

# EXETER CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE  
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## CHANGES TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the changes to Portfolio Holders, their titles and responsibilities, appointment of Members Champions, Members to Scrutiny Committee Economy and Resources and Licensing Committee.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As the world of local government encounters more and more challenges on a daily basis, it is important that the Council is well-positioned to respond flexibly to those challenges and to accelerate a number of initiatives that will put the Council in a strong position for the future. To help meet these challenges, the responsibilities of the council's five portfolio holders have been changed to ensure that these align more closely with the council's purposes and give due emphasis to its priorities. These changes also align portfolio holders more closely with the officer structure to improve accountability and to facilitate decision making.

### 3. CHANGES TO PORTFOLIO HOLDERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Two new portfolio holders have been appointed. Councillor Ollie Pearson will look after a new Enabling Services portfolio, which brings together support services and now includes procurement and estates. This will ensure that these two functions are taken forward as a core part of the council's business. Councillor Keith Owen will be responsible for Environment, Health and Wellbeing. The addition of health and wellbeing gives a higher profile to the important work the Council is doing with our partners in the health sector.
- 3.2 Housing and Customer Access portfolio will be led by Councillor Rob Hannaford. Councillor Rosie Denham continues as portfolio holder for Economy and Culture one important addition to this portfolio is the car parking function, which reflects the important role of car parking in helping to run a successful business. Councillor Rachel Sutton continues as portfolio holder for City Development with a focus on delivering good development across the city. The Leader's portfolio is focused on achieving A Stronger City, which reflects the importance of Exeter's ongoing role as a regional capital and the collaborative work that the Council will need to explore with neighbouring councils and other agencies. Responsibility for business transformation will move to the Chief Executive, overseen by the Leader this is to reflect how this is at the core of the organisation. The full details of the Portfolio Holders responsibilities are attached as Appendix 1.

### 4. MEMBER CHAMPIONS

- 4.1 Councillor Phil Bialyk will champion commercialisation of the council, with a focus on maximising income and commercial opportunities. Councillor Paul Bull will champion empowerment of communities, looking at how the Council can help foster civic

responsibility and build capacity in the communities of Exeter to contribute to the wellbeing of the city. *Terms of Reference for the member Champions are attached at Appendix 2.*

**5. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ECONOMY AND RESOURCES/LICENSING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

5.1 To be advised at the meeting.

**6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None

**7 RECOMMENDED** that Executive note the:-

7.1 changes to the Portfolio Holders, titles and responsibilities;

7.2 appointment of Member Champions;

7.3 appointments to the Scrutiny Committee Economy and Resources;

7.4 appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair of Licensing Committee; and

7.5 subsequent minor amendments to the Council's Constitution.

**COUNCILLOR PETE EDWARDS  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**