COUNCIL

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Present:-

The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor Councillor Anne Jobson (Lord Mayor) Councillor Gemma Rolstone (Deputy Lord Mayor) Councillors Atkinson, Banyard, Bennett, Bialyk, Cookson, Darling, Foale, Fullam, Haigh, Harding, Holland, Hughes, Hussain, Ketchin, Knott, Miller-Boam, Mitchell, K, Mitchell, M, Parkhouse, Payne, Read, Rees, Sheridan, Snow, Vizard, Wardle, Wetenhall, Williams, M, Williams, R, Wood and Wright

Also Present

Chief Executive, Head of Legal and Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer, Planning Solicitor, Democratic Services Manager, Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and Democratic Services Officer

68 MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on the 22nd July 2025 were moved by the Lord Mayor, taken as read, approved and signed as correct following an amendment to the role of Councillor Knott at that meeting.

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 14 August 2025, were moved by the Lord Mayor, taken as read, approved, and signed as correct.

69 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

70 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Lord Mayor confirmed that there were no Part 2 items on the agenda.

71 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Lord Mayor advised that she had attended the following since the last meeting of the Council:

- Women's Rugby World Cup (WRWC) welcome ceremony for the French and Italian rugby teams at Exeter Cathedral;
- hosted the New Zealand Black Ferns at the Guildhall for Devon Cream Tea and Morris dancing;
- the unveiling of the yarn bombing at both the Guildhall and the Royal Albert Memorial Museum; and
- a special reception to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Japan Day (VJ Day).

The Lord Mayor thanked Exeter City Council staff for their hard work in launching the WRWC fan zone in Princesshay.

The Lord Mayor also advised that she had received a letter from the Mayor of Stone Harbour, New Jersey, who had written to her with thanks for meeting with two of his constituents.

The Lord Mayor also received that from His Majesty's Vice Lord Lieutenant, Rear Admiral Chris Snow CBE DL, who thanked the Lord Mayor for invitations to both the VJ Day reception, and the Rugby World Cup.

72 PROPOSED EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CONFERRING HONORARY ALDERMAN STATUS

The Lord Mayor informed Members that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council had been scheduled for the 14th October 2025, on the rising of the ordinary meeting. This meeting had been scheduled for the proposed appointment of Mr Graham John Prowse, as an Honorary Alderman.

3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Lord Mayor advised Members that two questions had been received from members of the public.

Question from Mr James Diamond:

"Please can you list the cycling schemes that were delivered under Measure 6 of th Exeter Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) 2019-2024, to contribute to the target of 12% of work journeys by bike and address illegal air pollution levels?"

Response from Councillor Bialyk, Leader:

"Measure 6 of the Air Quality Action Plan is one that is the responsibility of Devon County Council as the Highways Authority.

A list of the main strategic routes that contributed to measure 6 will be provided for inclusion with the minutes, however, there will have been other more localised enhancements conducted that would not be listed.

As this matter is a Devon County Council Highways responsibility, further specific questions relating to the cycle network should be directed to them as the appropriate body responsible."

Mr Diamond asked a supplementary question for clarification that the list would definitely be published with the minutes, and the Leader clarified that it would be.

Question from Mr Edward Pickering:

"In June, the City Council committed to writing to DCC about the ECC School Streets motion by the end of the Summer Term to arrange a meeting with DCC. What was the outcome of the meeting?"

Response from Councillor Bialyk, Leader:

"Exeter City Council wrote to Devon County Council in July, and a positive and constructive meeting was held between officers in August to explore a collaborative approach to School Streets in Exeter.

Devon County Council have identified a significant budget for the 20256/26 Schools Streets programme and officers from the Council's Live & Move team will work with the DCC sustainable travel team to develop a programme/

A criteria is being drawn up to identify which schools are ready and meet the necessary conditions to deliver a School Street, and Exeter City Council will work with Devon County Council to approach pilot schools in the autumn term."

In a supplementary question, the member of the public asked what the timetable was for something happening in terms of concrete action. The Leader stated in response that the answer rested with Devon County Council and the Exeter City Council Live & Move team.

