://www.zerohour.uk/climate-and-ecology-bill/#:~:text=As%20of%2021st%20March%202024,Nature%20Bill%20(CAN%20Bill).)

⁴ [Climate and Nature Bill - Parliamentary Bills - UK Parliament](#)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

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

To receive questions from Members on any matter for which the Council has powers, duties or affects the City.

A plan of seating in the Guildhall is attached as an annex.

Date: Monday 9 December 2024

Bindu Arjoon
Chief Executive