

ANNUAL COUNCIL

Wednesday 20 May 2026

Present:-

The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor Councillor Anne Jobson
Councillors Atkinson, Baker, Banyard, Begley, Bialyk, Chelvanayagam, Darling, Findlay MBE, Fullam, Haigh, Harding, Hughes, Hussain, Jobson, Ketchin, Knott, Miller-Boam, Mitchell, K, Mitchell, M, Moore, Palmer, Patrick, Payne, Pole, Rappert, Richards, Rolstone, Sheridan, Smith, Snow, Terry, Williams, M, Williams, N, Williams, R and Wood

Also Present

Chief Executive, Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer, Democratic Services Manager, and Democratic Services Officer.

1

ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR

RESOLVED on the nomination of Councillor Miller-Boam, seconded by Councillor Patrick, that Councillor Gemma Rolstone be elected for Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing municipal year.

The Lord Mayor was invested with her Chain of Office, made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, took the Chair and returned thanks.

2

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

RESOLVED on the nomination of Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Bialyk, that Councillor Lucy Haigh be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Deputy Lord Mayor was invested with her Chain of Office, made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, took the Chair, and returned thanks.

3

CONFIRMATION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND THE LEADER'S APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED that Councillor Bialyk remain the Leader of the Council and that Councillor Ruth Williams be appointed as Deputy Leader.

4

LEADER'S APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Bialyk, confirmed his nominations for Portfolio Holders and Executive membership as circulated.

RESOLVED that the Council's Executive be appointed as follows for the ensuing Municipal Year:

Bialyk, P.	Leader
Williams, R.	Deputy Leader and Support Services and City Management
Pole, L.	Climate and Ecological Change and Communities and Customer Services
Atkinson, A	Housing and Homelessness Prevention
Wood, D	Leisure Services, Healthy Living & Public Realm

Patrick, S
Findlay MBE, L

Management
City Development
Culture & City Centre

5 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED that the membership of Committees, Chairs and Deputy Chairs, as shown at Appendix B, be approved.

RESOLVED that the appointments to Outside Bodies, as shown at Appendix C, be approved.

(The meeting commenced at 7.05 pm and closed at 7.59 pm)

Chair

EXETER CITY COUNCIL**EXECUTIVE, SCRUTINY AND OTHER COMMITTEES: 2026/27**
NOMINATIONS**EXECUTIVE (8)**

Chair: Cllr Philip Bialyk	Cllr Susannah Patrick
Deputy Chair: Cllr Ruth Williams	Cllr Liz Pole
Cllr Yvonne Atkinson	Cllr Duncan Wood
Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE	

CUSTOMER FOCUS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)

Chair: Cllr Adrian Fullam	LD	Cllr Paul Richards	LD
Deputy Chair: Cllr Tony Wardle	L	Cllr James Banyard	G
Cllr James Cookson	L	Cllr Helen Terry	G
Cllr Jakir Hussain	L	Cllr Brian Rappert	G
Cllr Paul Knott	L	Cllr Nick Williams	R
Cllr Martyn Snow	L		

Substitutes for Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee (6)

Cllr Deborah Darling	L	Cllr Tammy Palmer	LD
Cllr Matthew Williams	L	Cllr Gill Baker	G
Cllr Jane Begley	L	Cllr Tony Payne	R

STRATEGIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (11)

Chair: Cllr Brian Rappert	G	Cllr Diana Moore	G
Deputy Chair: Cllr Jane Begley	L	Cllr Lynn Wetenhall	G
Cllr Deborah Darling	L	Cllr Kevin Mitchell	LD
Cllr Mollie Miller-Boam	L	Cllr Tony Payne	R
Cllr Rob Harding	L	Cllr Lucy Haigh	EQ
Cllr Matthew Williams	L		

Substitutes for Strategic Scrutiny Committee (6)

