EXETER CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

19 JUNE 2007

DESIGNATION OF ST SIDWELL'S CONSERVATION AREA AND ADOPTION OF APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree the designation of a new Conservation Area at St Sidwell's and the adoption of a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.
- 1.2 A copy of the proposed document is available in the Members' Room.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In July 2006, the Planning Committee agreed to consult on a proposed St Sidwell's Conservation Area including an Appraisal and Management Plan.
- 2.2 Copies of the document were made available from the Civic Centre and on the Council Website. A public exhibition was held at Sidwell Street Methodist Church in October 2006. Posters for the exhibition were distributed, the Express and Echo advertised the consultation and, in addition, every property affected was sent a letter and information regarding the exhibition. A period of one month was allowed for comments.
- 2.3 14 people attended the exhibition over 2 days and 3 written comments were received.

3 BOUNDARY

- 3.1 The proposed boundary is shown on the attached plan and includes:
 - North Side of Sidwell Street from York Street to St James Road (excluding James Owen Court) and 2 11 Old Tiverton Road; terrace at 126 134 Sidwell Street (south side); 3 7 York Road; All of Oxford Road; south side of Well Street; St James Road from Sidwell Street to Well Street (west side) and the Fountain community centre and Exeter City AFC supporters society building.

4 PLANNING MEMBER WORKING GROUP

4.1 The written representations were discussed and the proposed boundary supported. One member welcomed the designation and reported that local residents he had spoken to were in favour. One member suggested an

information leaflet be sent to the traders at 126 - 134 Sidwell Street regarding the architectural characteristics of their buildings and how they might be preserved.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 That St Sidwell's is designated a Conservation Area and that the Appraisal and Management is adopted.

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Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended): Background Papers used in compiling this report: None