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# 1. Introduction

The Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) is a key part of the city's fabric and it delivers extraordinary value for the grant funds allocated from the Council and a wide range of other sources. Their value is so much more than the services or the events our grants fund: their value is also in the social capital brought to communities through the local connectivity, social organisation, leadership and ownership, demonstrated through the fantastic things that people achieve in their communities.

This document brings together proposals for the council's future grant investment in the City to ensure we focus our resources on what matters most - working together on the key challenges faced by our city. It represents an exciting and bold step forward in how the Council works with our VCS colleagues to co-design and co-create a shared view of how to address the demands that development places on our city. It builds on our commitment to the principles in the Exeter Community Strategy published by Exeter Community Forum and adopted by the Council in March 2016. <https://exeter.gov.uk/media/4513/exeter-community-strategy-22-03-16.pdf> . This sets out our aspirations to support the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach that builds on the assets that are found in the community and mobilizes individuals, associations, and institutions to come together to realise and develop their strengths.

The Council Corporate Plan 2018-2021 <https://exeter.gov.uk/corporateplan18/> sets out the emerging Exeter 2040 Vision and the Council's priorities.



**BUILDING GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS:** We will strive to ensure that every resident has a home that is secure, affordable and healthy in a neighbourhood where local services support wellbeing and promote community cohesion.

**PROMOTING ACTIVE & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES:** We will strive to make Exeter the most active city in England with a high-quality and accessible built environment and green spaces that encourage active and healthy lifestyles in communities that support wellbeing and reduce social isolation.

**TACKLING CONGESTION & ACCESSIBILITY:** We will work with our partners to make Exeter a city where active travel is promoted and where transport is not a barrier to accessing education, jobs, services or social activities and where sustainable means of travel are safer, cheaper, quicker and more convenient than private car ownership

**PROVIDING VALUE-FOR-MONEY SERVICES:** We will continue to improve the way we deliver services to meet residents' day-to-day needs, recognising that financial constraints are placing a premium on efficient and customer-focused services.

**LEADING A WELL-RUN COUNCIL:** To run the council well and delivery our strategy we will ensure effective governance, accountable decision making and good management of our business, assets and people. We will continue to seek opportunities to add value by working in partnership with others.

This document sets out proposals for modernising the Council's approach to community and arts grant giving. This includes the Council's discretionary grant giving role and excludes statutory grants to individuals such as Disabled Facilities and Home Improvement Grants. It follows an internal audit of system and process in relation to community and arts grant giving and an independently facilitated listening exercise undertaken by Red Quadrant between July and October 2018.

These proposals are underpinned by the research and recommendations from Red Quadrant <https://exeter.gov.uk/communityandartsgrants/> and take into account the financial realities of national government austerity measures resulting in year-on-year reductions in the Council's funding.

The approach taken by Red Quadrant, and these proposals, builds on the principles of community-led development to which the Council is committed. These proposals are designed to enable the Council to modernise its grant giving policy and practice to contribute to the delivery of the above corporate priorities as well as to contribute to the Exeter Community Strategy vision that:

*"Exeter is a city where communities lead development, helping create a city where everyone has access to the places and services which enable them to meet their needs, and lead fulfilling lives." Exeter Community Forum (March 2016)*

## 2. Context and Background: Why we need to modernise

In 2017/18 the Council awarded over £1.5million of council funding from General Fund, New Homes Bonus<sup>1</sup> and the Neighbourhood Portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL<sup>2</sup>) funding. There are also other ways the Council supports the Voluntary and Community Sector including concessionary rents and mandatory business rate relief to charities and discretionary business rate relief to VCS organisations.

There are currently nine different grant programmes and the Council has dispensed over 3,336 grants over the past two years. The grants programme has built up over time and literally hundreds of voluntary and community sector organisations and groups have been recipients over the years. The current approach, whilst well intentioned, needs to modernise to deal with a number of issues including:

- There is no overarching policy or investment strategy to guide developments and ensure sustainability
- The current system does not always make the best use of council funding
- There is an inconsistent approach to match funding
- The same small number of organisations receive the majority of funding
- There is a 'closed shop' for some of the grant funds
- Funding doesn't necessarily follow Council priorities, need or inequalities and
- The current model can create dependency and is not aligned to ABCD approaches.

