

# **EXETER CITY COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE  
19 JUNE 2007**

## **EXPENDITURE TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE COUNCIL'S BUSINESS CASE FOR UNITARY STATUS**

### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update Executive on the amount identified to further develop the council's Business Case for Unitary status and to report on expenditure to date.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Government has offered the opportunity to those councils pursuing unitary status to submit supplementary information by 22 June. The purpose of the supplementary information is to provide any clarification or further detail to the Case previously submitted to the Government in January.
- 2.2 Work is therefore being completed to further develop the Business Case, particularly in areas related to service delivery, affordability and making national and local stakeholders aware of the benefits of our Case.

### **3. Expenditure Incurred**

- 3.1 Council of 17 April 2007 delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders to incur the necessary expenditure to respond to the government's invitation to submit a supplementary case.
- 3.2 The Chief Executive in consultation with the four Group Leaders agreed the areas where expenditure was required. These include: Strategic Communications, Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Programme Management and Change Management. The majority of this work related directly to the supplementary information to be submitted. To date just under £8, 000 has been spent out of the budget described above.

### **4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The identified sum will be met out of the Council's Reserves.

## **5 RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That Executive notes additional expenditure to date on further developing our business case and agrees to receive further updates on expenditure.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972 (as amended)**

**Background papers used in compiling this report:-**

None

Date 30 May 2007