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74 CUSTOMER FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 23 JUNE 2025 (SPECIAL)

The minutes of the Special Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee of 23 June 2025 were presented by the Chair, Councillor Rees, and taken as read.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee held on 23 June be received.

CUSTOMER FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 3 JULY 2025

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The minutes of the Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee of 3 July 2025 were presented by the Chair, Councillor Rees, and taken as read.

In regard to **Minute No.67 Question from Members of the Council under Standing Orders No.20** Councillor Rees clarified that Councillor R Williams had not meant the roll out would extend into the 2026/2027 financial year.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee held on 3 July 2025 be received.

76 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - 17 JULY 2025 (SPECIAL)

The minutes of the Special Audit and Governance of 17 July 2025 were presented by the Chair, Councillor Wardle, and taken as read.

In respect of **Minute No.66 Amendments to Terms of Reference for the Joint Consultation and Negotiation Committee**, Councillor Wardle moved and Councillor Payne seconded the recommendation which following a vote was CARRIED.

In respect of **Minute No.67 Constitutional Changes**, Councillor Wardle moved, and Councillor Payne seconded the recommendation, which following a vote was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Audit and Governance Committee held on 17 July 2025 be received.

77 <u>AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - 24 JULY 2025</u>

The minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee of 24 July 2025 were presented by the Chair, Councillor Wardle, and taken as read.

In respect of **Minute No.71 Annual Governance Statement**, Councillor Wardle moved and Councillor Payne seconded the recommendation, which following a vote was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 24 July 2025 be received.

78 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 4 AUGUST 2025

The minutes of the Planning Committee of 4 August were presented by the Chair, Councillor Knott, and taken as read.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee of 4 August 2025 be received, following amendments raised by Councillor Ketchin.

The minutes of the Executive Committee of 12 August 2025 were presented by the Leader, Councillor Bialyk, and taken as read.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Committee held on the 12 August 2025 be received.

80 OVERVIEW OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2025/26 - QUARTER 1

The Strategic Director Corporate Resources introduced this report, and responded to Members questions in the following terms:

- Kivells leased from Exeter City Council, so the money was appropriately coming from the council;
- the refund had not been accounted for in the budget;
- he could not confirm at this stage when the MRF project would be completed but he would speak to the Head of Service and update Members;
- the debt write off process was dependent on the amount of the debt;
- Exeter City Council could only use bailiffs for council tax, but could use debt recovery agents for other forms of debt;
- the Council had recently strengthened the income collection and the legal teams; and
- car parks would be included in the model going forward.

During the debate, Councillor Fullam asked the Leader the following:

"On 8.4, is there expected to be any improvement on recruitment and retention across the range of services with vacancies? Is there limited expectation of resolving recruitment issues before the timescale of LGR, are there interim plans by department for reduced service delivery to avoid undue stress on remaining staff and excessive agency costs?

If so, can Members be made aware of the specific services being reduced?"

The Leader responded in the following terms:

"Within our Human Resources Improvement Plan we have a focus on reviewing and modernising our approach to recruitment with a particular emphasis on those areas that are harder to recruit to. We have had notable success is filling vacancies and areas traditional regarded as "difficult to recruit to" with permanent staff e.g. in planning, environmental health and digital and data. Within the Operations Directorate there are long standing issues with recruiting and retaining permanent staff working on frontline waste services in particular largely due to the relatively high employment rate in Exeter. However, our HR and operational reviews (Rapid Impact Project) have highlighted a number of opportunities to modernise our approach to recruitment and work is underway to design and pilot new approaches tailored to the target employment market in these frontline roles.

Whilst there are no guarantees, we have high expectations that we will resolve these recruitment issues in the medium term. In the meantime, we have already instigate a number of actions which are standardising the rates we pay agency staff, reducing overall spend on agency staff, limiting the length of temporary agency contracts and raising the quality of employment terms and conditions for agency workers. We are doing this by using an agency recruitment framework (Comensura) across all parts of the council. Spend and use of agency staff is monitored monthly by the Senior Management Board and authority to recruit temporary staff requires Strategic Director approval.

