

Scrutiny Annual Report 2024/25

Exeter City Council
(May 2024 - April 2025)



What Scrutiny has meant to us over the last year



Strategic Scrutiny

Responsibility for:

- Relevant policies in the Exeter Plan
- Corporate Health & Safety
- Response to Central Government's Policy Making
- Climate change and sustainability
- Council wide/strategic matters
- Hear call-ins relevant to the role of the committee

TOPIC	IMPACT
LEISURE SERVICE UPDATE	Family Membership suggestion given to officers
LIVE AND MOVE UPDATE	Councillors were better informed has helped with bids for additional funding in partnership with community groups
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY	Recommendation made to the Executive: <i>that the Executive Committee consider a review of the current Asset Management Policy in relation to commercial property.</i>
NET ZERO	Active travel for those with a disability referred to Exeter Transport Working Group for further information and investigation
SHARED PROSPERITY FUND	Feasibility study outcomes will be subject to further scrutiny
EXETER PLAN PUBLICATION PROCESS	There was scrutiny consensus that the plan timings would be beneficial to Exeter and its residents
AIR QUALITY PERFORMANCE	Informed Members of the scope and work being undertaken, partnership working and Government-set timeline for
PORTFOLIO HOLDER UPDATES	Suggestion made to Deputy Leader regarding positive publicity of the CCTV scheme as a reflection from interactions with residents. Members able to reassure residents that the city centre is a safe place to be with understanding

Customer Focus

Responsibility for:

- Corporate Performance Monitoring
- Financial Performance Monitoring
- Annual Budget Setting Process
- Service specific/operational matters
- Hear call-ins relevant to the role of the committee

TOPIC

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

IMPACT

Improved Councillor understanding

RELOCATION OF SERVICES

Councillors agreed with the steps set out

BOX-SHIFTING

Further report requested by the committee in order to scrutinise

CITIZENS ADVICE EXETER

Recommendation made to the Executive: *that the Executive Committee revisit options for Citizens Advice Exeter to reduce their premises expenses with Exeter City Council.*

BUDGET

Scrutiny of the quarterly budget introduced by this committee.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY

Suggestion made to officers of services as prizes which will be considered to celebrate two years of the lottery

STREET CLEANSING

Councillors more confident advising residents about littering/fly-tipping and will now encourage to use the online reporting tool

HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

Embedded scrutiny of this area into regular practice to ensure councillors are aware of current situation

Case Study

**30 Sept
2024**

Proposal submitted for scrutiny.

**3 Oct
2024**

CFSC unanimously voted to add CA Exeter to the Agenda for November meeting and to delegate scoping of the item to SPB.

**16 Oct
2024**

SPB scoped the item.

**28 Nov
2024**

Item scrutinised at CFSC.
Recommendation to Executive created.

**14 Jan
2025**

Recommendation heard by Executive.

Outcome

Minute No. 24 Commercial Property Review

The Executive considered the recommendations of the Strategic Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 6 June 2024.

The Leader advised that officers had been asked to review of the current asset management policy in relation to the commercial property, which would be presented to Executive Committee in due course.

The Leader moved the recommendations, which were seconded by Councillor Wright, voted upon, and CARRIED unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Executive Committee agreed to a review of the current Asset Management Policy in relation to commercial property.