Cllr James Cookson	L	Cllr Andy Ketchin	G
Cllr Tony Wardell	L	Cllr Bernadette Chelvanayagam	G
Cllr Tammy Palmer	LD	Cllr Zoe Hughes	EQ

SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD (5)

Chair: Cllr Matthew Williams	Deputy Chair Customer Focus:
Chair of Customer Focus: Cllr Adrian Fullam	Deputy Chair Strategic: Cllr Jane Begley
Chair of Strategic: Cllr Brian Rappert	

PLANNING COMMITTEE (11)

Chair: Cllr Paul Knott	L	Cllr Paul Richards	LD
Deputy Chair: Cllr James Cookson	L	Cllr Gill Baker	G
Cllr Deborah Darling	L	Cllr Bernadette Chelvanayagam	G
Cllr Jakir Hussain	L	Cllr Andy Ketchin	G
Cllr Mollie Miller-Boam	L	Cllr Anne Jobson	C
Cllr Michael Mitchell	LD		

Substitutes for Planning Committee (6)

Cllr Rob Harding	L	Cllr Tammy Palmer	LD
Cllr Matthew Williams	L	Cllr James Banyard	G
Cllr Duncan Wood	L	Cllr Brian Rappert	G

PLANNING MEMBER WORKING GROUP (6)

The Planning Committee shall appoint a Planning Member Working Group which will normally meet in private (Article 8).

LICENSING COMMITTEE (11)

Chair: Cllr Martyn Snow	L	Cllr James Banyard	G
Deputy Chair: Cllr Kevin Mitchell	LD	Cllr Stella Smith	G
Cllr Jane Begley	L	Cllr Nick Williams	R
Cllr Deborah Darling	L	Cllr Alison Sheridan	R
Cllr Rob Harding	L	Cllr Lucy Haigh	EQ
Cllr Duncan Wood	L		

Substitutes for Licensing Committee (6)

Cllr Jakir Hussain	L	Cllr Adrian Fullam	LD
Cllr Matthew Williams	L	Cllr Bernadette Chelvanayagam	G
Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE	L	Cllr Tony Payne	R

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (3)

Licensing Sub-Committee membership to be drawn from Licensing Committee Members above.

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (11)

Chair: Cllr Diana Moore	G	Cllr Kevin Mitchell	LD
Deputy Chair: Cllr Paul Knott	L	Cllr Brian Rappert	G
Cllr Jane Begley	L	Cllr Helen Terry	G
Cllr Mollie Miller-Boam	L	Cllr Tony Payne	R
Cllr Tony Wardle	L	Cllr Anne Jobson	C
Cllr Matthew Williams	L		

Substitutes for Audit and Governance Committee (6)

Cllr Martyn Snow	L	Cllr Michael Mitchell	LD
Cllr James Cookson	L	Cllr Lynn Wetenhall	G
Cllr Rob Harding	L	Cllr James Banyard	G

COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL (8)

Chair: Cllr Liz Pole	L	Cllr Tammy Palmer	LD
Cllr Deborah Darling	L	Cllr Anne Jobson	C
Cllr Paul Knott	L	Cllr Helen Terry	G
Cllr Matthew Williams	L	Cllr Jack Reed	G

EXETER TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP (6)

Chair: Cllr Liz Pole	L	Cllr Lucy Haigh	EQ
Cllr Tony Wardle	L	Cllr Diana Moore	G
Cllr Duncan Wood	L	Cllr Jack Reed	G

EXETER HARBOUR BOARD (12)

(6 City Councillors)

Chair: Cllr Ruth Williams	L	Cllr Tony Payne	R
Cllr James Cookson	L	Cllr Jack Reed	G
Cllr Gemma Rolstone	L	Cllr Stella Smith	G

(6 External Members)

ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM & ART GALLERY (RAMM) OVERSIGHT PANEL**(8)**

(6 City Councillors)

