



## **CUSTOMER FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date: Thursday 22 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 Officer (Committees) on 01392 265425.

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

*Membership -*

Rees (Chair), Cookson (Deputy Chair), Begley, Fullam, Holland, Hussain, Payne, Pole, Read, Snow and Wardle

### **Agenda**

**1 Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2 Minutes**

(Pages 5 - 48)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 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 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 [democratic.services@exeter.gov.uk](mailto: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 19 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 are:-

Councillor Bialyk – Leader of the Council  
Councillor Asvachin – Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Customer Services  
Councillor Vizard – Climate, Ecological Change and Communities  
Councillor Williams – Place and City Management  
Councillor Wright – Corporate Services and City Centre

Advance questions from Members relating to the Portfolio Holders should be notified to Democratic Services via [democratic.services@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@exeter.gov.uk)

## 7 Portfolio Holder Report from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Bialyk. (Pages 49 - 52)

To receive the report of the Leader of the Council.

## 8 Quarter 2 Budget Scrutiny (Pages 53 - 110)

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

## 9 Medium Term Financial Plan (Pages 111 - 136)

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

## 10 Scrutiny Work Plan and Proposals Received (Pages 137 - 140)

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:

[Browse plans - Executive, 2026 - Exeter City Council](#)

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 Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee will be held on **Thursday 5 February 2026** at 5.30 pm in the Civic Centre.

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