



Exeter City Council

Exeter City Council's Committees and how they work

Councillors are elected from 13 wards in Exeter to represent you and take decisions on your behalf on all kinds of important issues affecting the everyday life of the City, including how to provide homes and car parks; sports, art and leisure facilities; how to care for Exeter's environment and ensure the Council has enough funds to provide essential services. Councillors (also known as Members) meet to set priorities for the present and plan for the future.

The Council, comprising 39 Members, meets several times each year at Guildhall in the High Street to decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget.

In addition to recommending major strategies to the Council, the Executive is responsible for the most significant and day to day decisions which are not delegated to officers.

There are two Scrutiny Committees, Strategic Scrutiny Committee and Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee. Their terms of reference can be found [here](#) by clicking on the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

In addition the Council has Planning, Audit and Governance and Licensing Committees.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council, Executive, Scrutiny and other Committee meetings to listen to the debate. On some occasions, where confidential information is to be discussed, you will not be able to stay for the whole meeting.

Members of the public may also ask questions at ordinary meetings of the Council, the Executive and Scrutiny Committees. You may also speak either for or against planning applications at Planning Committee. Please see [Public speaking at meetings - Overview - Exeter City Council](#)

Citizens' rights

Citizens' rights can be found in the [Constitution](#) under Article 3 – Citizens and the Council.