
Working together VCSE and ECC

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Exeter Vision 2040

“By the time they are an adult, a child born in Exeter today will live in a city that is inclusive, healthy and sustainable - a city where the opportunities and benefits of prosperity are shared and all citizens are able to participate fully in the city’s economic, social, cultural and civic life.”



VCS key partner organisations

VCS organisations played an essential role in providing a response to the Covid pandemic and ensuring that vulnerable people in our communities were supported. This continues through the Cost of Living crisis.



Corporate Priority: Building Great Neighbourhoods

- Significant investment over many years in neighbourhoods
- Launch of new Grants Programme in 2019
- Nearly £1m pa from NCIL budget has been invested each year
- Strategic Community/Wellbeing contracts
- Strategic Grants

Neighbourhood CIL budget 2019-2022

Ward Grants

Small Grants

Large Grants

Community Buildings Fund

Strategic Grants

Strategic Contracts :

Independent Advice & Information


VCSE Support Contract

Wellbeing Exeter

Strategic Grants 2019 - 2022

St Sidwell's St Bakehouse & Cookery School	£19,826
St Boniface Church Whipton Community hub	£ 50,000
Sylvania Community Stores & Cafe	£19,000
Positive Lights Creative Hub	£12,588
Exwick Community Centre	£ 60,000
Alphington Community Theatre	£ 30,000
Park Life Heavitree	£ 70,000
Total	£261,414

5 Strategic Priorities

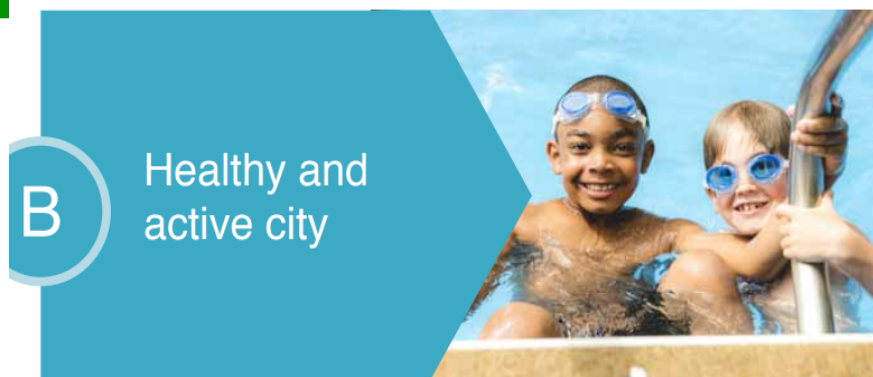


Prosperous local economy

“ The City of Exeter is the most significant urban asset in the region. It is uniquely placed to attract innovative businesses and high skilled workers. The challenge is not only to unlock this potential but to enable a new path creation that can stimulate growth in neighbouring and peripheral areas.

Exeter has many strengths which indicate the capacity for future development and growth. However, here are a number of key challenges which must be addressed, if the city-region is to maximise its economic potential.”

Devolution for Exeter and the South West - A ResPublica Report for Exeter City Council (March 2021)



- Wellbeing Exeter – Community builders & Connectors in each area of the city
- Live and Move : Exeter & Cranbrook - one of 12 Nation Delivery Pilots funded by Sport England – Health benefits of active lifestyles



Exeter has always ranked very highly as a great place to live in comparison with other cities in the UK.

Challenges

A shortage of social and affordable one and two bedroomed homes,

Over 2800 people waiting for social housing (as at 6 June 2022).

Between 15 and 25 people are sleeping on the streets of Exeter on any given night.



- St Sidwell's Point, a new city bus station and new Council owned homes built to Passivhaus standard
- Solar PV estate of 4.7MW installed on Council owned land and property
- Over 220 Council owned homes retrofitted, to improve their energy efficiency and reduce their carbon emissions
- Net Zero team and budget established focusing on reducing council carbon emissions



Exeter has a high proportion of National Portfolio Organisations.

It has received consistently high levels of revenue investment for cultural facilities and activity from Exeter City Council and Arts Council England.

It is home to one of the best regional museums in the country. Exeter has also recently been given Cultural Compact status, which delivers cross-sector engagement and helps unlock opportunities to those working in the cultural sector.



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Current challenges

- Cost of Living Crisis
- Financial challenges of statutory commissioning bodies
- Local authorities facing tough decisions regarding service delivery
- Continuing challenges faced by construction sector following COVID

More Challenges

- National challenges facing leisure centres, community centres and cultural facilities to maintain operations
- Capacity and resources available to invest in VCSE sector - competition for charitable funds

New opportunities

- Exeter remains a vibrant city
- Desire to collaborate and innovate
- Our commitment to the VCSE sector remains strong, we have to find new ways to resource
- Exeter Community Lottery launches in May
- Sharing space/accommodation - the CoLab model
- New developments - contribution to communities