

EXECUTIVE

Tuesday 13 November 2018

Present:

Councillor Edwards (Chair)
Councillors Bialyk, Harvey, Morse, Pearson, Sutton and Wright

Apologies:

Councillors Denham and Leadbetter

Also present:

Director (BA), Director (JY), City Solicitor & Head of HR, City Development Manager, Environmental Health and Licensing Manager, Skills Officer and Democratic Services Manager

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2018 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as correct.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest were made.

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NOTICE OF MOTION -COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

The City Development Manager presented the report on the implications of a motion put forward by Councillor Musgrave on Community Land Trusts (CLT). Members were advised that, whilst the provision of housing through CLTs were in principle a good idea, there were significant resource implications in supporting such ventures. CLT's worked well in rural areas with the support of Parish Councils although they were more difficult in urban areas due to availability of affordable land.

In response to a Member, the City Development Manager stated that there were some individuals in the city who had expressed an interest in a CLT but there was nothing active at this present time.

RESOLVED that no proactive action in respect of supporting Community Land Trusts is taken at present but that the appetite amongst communities for such initiatives should continue to be monitored and should a viable proposition present itself the Council would seek to support it in an appropriate way.

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REVISION OF THE AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

The Director (JY) presented the report seeking approval for a new Air Quality Action Plan following public consultation. The format of the report and action plan was in a template prescribed by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra).

The draft action plan had been subject to a statutory consultation which had over 3,000 residents completing the online survey and many others responding in written submission and through participation in targeted focus groups. The Final Action Plan set out the impact the consultation had and how the action plan had changed as a result of the consultation.

The Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture stated that it was not in the City Council's gift to implement a workplace parking levy although it would be kept under review with Devon County Council.

Members thanked the officers for their hard work on the revisions to the action plan.

Place Scrutiny Committee considered the report at its meeting on 8 November 2018 and its comments were reported.

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (1) Council adopts the Air Quality Action Plan; and
- (2) the feasibility of a work place parking levy be kept under review and an update be brought back to Place Scrutiny Committee as part of the annual review of the Air Quality Action Plan.

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SKILLS STRATEGY FOR EXETER

The Skills Officer presented the report covering the development of a skills strategy for Exeter, including; progress made to date, work with partners and stakeholders, key indicators, overview of required actions and timescales. One of the priorities was to ensure that there were opportunities for young people to have a life long career in Exeter.

The Leader highlighted Exeter's higher than average indicators with regards to wages, employment rates and job opportunities.

Place Scrutiny Committee considered the report at its meeting on 8 November 2018 and its comments were reported.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the progress made to date in relation to the development of a skills strategy for Exeter be noted;
 - (2) the plan for the next stages of development, leading to the publication of a strategy and associated action plans be approved;
 - (3) the formation of a Skills Advisory Group for Exeter that will support strategy development and provide ongoing support, direction and challenge to the delivery of identified priorities be approved; and
- (3) the priorities identified in section 10 be supported.

REPRESENTATION AT COURT

The City Solicitor & Head of HR advised that in light of the appointment of Anne-Marie Hawley to the position of Litigation Lawyer, Members were asked to approve that she be authorised to represent the Council at the County and magistrates Courts.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 222 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1972, the following officer be authorised to represent the Council at the County and Magistrates Courts:-

Anne-Marie Hawley – Litigation Lawyer

(The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and closed at 5.42 pm)

Chair

The decisions indicated will normally come into force 5 working days after publication of the Statement of Decisions unless called in by a Scrutiny Committee. Where the matter in question is urgent, the decision will come into force immediately. Decisions regarding the policy framework or corporate objectives or otherwise outside the remit of the Executive will be considered by Council on 18 December 2018.