

**WELCOME FROM THE HOSTS  
AND STAKEHOLDERS**

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# Welcome

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**ONE EXETER**  
ONE COUNCIL • ONE TEAM



A photograph of a modern, curved building with a glass facade. The building is the main focus, with a sign that reads "ST SIDWELL'S POINT" above the entrance. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there are some plants and a paved area. To the right, a red brick building is partially visible.

ST SIDWELL'S POINT

Exeter 2040 Vision

**"A child born today should, by the time they are an adult, live in a city that is inclusive, healthy and sustainable."**

# Commercial Success & Viability

- A young city reflecting large student population
- Fastest growing city in the UK, second only to Cambridge, with a population of 137,000
- A University City - leading Russell Group University, aligned through a Civic University Agreement
- Ofsted Outstanding Exeter FE College & Independent Maths School
- Exeter ranked 10th out of 63 cities for the number of residents with Level 4+ qualifications (50.6%)
- 4,385 businesses, 21% growth (2014 to 2024)
- GVA £5.9bn, 1.3% annual GVA growth forecast
- Top 10 location for new economy firms
- A renewed focus on the City centre as a driver for growth across Devon
- Ranked within top 1% of retail destinations

# Supporting growth and Skills



Developing the skills and employability of the labour market is essential to driving prosperity. This strategy sets out the employment and skills priorities for Exeter until 2025.

The skills strategy aligns with Shared Prosperity Funding, where Exeter has received £1.4m for 3 years to 2025 (with an extra £360k from April).

Priority Sectors where there is a clear skills need

- Digital technology
- Construction
- Health & Social Care
- Creative arts, culture & digital media
- Voluntary Sector

# The Exeter Plan

## A new 20-year development strategy for the city

The final version of the Exeter Plan is ready to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate in June 2025, for examination.

The Exeter Plan will shape the future of Exeter to 2041, identifying sites for new homes and jobs, and setting out policies to deliver high quality, sustainable development.

We hope that the Plan will be adopted in 2026.

