

SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD

Date: Thursday 21 July 2022

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Via zoom

Members are invited to attend the above meeting.

If you have an enquiry regarding any items on this agenda, please contact Sharon Sissons Democratic Services Officer 01392 265115.

Membership -

Councillors Packham (Chair), Mitchell, M (Deputy Chair), Hannaford, Leadbetter and Vizard

Agenda

1 **Apologies**

2 **Review of Recent Scrutiny Committee Meetings**

Members are invited to review the following meetings:-

- Meeting of Combined Strategic Scrutiny Committee and Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee - 27 April and 6 June (*meeting planned for 28 July*)
- Strategic Scrutiny Committee - 16 June
- Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee - 30 June

3 **Work Plan**

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Updated Scrutiny Work Plan attached for information.

4 **Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22 - Draft**

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22)

See attached a draft Scrutiny Report for comment/contribution by the Programme Board before presenting to Council on 18 October 2022.

5 **Proposed Items for Forthcoming Scrutiny Meetings**

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Combined Meeting of Strategic Scrutiny Committee and Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee 28 July

- Exeter Development Fund Business Case

Combined Meeting of Strategic Scrutiny Committee and Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee 8 September

- Exeter Development Fund - Final Assessment/Conclusion

Strategic Scrutiny Committee 22 September

- Portfolio Holders Report (SLS)
- Exeter City Council Carbon Plan Service Lead Net Zero & Business (VH)
- Shared Prosperity Fund – Exeter Investment Plan and Interventions Service Lead Net Zero & Business (VH)
- Standing Overview Group – To discuss the scope and operation (see attached comparator paper)

Customer Focus Scrutiny Committee 6 October

- Portfolio Holders report (HB)
- Car Parks - Director of City Development (IC)
- Healthy Homes Task and Finish Group - Director of City Development (IC)
- Street Naming and Numbering Policy - Director of City Development (IC)

6 Date of Next Meeting

To discuss proposed dates of Monday 26 September or Thursday 13 October at 5.30pm.

Comparator Information for consideration of a Standing Overview Group proposed by Strategic Scrutiny Committee 16 June

Please see attached comparator information from the two sources below for the Board's consideration and focus including consideration of timetabling at Committee:-

- the draft recommendations put forward by Councillors D Moore and Read to the Strategic Scrutiny Committee on 16 June.
- an outline and purpose detail for the Standing Overview Group from the Chief Executive & Growth Director for the Board's consideration and focus.

Cllrs Moore and Read

Chief Executive & Growth Director

<p><u>Governance</u> Recommendation to Executive:</p> <p>Set up a Committee on biodiversity and climate change to oversee to development and adoption of climate and biodiversity monitoring targets and their implementation across the council, and ensure its polices and strategies align and are designed to meet these targets, and respond to the work of the IPCC and climate change committee, and this reports to the scrutiny committee and the public twice a year on progress.</p> <p>Continue work with DCC on citizens' assembly to help address the most challenging aspects of carbon reductions.</p> <p>An annual GHG. Monitoring report be published so the council and city partners can understand progress towards net zero.</p>	<p>In relation to Net Zero there are two distinct areas of work Net Zero for the city council, and Net Zero for the City of Exeter. It helps to keep them separate.</p> <p>The focus should primarily be on the Council's own Greenhouse Gas Emissions and it makes sense to leave this area until Members have had sight of the report.</p> <p>In relation to the city of Exeter, there is limited officer capacity to support work, therefore Members should focus on areas already identified in the report to Executive on 5 July.</p> <p>Two areas in particular would benefit for a considered and in depth review. I would therefore strongly urge over the next 12 months that this be the focus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biodiversity and carbon sequestration 2. Green construction and the supply chain.
<p><u>Biodiversity</u> That specific measures are progressed to create biodiversity enhancement plan for the city - drawing on the <u>Devon Local Recovery Partnership</u> that can inform the Local Plan and future investment in nature in Exeter</p> <p><u>Climate</u> Projections of carbon emissions that will arise from Liveable Exeter and also the new local plan be modelled in detail.</p>	<p><u>Biodiversity and carbon sequestration</u> In relation to the first scope, I would suggest members hear from four people/bodies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Earl of Devon, Charles Courtney, Partner with Michelmores and owner of Powderham Castle on the role of coastal land management in terms of carbon sequestration and biodiversity b. Philip Letts, Devon Sculpture Park, small scale rewilding in action c. Tim Jones, The North Devon Biosphere and the contribution to carbon sequestration. Large scale land management. d. Rich Stockdale, MD Oxygen Conservation, carbon sequestration in action, and carbon pricing.

<p><u>Climate</u> Refer all the transport targets to the Transport Working Group to consider the implications of 'Continuing the exponential growth in electric vehicles ownership' on air pollution and congestion and draw up policy options measures to incorporate into the Exeter Transport plan that accelerate the Council's goals to reduce car dependency and increase walking and cycling</p>	
<p><u>Climate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the funds previously agreed by Council to develop a business case for a retrofit company to work across the Council, Housing associations, and privately owned property, and develop partnerships to improve the supply chain. • To extend the work begun on Council house retrofit to achieve BEPC all properties. • To update the heat network studies focus on heat for water only and ensure houses are built to passivhouse standards (i.e. not requiring external heat sources). Adopt a commitment to reducing incineration - i.e. fossil fuels and a conversion to renewal heat generation, and the prioritisation of existing homes and bis prioritised - new ones should not need it. 	<p><u>Green construction and the supply chain</u> The purpose to gain an understanding of schemes in action within Devon, are there lessons that need to be learned, is there an accepted price for carbon that should be built into the development system? Are there examples from other planning authorities that would be helpful to Exeter?</p> <p>Members should consider whether they should make an inspection to the sites to see for themselves work in action.</p> <p>In relation to green construction, hear from Mike Blakeley on the work of Exeter College in bringing together the construction sector in understanding the pipeline and technical challenges to supporting the retrofit programme. Hear from companies on the green construction group, such as Taylor Lewis Consider calling as witnesses the CEOs of the registered providers and the HRA on their investment programme in retrofit and their pipeline for the city. To gain an understanding from them of the constraints and barriers to action.</p>
<p><u>Climate</u> That the council adopt a 70% recycling target rate by 2025.</p>	
<p><u>Climate</u> That the relevant waterways are included in the scope of the report and the city's net zero and biodiversity responsibilities. The city council is the port authority for the Exeter Ship Canal, and the Exe from the Mill on the Exe to one mile out to sea at Exmouth.</p>	
<p><u>Climate</u> The report set out for each sector what 'Scope' of emissions are included for each topic</p>	