The Strategic Director for Operations was working with Heads of Services on a continual basis to introduce productivity and efficiency gains within the service area following the independent research conducted as part of the Rapid Impact project work SMB have been undertaking since last year. Should there be a need to reduce operations due to staffing on anything other than an ad hoc or marginal basis i.e. a substantive change to service delivery, we would be obliged to undertake a statutory consultation with those customers affected by any such temporary change likely to be required over the medium or longer-term. A this point in time we are not anticipating any substantive change to service delivery."

The Leader moved, and Councillor Wright seconded the recommendations of the report, which following a vote were CARRIED.

81 2025/26 GENERAL FUND CAPITAL MONITORING STATEMENT - QUARTER 1

The Strategic Director Corporate Resources introduced this report and responded to Members questions in the following terms:

- the new pay and display equipment were needed in the John Lewis and Guildhall car parks as the software would no longer be supported by the company; and
- the BLRF money that had be allocated to the canal basin and Belle Isle could not be reallocated to another site.

During debate Councillor Wetenhall asked the Leader:

"Regarding the Pinhoe Community Hub CIL allocation of £1,276,470, in Appendix 1, on page 115, could the Leader confirm whether or not the full amount of the CIL allocation will be drawn down within this financial year?"

Councillors Wood and Hussain declared an interest as Trustees of the Pinhoe Community Hub and left the chamber.

The Leader responded to Councillor Wetenhall in the following terms:

- he was unsure at this time;
- the discussions were with the community;
- the commitment Exeter City Council made to the residents of Pinhoe was still there; and
- there was no cut off and he hope that Pinhoe community could bring forward their proposal.

The Leader moved, and Councillor Wright seconded the recommendations of the report, which following a vote were CARRIED.

Councillors Wood and Hussain returned to the meeting, following the vote.

82 **2025/26 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET MONITORING REPORT -**QUARTER 1

The Strategic Director Corporate Resources officer introduced the report.

The Leader moved, and Councillor Wright seconded the recommendations of the report, which following a unanimous vote were CARRIED.

83 NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR READ UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 6

Councillor Read moved, and Councillor Banyard seconded a Notice of Motion in the following terms:

"This Council notes that:

Increasing dialogue and working with relevant stakeholders is the key to improving water quality to benefit all Exeter residents and wildlife.

This government has made improving river quality a key priority. The Environment Secretary MP Steve Reed has pledged that sewage pollution from water companies will be cut in half by the end of the decade. "The Government, in partnership with investors, has secured funding to rebuild the entire water network to clean up our rivers with a record of £104 billion being invested to upgrade crumbling pipes and build new sewage treatment works cutting sewage pollution into rivers."

In July 2019 Exeter declared a climate emergency, and this was strengthened in April 2021 by including biodiversity. The Exe Estuary has the highest protection status afforded to it and is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Protection Area because it supports internationally important populations of birds. The Council has an obligation to protect its rivers and the City Council's Harbour Board has, as one of its core values "We will lead on environmental stewardship of the Port."

South Hams District Council recently voted unanimously to request SWW use the Friends of the River Dart's "Transparency Template" to record all information regarding infrastructure upgrades so that progress to improved systems can be easily understood and communicated to the public. The Transparency Template is an easy to understand pro-forma which SWW is requested to complete to detail all of their pieces of infrastructure in the region, their capacity and method of filtration, and the timetable for upgrade. The FORE Transparency Template is attached, SWW completing this will enable the public to easily understand SWW's planned investment in its infrastructure and so can track progress to better water quality.

This Council resolves that:

The Leader of the Council/Chief Executive write to the Chairman of the Pennon Group and request that SWW complete the FORE Transparency Template for each piece of their infrastructure in the Exe and her catchment."

An amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor R Williams, seconded by Councillor Vizard, in the following terms:

This Council notes that:

Increasing dialogue and working with relevant stakeholders was the key to improving water quality to benefit all Exeter residents and wildlife.

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This Council resolves that:

The Leader of the Council and Chief Executive write to the Chairman of the Pennon Group and request that SWW complete the FORE Transparency Template for each piece of their infrastructure in the Exe and her catchment and that the completed template is published so it is readily accessible to the public".

Councillor Williams also proposed that the exemplars within the FORE transparency template be replaced with:

"Proforma page 1:

Site name: Replace Well Street CSO with Larkbeare House CSO

Permit reference: Replace 201371 with 201928 Waterbody name: Delete (Creedy to Estuary)

Waterbody Identifier: Replace GB 108045009040 with GB 510804505600".