In April 2018, Council approved the Executive decision to commission an independent review of community and arts grants policy and practice to *"consider modernisation and consolidation of the grant programmes and revised criteria linked to council priorities."* The framework for this was to:

- Recognise the increasing pressures on Council budgets
- Ensure that grant allocations are more strongly linked to council priorities
- Maximize opportunities for match funding
- Consider the consolidation of grant programmes
- Explore opportunities to create a Strategic Exeter Community Fund for added value and sustainability and
- Build community capacities to take action to address local priorities and build stronger communities.

In April 2018 when the review of grants was agreed, no specific financial targets were set. However it was recognised that there was a need to design a more cost effective model for grants, given the large sums of money relative to council operating budgets that have been available for community and arts grants. In the last decade the Council has seen a 60% reduction in its formula grant from central government (from £12million in 2010 to £4million

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<sup>1</sup> The New Homes Bonus is a grant paid by central government to local councils to reflect and incentivise housing growth in their areas. It is based on the amount of extra Council Tax revenue raised for new-build homes, conversions and long-term empty homes brought back into use.

<sup>2</sup> The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge that local authorities can require of most types of new development (based on £s per square metre) in order to pay for the infrastructure needed to support development. Regulation 59A of the CIL Regulations envisages that a local authority should engage with communities where development has taken place and agree on spending priorities with regard to the neighbourhood portion of CIL. The amount of neighbourhood CIL equates to at least 15% of levy receipts for chargeable development in an area where there is no neighbourhood plan and 25% for chargeable development in an area where there is a neighbourhood plan.

in 2018). During this time the Council has continued to offer community and arts grants from General Fund sources. As set out in the 2018/21 Corporate Plan the Council is facing further reductions including a £3.9million revenue budget reduction for 2019/20. To protect essential front line services, there is a need to reduce General Fund budget for community and arts grants to £290,000 for 2019/20 and £500,000 for 20/21. It is clear we need an approach that makes better use of other funding streams such as the New Homes Bonus and the Neighbourhood portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy.

### 3. Review Process

Red Quadrant were commissioned to undertake the review following a competitive tendering process. The review process consisted of a desk top analysis of the current grants programme and an independent listening exercise with focus groups, interviews; on-line survey and stakeholder meetings. Full details are contained in the Red Quadrant Report <https://exeter.gov.uk/communityandartsgrants/>. Simultaneously a series of structured interviews was undertaken with 31 organisations currently in receipt of a core, rent or arts grant. These interviews aimed to find out how reliant organisation are on Council grants and what long term financial strategies they had in place.

### 4. Key findings from the Red Quadrant Review

#### Current Grants Process

There are nine grant streams but distinctions are not immediately apparent with different grants funding similar activities.

1. Ward grants up to a maximum of £300 each are awarded by ward councillors; their purpose is to encourage volunteering and community activities.
2. City grants up to a maximum of £2k each are awarded by a city-wide Community grants panel; their purpose is to encourage activities across more than one ward.
3. Core grants have variable values and are awarded by the Major Grants Panel. They assist seven community organisations and seven arts organisations with their day-to-day running costs.
4. Major Rent grants have variable values; they are administered by Democratic Services and then awarded by the Major Grants Panel. They partly or fully fund rent charges for Council buildings for 22 city community and arts organisations.
5. There are another 25 city community and arts organisations who also rent council property, three pay a peppercorn rent and 22 pay full market rent.
6. Grass Roots Grants (Neighbourhood CIL) have variable values and are assessed by the Grass Roots Grants panel; the panel includes three Exeter Community Forum members and three councillors. Recommendations are made from the panel to the Executive and Council who make the award. The grant supports community groups to develop capital and community projects to help address local needs in response to the demands that development places on the city.
7. Major Arts grants range from £5k to £10k each and are awarded by the Major Grants Panel. They support National Portfolio Organisations that have already received funding from Arts Council England on the basis of continued Council funding.
8. Small Arts grants to a maximum value of £1k are officer approved and confirmed by the Major Grants Panel. They fund small projects and events within the EX1 to EX4 postcode areas.
9. Annual Arts Project grants vary from £1.5k to £8k. They are officer assessed and agreed by the portfolio holder, in line with the objectives of the Cultural Action Plan.
10. Crowdfunding grants up to a value of £2.5k are available for projects that tie in with corporate priorities and that already have 25% of total funding in place. Proposals are

approved by the Exeter Strategic Board funding panel to fund one off community projects. This is a pilot project and replaces the Exeter Strategic Board grant stream for the 2018/19 financial year.