Chair: Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE	L	Cllr Anne Jobson	C
Cllr Jane Begley	L	Cllr Stella Smith	G
Cllr Deborah Darling		Cllr Tammy Palmer	LD

(2 External Members)

COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP (6)

Chair: Cllr Duncan Wood	L	Cllr Tammy Palmer	LD
Cllr Paul Knott	L	Cllr Gill Baker	G
Cllr Susannah Patrick	L	Cllr Nick Williams	R

COUNCIL HOUSING ADVISORY AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (10)

(5 City Councillors)

Chair: Cllr Tony Wardle	L	Cllr Bernadette Chelvanayagam	G
Cllr Yvonne Atkinson (PH Holder)	L	Cllr Adrian Fullam	LD
Cllr Jane Begley	L		

(5 External Members)

STRATA JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (3) – (1 FROM ECC)

Cllr Phil Bialyk			
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STRATA JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (9) – (3 FROM ECC)

Cllr Paul Knott	L	Cllr Michael Mitchell	LD
Cllr James Cookson	L		

EXETER HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE (13)

(4 City Councillors)

Cllr Phil Bialyk	L	Cllr Lynn Wetenhall	G
Cllr Liz Pole	L	Cllr Lucy Haigh	EQ

(9 County Councillors)

SOUTH EAST DEVON HABITAT REGULATIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (1)

(1 City Councillor)

Cllr Ruth Williams			
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Outside Bodies Appointments 2026 - 27

Category 1 - Strategic Appointments	
Title	Representative
Community Safety Partnership	Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE
	Cllr Yvonne Atkinson
	Cllr Liz Pole
Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel	Cllr Liz Pole
Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee	Cllr Ruth Williams
Devon Rail Forum	Cllr Liz Pole
Energy From Waste Liaison Committee	Cllr Ruth Williams
Exe Estuary Management Partnership	Cllr Ruth Williams
Exeter Health and Wellbeing Board	Cllr Liz Pole
	Cllr Ducan Wood
Exeter International Airport Consultative Group	Cllr Liz Pole
Exeter SAFE (SAFE Foundation)	Cllr Yvonne Atkinson
In Exeter	Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE
Local Government Association General Assembly	Cllr Philip Bialyk
Royal Albert Memorial Museum Development Trust	Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE
	Cllr Debbie Darling
South West Councils	Cllr Philip Bialyk
South West Employers Panel	Cllr Philip Bialyk
The Exeter Phoenix Arts Board	Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE
Topsham Mooring Owners Association	Cllr Gemma Rolstone
Topsham River Commissioners (under the Exeter Port Dues Act 1840)	Cllr Gemma Rolstone
	Cllr Matt Williams
	Cllr James Cookson
UNESCO City of Literature Board	Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE

Category 2 - General & Ward Appointments	
Title	Representative
Exeter Church Charities	Cllr Alison Sheridan
	Cllr Lucy Haigh
Exeter Fairtrade Steering Group	Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE
	Cllr Diana Moore
Exeter Homes Trust	Cllr Tammy Palmer
	Cllr Anne Jobson
	Cllr Susannah Patrick
National Park Forum	Cllr Liz Pole

Outside Bodies Appointments 2026 - 27

Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLAJC)	Cllr Liz Pole
St. Edmunds & St Mary Major Charities, Exeter	Vacant
St. Leonard's with Holy Trinity Charities	Vacant
Turntable Furniture Re-cycling Project	Cllr Susannah Patrick

Council Connected Companies	
Title	Representative
Exeter Business Centre Board Ltd	Cllr Paul Knott
	Cllr Duncan Wood
	Cllr Yvonne Atkinson
Exeter Canal & Quay Trust Ltd.	Cllr Ruth Williams
	Cllr Martin Snow
	Cllr Gemma Rolstone
	Cllr Lucy Findlay MBE
	Cllr Tony Payne
	Cllr Anne Jobson
	Cllr James Banyard
Cllr Diana Moore	