

**SCRUTINY ECONOMY COMMITTEE
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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO
PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13**

IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY

- The City Development service has a pivotal role to play in delivering the City Council's corporate vision. A priority this year will be to complete a systems review of City Development that achieves our ambition of delivering good and in the process generating high income levels, such as through New Homes Bonus, while meeting the desire for greater community involvement.

HOUSING OUR COMMUNITIES

- Now the Local Development Framework strategy has been adopted we need to progress consultation on and adoption of an Affordable Housing SPD that includes guidance on the introduction of the higher affordable housing requirements in the Core Strategy, the future mix of units, approach to viability assessments and the calculation of off-site financial contributions.
- Key focus must be to bring forward outline and full planning permissions to enable the implementation of the proposed new communities at Monkerton and Newcourt and preparation of a development brief in partnership with the local community, for strategic growth at Alphington.

A CITY OF GROWTH AND BUSINESS

- Implementation of a comprehensive approach to infrastructure planning including adoption of a Community Infrastructure Levy, maintenance of an up to date Infrastructure Delivery Plan and establishment of governance arrangements for CIL and the NHB major infrastructure fund.
- Adoption of development principles for the Bus Station, consideration of a feasibility study, submission of an outline planning application for the development and approval of reserve matters application for the first phase. The project will require successful negotiations to relocate the Bus Depot and a finance package for non commercial facilities.
- Completion of improvements to London Inn Square and King William Street Car Park to coincide with the opening of the proposed JLP store.
- Implementation of the Princesshay artwork and improvements to support Cowick Street and Heavitree local shopping centres and development of proposals for Central Station Yard and around Central Library.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Identification of schemes and associated funding solutions to address significant flooding issues in the City affecting the River Exe and Northbrook. We will also be undertaking an early review of the Council's policy framework, and decision-making arrangements, in respect of the river and canal to improve democratic accountability and ensure the city is best placed to maximise the potential of this asset.
- To update the Council's Open Space Strategy and records of locally important heritage.

A SUSTAINABLE CITY

- Development of viable proposals for district heating schemes at Monkerton and the Grecian Quarter/Heavitree Road.
- Consideration of a Design Review Panel to raise the quality of development.
- Progress implementation of the Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy.
- Preparation and adoption of an SPD on sustainable construction and an approach to allowable solutions.

THRIVING COMMUNITIES

- Preparation of an Issues & Options DMDPD, conduct of public consultation upon it and consideration of the results.
- Establish procedures and consider applications for neighbourhood plans and support for communities, such as St James Forum, through the process.
- Establish a register of Assets of Community Value in response to any regulations.

PUBLIC REALM SERVICES - PARKING, WATERWAYS & FLOOD PREVENTION

- explore the integration of the parking enforcement and community patrol teams to create a new community enforcement & safety team.
- work to determine the preferred option for upgrading Exeter's flood defences and putting in place a local funding partnership that will secure financial contributions from a range of agencies in both the public and private sectors and will in turn unlock the core funding from central government.
- progression of the various ideas/initiatives generated by the Parking Task and Finish Group successfully setup by Scrutiny – Economy. These reports to be provided to Executive for future consideration,
- the completion of the King William car park refurbishment in readiness for the opening of the John Lewis store.

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