Key findings from the Red Quadrant review are:

- The current model creates dependency, is not aligned to ABCD approaches and is not sustainable.
- To the outsider, it is unclear what is available and how the money is spent.
- The listening exercise showed that there is a lack of trust and confidence in the current process and approach.

These findings are based on the following consistent themes that emerged throughout the listening exercise:

- Greater clarity needs to be instilled into the process. There is a large degree of confusion over the range of grants available and the relevant processes and protocols.
- Streamlining mechanisms, simplifying the application and providing reporting templates would improve accessibility.
- There is a widespread perception that the current process lacks transparency from beginning to end. A consistent approach to communicating decisions and providing feedback is required.
- Feedback on ward grants was positive and there was a sense that it generally works well as a process: however there is concern that they are not well publicised and known to all. Take up could be improved in some areas of the city.
- There are generally high numbers of applications/awards for grants in areas considered to be more affluent than others.
- The annual application process is not a logical process for some grants which are linked to external funding grants e.g. Arts Council grants.
- Communication and marketing needs to be revamped to raise awareness of the schemes across the city.
- Although support is available from Council officers, consideration should be given to making it more accessible. Advice centres, an outreach officer and independent advisors were options put forward.
- The role of the Exeter Community Forum needs to be clarified, particularly in relation to the decision-making process for some grants. A number of people believe that a decision on the role has been made but not clearly communicated.
- The Community Builders have an important link role in enabling more people to access grant funding at grass roots level.
- An umbrella approach benefits small organisations for the application, reporting and banking processes.

## 5. Proposals for a New Approach

Taking into account the recommendations from Red Quadrant the following proposals are recommended to modernise and set future policy. These proposals will replace all existing grant programmes (with the exception of Ward Grants), including Rent Grants, Core Grants, Small Arts Grants and Grassroots Grants.

We will put in place a new model within a transparent and purposeful strategic framework aligned to the council's objectives and priorities. The framework will:

- Enable a balance of awarding grants with a model around commissioning through contracts for more strategic service requirements;

- Support a clear 'bottom up' approach to community development;
- Establish a grant funding approach that will maximise the value of the council's spending and ensure the sustainability of community groups;
- Ensure that the Council and community decide on priorities together but will recognise the specific accountability of elected members.

In order to achieve this we will:

**1. Separate out the Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisations (NPOs)**

Recognise the substantial match funding and investment that NPOs bring into the city. The total value of these grants will be separated from the grants process, funding ring-fenced and converted to contractual agreements, again ensuring that the council's contribution is spent on council priority areas and creating a sustainable revenue stream. This is estimated to be £260,000 and would be funded from General Revenue budgets.

**2. Adopt a commissioning approach**

Where funding allows, formal contractual agreements for priority service delivery areas can be agreed. Organisations can be commissioned by the council to deliver services in line with council priorities.

**3. Build capacity for a sustainable community and voluntary sector**

In addition to Community Building, commission support and capacity building in the city to support community groups to manage areas such as finance, governance, funding applications, using digital platforms, marketing and building support networks.

**4. Improve communication**

Improve accessibility and enable better communication and feedback through the creation of a strategic grant fund, with a digital emphasis. Alongside investing in capacity building, this will free up resource to build networks and new communication channels.

**5. Establish a Strategic City Fund**

Create a Strategic City Fund where all grant funding is held in a single fund, against clear priorities. Partners will be encouraged to invest in the fund. The fund will be flexible enough to ensure that different levels of funding can be administered easily and the whole process can be available from one contact point online.

**6. Use a digital approach**

Use a digital approach alongside a simplified grants process and provide support to ensure that everybody has a fair chance, enabling a wider audience to engage. Digital platforms are popular and easy to use for most people: if you can use a smart phone for banking or on-line shopping you should be able to use a digital platform. Support will be made available to help those new to the idea through Community Builders and the proposed support and capacity building service.

