

CUSTOMER FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

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 Liz Smith, Democratic Services Officer on 01392 265425.

Entry to the Civic Centre can be gained through the Customer Service Centre, Paris Street.

Membership -

Parkhouse (Chair), Rees (Deputy Chair), Begley, Darling, Fullam, Harding, Holland, Hussain, Miller-Boam, Moore, Patrick, Pole, Read and Wardle

Agenda

1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2 Minutes

(Pages 5 -
16)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee held on 30 January 2025.

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 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.”

5 Questions from the Public under Standing Order No. 19

Details of questions should be notified to the Democratic Services Manager via the committee.services@exeter.gov.uk email by 10.00am at least three working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting any questions must be submitted by 10.00am on Monday 25 March 2024.

For details about how to speak at Committee, please click the following link - <https://exeter.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-meetings/public-speaking-at-meetings/overview/>

6 Questions from Members of the Council under Standing Order No. 20

To receive questions from Members of the Council to the relevant Portfolio Holders for this Scrutiny Committee.

Advance questions from Members relating to the Portfolio Holders should be notified to Democratic Services via committee.services@exeter.gov.uk

7 Portfolio Holder Report - Portfolio for City Management (Cllr Ruth Williams) (Pages 17 - 20)

To receive the report of the Portfolio Holder for City Management.

8 Update on Street Cleansing (Pages 21 - 28)

To receive the report of the Head of Service – Operations.

9 Six-monthly update on Homelessness Strategy (Pages 29 - 38)

To receive the report of the Strategic Director People and Communities.

10 Results of 2025/26 Budget Consultation (Pages 39 - 88)

To receive the report of the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources.

11 Scrutiny Work Plan (Pages 89 - 92)

Please see for noting a link to the schedule of future business proposed for the Council which can be viewed on the Council website. This online document is a source for Members to raise issues at Scrutiny on forthcoming Executive agenda items:

<https://exeter.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/councillors-and-meetings/forward-plan-of-executive-decisions/>

Also attached is a draft work plan of future scrutiny items.
Should Members wish to raise issues in respect of future business please notify
Liz Smith, Democratic Services Officer in advance of the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee will be held on **Thursday 3 July 2025** at 5.30 pm in the Civic Centre.

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