

STRATEGIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 15 January 2026

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 Manager 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, Miller-Boam, Moore, Rolstone, Wetenhall and Williams, M

Agenda

1 Apologies

2 Minutes

(Pages 5 -
18)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Special Strategic Scrutiny Committee held on 3 November 2025 and the ordinary meeting of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee held on 20 November 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 the Democratic Services Manager 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 12 January 2026.

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
Councillor Patrick -	Portfolio Holder City Development
Councillor Vizard -	Portfolio Holder Climate, Ecological Change and Communities
Councillor Wood -	Portfolio Holder Leisure Services and Healthy Living
Councillor Wright -	Portfolio Holder Corporate Services, Community Safety & City Centre
Councillor Foale -	Portfolio Holder Arts, Culture and Tourism

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

7 **Portfolio Holder report - Councillor Bialyk, Leader of the Council** (Pages 19 - 22)

To receive a report from Councillor Bialyk, the Leader of the Council.

8 **Petition - To extend Article 4 direction to include all of Hillcrest Park & Doriam Close** (Pages 23 - 30)

To hear evidence from the petition organisers and receive the report of the Strategic Director for Place.

9 **Unauthorised Encampments** (Pages 31 - 34)

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

- 10 **Motion Referred by Council - Rivers 2 and transparency template** (Pages 35 - 38)
- To receive the motion referred by Council at the meeting held on 2 September 2025, details of which can be found: [Agenda for Council on Tuesday 2nd September 2025, 6.00 pm - Exeter City Council](#)

- 11 **Forward Plan of Business and Scrutiny Work Plan** (Pages 39 - 42)

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 12 March 2026** 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.