**7. Use of Match Funding**

Seeking match funding is a simple way to maximise the fundraising of your organisation. The benefit of councils requiring match funding in some grant schemes is that they provide greater incentive leverage for organisations in fundraising from its supporters and in making applications to other grant making bodies. The Council will also ensure that the funds it invests in projects has greater impact and value for money

**8. Use a crowdfunding platform**

Use a crowdfunding platform to simplify the grants process and make the money go further by attracting match funding and reaching new audiences. Crowdfunding is popular and easy to use for most people: Support would be made available to help those new to the

idea. The Devon and Exeter Crowdfund Pilot has had some notable success with a 36% amplification of funds (£1.36 raised for each £1 donated) shown in December 2018.

## 9. Improve evaluation

Simple evaluation frameworks to be built in the beginning of a project, so that communities can easily evidence the impact of their work. A simple on-line Impact Assessment framework will be devised so groups can easily tell us about their achievements. An example of a simple Impacts Evaluation Framework for grant applications is in Appendix 1.

## 10. Asset transfer

We lease a range of land and properties to voluntary and community organisations, ranging from short-term licences to long leases. This process is known as 'Community Asset Transfer' (CAT). Local people already make extensive use of these assets and their local knowledge and hands-on management often results in lower overheads and better value-for-money. Community organisations also use volunteers and take great pride in their local area. Managing these facilities helps to empower local communities and can bring opportunities for greater independence and financial sustainability. When done well, CAT can create lasting change in local neighbourhoods.

Our approach has built up over time and we now need a clear policy and criteria for organisations wishing to apply for CAT with details of the various stages of the application and decision making process, together with anticipated time scales.

## 6. The Strategic Framework 2019/2021

As one of the fastest growing cities in the country with 100% employment within a high tech, high knowledge and high wage economy in a fantastic location, we have much to celebrate. Our city brand: *Exeter Live Better, the brilliant alternative* sums this up, however we are not complacent. Not everyone has benefited from growth: small pockets of the city are amongst the most deprived areas in the country and in peak times traffic congestion means Exeter is one of the slowest moving cities in the country. Ensuring that all residents benefit from our success and that congestion becomes a problem of the past are priorities for the Council reflected in our 2019/2021 Corporate Plan.

To contribute to this plan we will establish the **Exeter Grants Programme**. The programme will be funded by the Council through the Neighbourhood Portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy and the New Homes Bonus. Partners will be encouraged to invest in the programme and its supporting grant fund. The Council will work with networks such as the Exeter Community Forum; Exeter Communities Together; Exeter Youth Voice; Wellbeing Exeter and Exeter Culture to encourage groups and communities to engage in setting priorities for the programme, its grants and to support initiatives that address the demands that development places on the city.

The priorities for 2019/2021 are to address the demands that development places on the city through community and arts projects that:

- Address inequalities
- Improve health and wellbeing and get people active
- Support communities working together to address local needs
- Encourage volunteering
- Improve where we live

We ask the community groups and organisations to use their passion, skills, experience and knowledge to focus efforts on working sustainably to make a difference and create change by:

- Helping people to help themselves and each other
- Building on the strengths of people and communities
- Connecting people and organisations within and across communities

To contribute to the long term impacts of:

- Reducing disadvantage and inequality
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Increasing individual and community resilience (the ability to manage)

To support this programme we will:

1. **Commission a City-wide Independent Information Service** to address the demands of development by increasing access to information, services and opportunities and increase digital inclusion for people whose circumstances make it difficult for them to access services and the opportunities they could benefit from.
2. **Commission an Exeter Infrastructure Support Service** to build capacity to develop a sustainable community and voluntary sector with a particular focus on supporting groups to use their skills, local knowledge and expertise to improve things for everyone in the city (individuals as well as geographic communities and communities of interest).
3. Continue to support ABCD through the **Wellbeing Exeter Community Builders**.
4. Continue to support **Exeter Culture** and encourage community cultural and art activities that underpin **community engagement and celebration**.
5. Establish the **Exeter City Fund** that will help to build community capacity to address the demands that development places on the city so residents can organise themselves to take action on things that matter to them.