Councillor Read accepted the motion.

In presenting the motion, Councillor Read made the following points:

- she thanked Councillor R Williams for her amendment;
- rivers were being considered more like a public health hazard than a watery playground;
- she enjoyed swimming in the River Exe in the summer;
- Exeter had been recognised by the Academy of Urbanism in 2023 as a European City of the Year finalist because of the uniquely strong relationship with the physical natural setting of the city;
- Exmouth beach had been closed frequently due to sewage in the water;
- this government had made it a priority to clean up the rivers;
- the Secretary of State had advised that there were record levels of pollution;
- Surfers Against Sewage reported in 2024 that sewage had been dumped into the waterways for 4.7 million hours;
- the Friends of the River Exe (FORE) transparency template would help the public to understand where investment was happening in the sewage network; and
- this would give the public confidence that South West Water were being held accountable.

During debate Members made the following comments:

- it was unclear how this would be implemented and how South West Water would use the template;
- any action that held South West Water to account was good;
- this was a national matter;
- how much influence did Exeter City Council have over South West Water;
- this motion sat comfortably within the governments overall plans for the water industry; and
- the cross-party support for this motion was welcomed.

Councillor Banyard, as seconder, spoke in support of the motion, making the following comments:

- a clean river was not a luxury;
- wildlife was being put at risk due to damage to their ecosystems;
- river quality had been deemed a national priority by the government;
- the Environment Secretary pledged to halve sewage pollution by 2030;
- the transparency template would make it possible to cut through the jargon and excuses from South West Water; and
- Exeter City Council declared a climate emergency and as such, had an obligation to protect the river and hold South West Water accountable.

Councillor Atkinson spoke against the motion making the following points:

- she shared everyone's concerns about the health of the River Exe;
- this was not the right forum for discussing and agreeing this;
- she was surprised there had been no dialogue with SWW before this motion;
 and
- this should be referred to the Strategic Scrutiny Committee.

The Leader stated that he would take this motion to the Devon Districts' Forum meeting to be discussed with other districts. This was not an issue exclusive to Exeter and felt that this would be a constructive way to make this more substantial.

Councillor Atkinson proposed an amendment to the motion under Standing Order No.7, seconded by Councillor Wright in the following terms:

Proposed that the matter is deferred under standing order 7 and that it is referred to Strategic Scrutiny Committee.

During debate, Members made the following comments in relation to the amended motion:

Councillor Read spoke against the amendment, making the following points:

- South West Water could be invited to the Strategic Scrutiny Committee at any time;
- she did not feel it was necessary for the motion to be deferred to scrutiny if everyone was in favour of the original motion;
- there was currently no dialogue with South West Water, but inviting them to attend a Strategic Scrutiny Committee meeting would start dialogue;
- it could take months to be heard at scrutiny, and there was no purpose for the delay; and
- it was hard for the public to access the data from South West Water, and the original motion would make this easier.

Councillor Hughes:

- Councillor Read had given a good explanation of the value behind the original motion;
- sending the motion to scrutiny would take a very long time;
- the river was not being taken care of and South West Water (SWW) were not being held to account;
- this was not an appropriate thing to take to scrutiny again; and
- they were concerned about the level of power Exeter City Council would have in this discussion with SWW.

Councillor Wood:

- supported the motion as it was presented;
- the transparency template was a good tool;
- scrutiny has tools that are not available for full council meetings;
- a countywide standardised way for South West Water would be beneficial and scrutiny may be able to explore that;
- scrutiny had more tools, opportunities, and time;
- he was supportive of the original motion, but would rather it be sent to scrutiny.

Councillor Fullam:

- this motion was a request for transparency;
- he was adverse to taking this to scrutiny;
- he was supportive of what was said by the Leader regarding working collaboratively with other councils; and
- scrutiny was a limited resource, managed by the Scrutiny Programme Board.

