

## EXECUTIVE

### STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 3 February 2026. 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 Democratic Services Manager – [democratic.services@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@exeter.gov.uk)

#### **Matters referred by Scrutiny Committees**

Strategic Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 January 2026 - Minute No. 33 – Unauthorised Encampments

#### **Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee agreed to explore the viability and impact of a Negotiated Stopping Policy.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the recommendation of Scrutiny and agreed at the meeting.

Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 22 January 2026 - Minute No. 100 – Medium Term Financial Plan

#### **Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that the Executive Committee agreed to consider:

- (1) that a peppercorn rent continue for Citizens Advice Exeter;
- (2) whether more resources can be directed to the Parks and Green Spaces Team;
- (3) whether the Climate Action Plan could be strengthened by adding an Adaptation and Resilience plan; and
- (4) strengthening support for the community asset transfer.

**Reason for Decision:** As set out in the recommendations of Scrutiny and agreed at the meeting.

## **Exeter Plan: Process for authorising proposed changes resulting from the Examination**

**Agreed:**

**RESOLVED** that the Executive notes the latest progress made on the Exeter Plan.

**RECOMMENDED** that Council grants delegated authority to the Strategic Director for Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for City Development, to authorise any proposed modifications that may arise during the Exeter Plan Examination to ensure the Plan is considered sound.

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

## **General Fund Estimates and Capital Programme 2026/27**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council

- (1) approve the Council's overall revenue spending proposals in respect of the General Fund;
- (2) approve the Council's General Fund Capital Programme;
- (3) notes and considers the budget assessment by the Section 151 Officer as set out in Section 11 of the report, when agreeing the recommendations;
- (4) approve for the General Fund minimum Balance to be set at £3.010 million for 2026/27;
- (5) approve the Council Tax for each Band as set out in section 12 of the report, subject to Devon County Council, OPCC Devon and Cornwall and the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority confirming their Band D levels respectively; and
- (6) approve the Council's Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy, as set out in Appendix 10 of the report.

**RESOLVED** that the Executive agree that once the actual Council Tax amounts for Devon County Council, the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority are confirmed, the revised Council Tax levels be submitted to Council on 25 February 2026 for approval.

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

## **HRA Estimates and Capital Programme 2026/27**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council:

- (1) approves the Council's overall spending proposals in respect of the HRA revenue;
- (2) approves the HRA Capital Programme;
- (3) notes and considers the budget assessment by the Section 151 Officer as set out in Section 10 of the report when agreeing the recommendations; and
- (4) sets the HRA minimum balance at £3.525 million for 2026/27.

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

### **Capital Strategy 2026-27**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the Capital Strategy as set out in Appendix A of the report.

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

### **Treasury Management Strategy Report 2026/27**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the adoption of the Treasury Management Strategy and Treasury Management Practices and the delegations contained therein.

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

### **The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (Incorporating the Annual Statement of Minimum Revenue Provision)**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approves the adoption of:

- (1) the Prudential Indicators set out in Appendices A–C; and
- (2) the Annual Statement of Minimum Revenue Provision for the Council.

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

### **Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council agree that the scheme in place for the current year continue for 2026-27.

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

### **Consultation and Engagement Strategy**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the adoption of the Consultation and Engagement Strategy 2025–2028.

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

## **Amendment to Grants Panel Terms of Reference - Ukrainian Community Grants**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council:

- (1) approves an amendment to the Grants Panel Terms of Reference to formally include authority for the Panel to make decisions on community grants allocated through the Ukrainian Refugee Support scheme, funded through the Homes for Ukraine tariff income. The Ukrainian community activity grants follow the same governance principles, decision making processes, transparency standards and evaluation requirements as those outlined for the City Grant Fund, with modest variations where required to meet the specialised needs of Ukrainian communities; and
- (2) grant delegated authority to the Director of People & Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities, to agree future minor amendments to the Grants Panel Terms of Reference where such amendments are administrative, support operational efficiency, or ensure continued alignment with national guidance or funding requirements for Ukrainian support.

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

## **Temporary Accommodation Allocations Policy**

**Agreed:**

**RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the adoption of the new Temporary Accommodation 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 25 February 2026 and 3 March 2026.**