

Minute Item 48

**MEMBER SPEAKING at Executive Committee, Under Standing Order 44 –
1 June 2021**

From Councillor D. Moore

Agenda Item 6: Revised Local Development Scheme

- 1. The timetable is very high level - will there be a dedicated webpage with this timetable that can have other elements and key dates added to it as the process develops, so the public can understand what is going on?**

Currently there is a dedicated webpage for the Local Development Scheme which will be updated as progress is made on the Local Plan. A new Local Plan webpage will also be set up to include relevant details of Local Plan progress.

- 2. The officer confirmed that the council's development company Exeter City Living will be included in the local plan process in the same way as any other developer. Please can the portfolio holder clarify the status of the Liveable Exeter programme in relation to the development of the local plan and how the role of Council as leading this programme will be managed distinct from the council's role as planning authority?**

In the last two years the City Council has established two new teams; the Liveable Exeter Team and the Local Plans Team. There are important synergies between the two teams however they are deliberately distinct; the Liveable Exeter programme focuses on delivery matters and accelerating development on specific sites within the city whilst the Local Plans team is responsible for the formal planning policy of the Council which is a statutory function. Appropriate measures will always exist to ensure that the work of the Local Plans team, and the LPA in general, remains objective and that all plans, proposals and applications are judged on their individual facts and merits.

For the avoidance of doubt: as an external development company, there is clear separation between Exeter City Living and the management of the Local Plans team and its work.

- 3. What support has been given to the officer planning team who have prepared this report and will be developing the local plan to meaningfully assess the carbon impact of this timetabled activity and the plan itself?**

The resources for the Local Plan were agreed by council in July 2020. This resource will cover the evidence required to progress the Local Plan. A key part of this will be the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment which will consider the full range of environmental impacts of the Local Plan policy as it emerges. This will consider the carbon implications of the plan. Other studies within the wider evidence base for the Local Plan will address Exeter's net zero carbon ambitions.