Councillor M Mitchell:

- the collective voice of every council in Devon could possibly have some impact;
- he hoped that the Leader would take this motion to a Devon Districts' Forum meeting to discuss;
- Exeter had to fit dynamically with other councils;
- he would like to see something that made a difference; and
- the Leader should report back from the Devon Districts' Forum to the Strategic Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Knott:

- he would vote against the amendment, but supported the original motion;
- he would be referring this to scrutiny;
- he would write to the Leader to encourage him to act as he said he would like to:
- it would be beneficial if Councillor M Mitchell could take this to Devon County Council; and
- a Devon wide cohesive approach would be best.

Councillor Harding:

- a compromise may be beneficial;
- it would be good idea to go to scrutiny, but did not know why they could vote for the original motion; and
- the template could provide useful information for the discussion at scrutiny.

Councillor R Williams:

- this had been a helpful discussion;
- sympathetic to the comments regarding what the council would be able to achieve:
- South Hams Council had invited senior management from the Pennon Group to their scrutiny committee to report on and answer questions about their plans for infrastructure improvement;
- if the motion was passed tonight it would show the Pennon Group that this was supported by more than just South Hams Council; and
- this should be taken to scrutiny, and the Leader should also take it to Devon Districts' Forum.

Councillor Atkinson, in summing up the amendment made the following points:

- clarified that her amendment was not to reject the motion but to defer it;
- she liked to see all the facts before deciding;
- South West Water had already discussed their infrastructure plans with the council;
- South West Water were in a partnership with the University of Exeter at the Centre for Resilience in Environment, Water and Waste (CREW);
- concerned that this was not Exeter focused enough, and wanted to make it more Exeter focused; and
- thought it would add more weight to work with CREW to monitor what is going on in the River Exe.

The amendment to the motion was WITHDRAWN by Councillor Atkinson.

An amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor Parkhouse, seconded by Councillor M Mitchell, in the following terms:

- The Leader of the council should bring these issues to a Devon Districts' meeting to discuss with other council leaders in Devon.
- 2. This issue is added to a future agenda item for the Strategic Scrutiny Committee to which South West Water would be invited.

In summing up, Councillor Read made the following points:

- this was sending a message;
- the more councils that did this, the better;
- rivers should be clean at every stage, from source to the sea; and
- this was aspiring to a new vision of how we see rivers in our country.

Following a unanimous vote, the motion was CARRIED as amended.

84 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8

In accordance with Standing Order No.8, the following question was put by Councillor Banyard to the Leader:

"The former SecAnim site in St David's has become a magnet for urban exploring, with young people and others putting themselves at risk by entering this contaminated and derelict factory. Despite repeated complaints from ward councillors, the owner has taken no action. The Council has issued a Community Protection Order, but this has been ignored. What action will the Leader take to ensure this dangerous site is urgently made secure?"

The Leader gave the following response:

"The former SecAnim site is in private owndership (Cilldara Group Exeter Ltd), and responsibility for ensuring the site is secure, rests with the landowner under the Occupiers Liability Act 1984.

Exeter City Council's building control powers only extend to cases where a structure resents an immediate danger to the public, which is not currently the case here.

The Council's Corporate Property team has pressed the landowner's agents to strengthen fencing and site security, and we have reminded them of their legal duties. We continue to monitor the situation and will review whether other statutory powers, such as action under section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (untidy land) or section 79 of the Building Act 1984 (ruinous or dilapidated buildings), might be engaged if conditions worsen.

The Council's Environmental Health Team and Police have also been liaising closely with the landowner over the matter and pressing for a resolution to the problem using their limited legal powers also."

In accordance with Standing Order No.8, the following question was put by Councillor Haigh to the Leader:

"At the Special Executive on 24 June 2025, it was resolved that any increase in costs to Leisure Services be reported back to Executive and Council for approval. With regard to the closure of Northbrook Pool, can the Leader confirm the outcome of negotiations on the dilapidations clause – specifically, the requirement, as stated by the Strategic Director of Place, to return the building to the Northbrook Trust in "good order and repair"? What is the agreed cost of meeting this obligation, will the Council need to borrow to fund it, and what impact will this have on the current budget?"

