

STRATEGIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 11 September 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 (Committees) on 01392 265425.

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

Membership -

Pole (Chair), Mitchell, K (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Haigh, Harding, Hussain, Ketchin, Miller-Boam, Knott, Palmer, Rolstone, Wetenhall and Williams, M

Agenda

1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2 Minutes

(Pages 5 -
12)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee held on 5 June 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 Act 1972 - Exclusion of Press and Public

It is considered that the Committee would be unlikely to exclude the press and public during the consideration 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 the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1, of Schedule 12A of the Act."

5 **Questions from Members of the Public Under Standing Order No.19**

Details of questions should be notified to Democratic Services via the democratic.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 8 September 2025.

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. The Portfolio Holders reporting to this Scrutiny Committee are:

Councillor Bialyk -	Leader of the Council;
Councillor Wright -	Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, Community Safety and City Centre;
Councillor Foale -	Portfolio Holder Arts, Culture and Tourism;
Councillor Patrick -	Portfolio Holder City Development;
Councillor Vizard -	Portfolio Holder for Climate, Ecological Change and Communities; and
Councillor Wood -	Portfolio Holder for Leisure Services & Healthy Living.

Advance questions from Members relating to the Portfolio Holders above should be notified to Democratic Services.

7 **Portfolio Holder report - Councillor Vizard** (Pages 13 - 20)

To receive a report from Councillor Vizard, the Portfolio Holder for Climate, Ecological Change and Communities.

8 **Exeter City Council's Costed Organisational Carbon Footprint Projections to 2030** (Pages 21 - 122)

To receive the report of the Strategic Director for Place and to hear evidence from the Centre for Energy and the Environment.

9 **Citywide Net Zero** (Pages 123 - 130)

To receive the report of the Strategic Director Place.

10 **Forward Plan of Business and Scrutiny Work Plan** (Pages 131 - 132)

Please see for noting a link to the schedule of future business proposed for the Council which can be viewed on the Council's web site. This on-line 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 in advance of the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee will be held on **Thursday 20 November 2025** at 5.30 pm in the Civic Centre.

Individual reports on this agenda can be produced in other formats on request to Democratic Services on 01392 265425.