The **Exeter City Fund** will initially consist of:

Grant Fund	How Much	What for
<b>Fund 1: Exeter City Fund Ward Grants</b> New Home Bonus Funding £39,000 (This will vary each year depending on the available funding) Each ward will have an annual Fund of £3,000.	Voluntary and community groups from that ward will be able to apply for a grant through <b>Exeter City Fund</b> website of up to £300.  No match funding required	This fund can be used to support any community led initiative that ties in with the Council priorities.  It cannot be used to pay for everyday running costs.  Applicants will need to demonstrate that there is community support for their project.
<b>Fund 2: Exeter City Fund Large Grants</b> Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) estimated start-up fund of £200,000	Voluntary and community groups will be able to apply for a grant through <b>Exeter City Fund website #CrowdfundExeter</b> page of up to £30,000.	This fund can be used to support any community led initiative to support locally identified needs that tie in with the Council priorities.

<p>(The fund will vary each year depending on the available funding )</p>	<p>A minimum of 50% match funding is required as Pledges will be for a maximum of 50% of the funding target.</p> <p>Pledges will only be made once 25% of the project target has been met.</p>	<p>This fund will pay towards building or refurbishment costs or the purchase of equipment. It cannot be used to fund every day running costs.</p> <p>Applicants will need to demonstrate that there is community support for their project and that it satisfies the provisions of Regulation 59F of the CIL Regulations 2010.</p>
<p><b>Fund 3: Exeter City Fund Small Grants</b> Community Infrastructure Levy estimated start-up fund of £200,000 (The fund will vary each year depending on the available funding.)</p>	<p>Voluntary and community groups will be able to apply for a grant through <b>Exeter City Fund</b> website <b>#CrowdfundExeter</b> page of up to £3,000.</p> <p>For projects that aim to encourage community participation we will consider counting the projected hours of volunteer involvement for the delivery of the project towards the funding match. We will count volunteering hours as equivalent of minimum wage hourly rate. A minimum of 20% match funding is required as pledges will be for a maximum of 80% of the funding target. Pledges will only be made once 10% of the project target has been met.</p>	<p>This fund can be used to support any community led initiative to support locally identified needs that tie in with the Council priorities.</p> <p>This fund can be used for costs of putting on or running an event, festival or celebration. It can also be used to fund one-off purchase or repair of equipment. It cannot be used to fund everyday running costs.</p> <p>Applicants will need to demonstrate that there is community support for their project and that it satisfies the provisions of Regulation 59F of the CIL Regulations 2010.</p>
<p><b>Fund 4: Exeter City Fund Community Buildings</b> Community Infrastructure Levy estimated start-up fund of £150,000 (The fund will vary each year depending on the available funding.)</p>	<p>Community Associations will be able to apply for a three year grant towards the annual running costs of their community centre up to £5,000 per year.</p> <p>A minimum of 50% match funding is required as pledges will be for a maximum of 50% of the funding target.</p>	<p>This fund can be used to support Community Associations with the running costs of existing community centres.</p> <p>This fund cannot be used for refurbishment or building costs.</p> <p>Applicants will need to demonstrate that there is community support for their project and that the use of the community</p>

		centre satisfies the provisions of Regulation 59F of the CIL Regulations 2010.
<p><b>Fund 5: Exeter City Fund Move More Community Chest</b></p> <p>Sport England Local Delivery Pilot estimated start-up fund of £50,000 (The fund will vary each year depending on the available funding.)</p>	<p>Voluntary and community groups will be able to apply for a grant through <b>Exeter City Fund</b> website of up to £300.</p> <p>Priority will be given to projects in the target geographical areas and groups.</p> <p>No match funding required</p>	<p>This fund can be used to support community led initiatives that get inactive people taking part in physical activity.</p> <p>Thus fund will pay for the purchase of kit and equipment or the hire of a hall or instructor to start up a group or session.</p> <p>Applicants will need to demonstrate that there is community support for their project.</p>

The *Exeter City Fund*, where it includes the 15%/25% of the *Neighbourhood portion of the CIL levy* will be established within the statutory provisions of the CIL Regulations 2010 and its underpinning Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). The 15%/25% neighbourhood portion of CIL must be spent in accordance with the statutory criteria set out in Regulation 59F and Paragraph 73 of the PPG as summarised below.