The Leader gave the following response:

The City Council has announced that it will no longer run services at Exeter's Northbrook Swimming pool after 3pm on 23 September 2025. It follows the decision made by the Council's Executive on 24 June, and an extensive consultation with leisure members, centre users, schools, and clubs. The decision has been driven by a combination of high operating costs and consistently low usage. Unfortunately, this means the Council is no longer able to subsidise the facility. However, all users will be able to switch to our modern and accessible facilities close by in the city. The leisure team have worked hard over the last couple of months to ensure that the transition is as smooth as it can be for all users. We have worked closely with our members, schools, and clubs who use Northbrook to ensure they are able to access alternative locations.

The Leisure team have now met with all schools and clubs currently using Northbrook Pool and it has been confirmed that we are able to accommodate all existing bookings, and all sessions will be added to the schedules at the new sites. All Exeter Leisure members and pool users will continue to have full access to our swimming facilities at St Sidwell's Point and Riverside Leisure Centre, where we look forward to welcoming them.

The Commercial Assets Team is liaising closely with the Northbrook Community Trust so that the building can be handed back as soon as possible, and in accordance with the lease. Further discussions are required to understand and agree dilapidation costs, which will be reported to Council, as necessary and in due course.

To date only informal discussions have been held with the Northbrook Trust; formal negotiations will commence once the Trust have served a dilapidations schedule on the Council. The Trust have instructed surveyors to act on their behalf, and we await service of the schedule.

In accordance with Standing Order No.8, the following question was put by Councillor Haigh to the Leader:

"What was the outcome of the Sport England funding package for the redevelopment of Wonford Sports Centre, including the total amount awarded, the draw down deadline by which this funding must be spent, and how much additional funding will have to be contributed by ECC to progress the project? If further funding is needed, will the Council be seeking to borrow to meet this commitment?"

The Leader gave the following response:

The Council has received a conditional funding agreement from Sport England, to cover a proportion of the capital costs of the project, but as the grant award is embargoed until it can be signed, the Council is unable to provide further details. Officers continue to have dialogue with the Sport England strategic capital investment team regarding capital funding of the Wonford Community Hub project. Officers continue to explore other funding opportunities to meet the full costs of the scheme, as well as working on a business case to enable the new facility to be delivered without subsidy.

(The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and closed at 8.17 pm)

Chair

Cycle Routes

Measure 6 of the Air Quality Action Plan is one that is the responsibility of Devon County Council as the Highways Authority.

The below list highlights the main strategic routes that contributed to measure 6, however there will have been other more localised enhancements conducted that will not be listed here.

E3 cycle route:

- Hill Barton Road (near Whipton Barton Road junction) toucan crossing
- Whipton Lane/Sweetbrier Lane roundabout improvements (new traffic humps)
- Chard Road modal filter
- Park Place contra-flow cycling (exemption of cycles from one-way restriction)
- Homefield Road modal filter

E4 cycle route:

- Pinhoe Road/Bakers Way side-road crossing improvement
- Pinhoe Road (near Exhibition Way junction) toucan crossing
- Exhibition Way segregated cycle path and shared-use path
- Exhibition Fields path widening
- Summer Lane pedestrian/cycle bridge

E9 cycle route:

- Russell Way crossing and advisory cycle lanes
- Ludwell Lane modal filter
- Wonford Road bus gate
- Dryden Road modal filter
- Magdalen Road enhancements (footway widening, one-way restriction for vehicular traffic with contra-flow cycle lane)

E12 cycle route:

- Sweetbrier Lane segregated cycle path
- Rifford Road enhancements (segregated cycle path, side-road crossing improvements, parallel crossings of Rifford Road)
- Marsh Barton Railway Station pedestrian/cycle bridge

Exeter Quay to City Centre:

- Quay Hill, West Street, Bartholomew Street West contra-flow cycling (exemption of cycles from one-way restriction)
- Queen Street enhancements (footway widening, one-way restriction for general traffic with two-way cycling, crossing improvements)
- Iron Bridge enhancements (footway widening, one-way restriction for vehicular traffic with contra-flow cycle lane)

South West Exeter:

- Alphington public realm enhancements (footway widening, crossing improvements)
- A379 pedestrian/cycle bridge

Green Lanes:

- Langaton Lane modal filter
- Doctors Walk modal filter
- Old Rydon Lane contra-flow cycling (exemption of cycles from one-way restriction)