

EXETER CITY COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RESOURCES
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
RE-WIRING PUBLIC SERVICES

THE TEN KEY PROPOSITIONS

1. Give people a meaningful vote on local tax and spending issues: a local treasury in every place. *(Community and Resources)*
2. Cut red tape: bring local services and decisions together in one place. *(Community, Resources and Economy)*
3. Reduce bureaucracy and Whitehall silos: merge six government departments and create an England Office. *(Community, Resources and Economy)*
4. Share money fairly across the UK: replace the Barnett formula with a new needs-based funding model. *(Resources)*
5. Take financial distribution out of ministers' hands: replace it with agreement across English local government. *(Community, Resources and Economy)*
6. Strengthen local say: reduce ministers' powers to intervene in local decisions. *(Community)*
7. End flawed, tick box inspections by bureaucrats: create local service user champions. *(Economy and Community)*
8. Boost investment in infrastructure: create a thriving market in municipal bonds. *(Economy and Resources)*
9. A multi-year funding settlement tied to the life of a Parliament. *(Resources)*
10. Protect local democracy: give the local government settlement formal constitutional protection *(Resources)*

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