Regulation 59F of the CIL Regulations states: "...the charging authority (i.e. Exeter City Council) may use the CIL...to support the development of the relevant area by funding-

(a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or

(b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area."

Paragraph 73 of the PPG: "...the charging authority will retain the levy receipts but should engage with the communities where development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend the neighbourhood funding."

A simple set of rules and conditions will be made available and an example is set out in Appendix 2.

## 7. Governance

All grant applications will be online through the **Exeter City Fund** website which will link directly to the **#CrowdfundExeter** website for grants requiring match/crowd funding.

A Community Grants Panel will be established. The panel will represent the range of community networks in the city taking into account the need to include those that may be disadvantaged or who may not have the confidence to participate in community networks, together with elected members.

The purpose of the panel will be to make recommendations on grant applications. There will need to be a balanced approach to ensure decision making is fair and transparent and that system and process are proportionate to the funding required but also recognise the accountability of elected members. Grant applications may require face-to-face meetings with the panel.

Particular attention will be given during the consultation process on how such a panel might operate and Red Quadrant will be commissioned by the Council to explore this and make recommendations on options that will be considered alongside the other feedback on these proposals in July.

Criteria for grants will be set annually and an annual report will be provided to Council in October each year that will include:

- Impacts from previous years grants programmes
- Recommended priorities for the forthcoming years programme.
- Proposed budgets for the forthcoming year's programme.
- Membership of Community Grants Panel for the forthcoming year.

## **8. Consultation**

These proposals have been formed from the extensive listening exercise of 2018. We now need to consult on these proposals: we would like to know if there is a consensus for the strategic framework, the priorities and the creation of the Exeter City Fund from the Neighbourhood Portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

We have a duty to ensure that the consultation process meets the requirements of the CIL Regulations 2010 and its underpinning Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). These say that the neighbourhood portion of CIL must be spent in accordance with the statutory criteria set out in Regulation 59F and Paragraph 73 of the PPG as set out above.

A formal consultation on these proposal will take place between 18 March and 26 April 2019 with a report going to Council in July 2019 via the People Scrutiny Committee and Executive. The details of the consultation process will be published on the Council's website during the week commencing 18 March 2019 and will attempt to set out proposals clearly so that those responding can make intelligent and informed responses and engage residents, community groups and associations as widely as possible through an on-line survey, workshops and themed focus groups

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment**

In order to comply with the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010, an Equality Impact Assessment will be completed during the consultation process and its findings included in the recommendations to Council.

**Appendix 1: Example of a Simple Impacts Evaluation Framework for grant applications**



## Appendix 2: Sample of Rules and Conditions for online grant applications

### Exeter City Fund Proposed Conditions

All grant applications will:

- Be made online through the Council's new **Exeter City Fund** website: the application process will be easy to access.
- **Only be accepted from constituted bodies with bank accounts in the name of the organisation.**
- **Supported by copies of appropriate policies if required for example Safeguarding Policy.**
- Show that the project ties in with one or more of our priorities and how it meets the demands of development across the City
- In relation to the neighbourhood portion of CIL, demonstrate how the statutory provisions are satisfied
- Show that at least 75% of people benefiting from your project live in Exeter
- Show that there is community support for your project: this can be established by asking local people to vote on-line in support of the project or to contribute to a crowdfund when there is a requirement for a grant to be joint or match funded.
- Be required to provide feedback about how the grant has helped by supplying proof of how fund monies have been spent in the form of invoices, photos and a simple project summary and impact template within 1 month of project completion.
- Acknowledge Exeter Grants Programme support in project publicity material by using the logo provided.
- Give Exeter Grants Programme the right to share information you have provided in public reports and publicity material.

All grant applications will need to confirm that they understand:

- Funds must only be spent as detailed in the project application.
- Funds cannot be allocated to individuals or private/for profit enterprises.
- Funds cannot be allocated retrospectively.
- Funds not spent must be returned to Exeter City Council.
- Repayment of the fund can be required at the sole discretion of Exeter City Fund if you supply false information or you do not spend funds within 12 months.
- Repeat funding will not be awarded unless there is a compelling business case proving transition to sustainability.