

## **STRATEGIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date: Thursday 12 March 2026  
Time: 5.30 pm  
Venue: Guildhall, High 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 rear entrance, located at the back of the Customer Service Centre, Paris Street.

### *Membership -*

Pole (Chair), Mitchell, K (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Haigh, Harding, Miller-Boam, Moore, Payne, Rolstone, Wetenhall and Williams, M

## **Agenda**

### **1 Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence.

### **2 Minutes**

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To approve and sign the minutes of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee held on 15 January 2026.

### **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](mailto:democratic.services@exeter.gov.uk) email by 10am at least three working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting any questions must be submitted by 10am on Monday 9 March 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:

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| 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 -  | Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder Corporate Services and 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 Wood** (Pages 17 - 20)

To receive a report from Councillor Wood, the Portfolio Holder Leisure Services and Healthy Living.

## 8 **City Wide Net Zero** (Pages 21 - 48)

To receive the report of the Strategic Director of Place.

## 9 **Forward Plan of Business and Scrutiny Work Plan** (Pages 49 - 52)

Please see for noting a link to the schedule of future business proposed for the Council which can be viewed on the Council's website. This online 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/>

Attached is a draft work plan of future scrutiny items.

Should Members wish to raise issues in respect of future business please notify the Democratic Services Manager in advance of the meeting.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee will be held on **Thursday 2 April 2026** at 5.30 pm in the Civic Centre.

**Individual reports on this agenda can be produced in large print on request to Democratic Services (Committees) on 01392 265425.**