

EXETER CITY COUNCIL
SCRUTINY ECONOMY COMMITTEE
12 MARCH 2009

UPDATE REPORT ON SERVICE ECONOMIES

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report advises Members of progress on the identification and implementation of service economies for the Scrutiny Economy budget.

2.0 INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members received a report on a range of service economies at their meeting on 13 November, as a result of which various economies were agreed for implementation. In the November report, reference was made to the need to make significant economies in the operation of the Archaeological Field Unit and a report was promised for the 22 January Scrutiny Economy meeting. That meeting discussed, and Executive on 27 January approved, a revised structure (see Appendix 1) for the Archaeological Field Unit and that structure is now in the process of being implemented. A new Head of Unit has been appointed and by the time of this meeting, the senior and middle elements of that structure should have been recruited to. The intention is to complete all the re-structuring by the end of March for the formal implementation of the new structure on 6 April. To date, a number of staff have been offered the opportunity to apply for other vacancies within the Council, but the eventual scale of the necessary redundancies will not be known until the end of the process.
- 2.2 Since consideration of this item, further economies have been identified and approved by Executive on 10 February. These total some £269,600 in 2009/10 with a further £42,000 identified for 2010/11. The agreed service reductions are shown in Appendix 2 to this report. It should be emphasised that all of the savings in Appendix 2 have been discussed by Members and approved by Council on 24 February as part of the budget setting process.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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Background papers used in compiling this report:-

None.