

13 November 2013

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## Decisions Confirmed

The following decisions have been confirmed in the last week

Decision-Maker	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
Cabinet Member for Children – Start of Life	CH10(13/14)	<a href="#">Development of options for the Future Operation of the Learning Service</a>	Vicky Wheatley 033022 22553
	CH11(13/14)	<a href="#">Youth Support and Development Services Review – Savings Proposals</a>	
Cabinet Member for Finance	FIN8(13/14)	<a href="#">Review of the West Sussex County Council Strategic Estate: Selective Acquisition and Development Activities</a>	Katherine De La Mora 033022 22535

## Committee News - Committee Meetings

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### [Environmental and Community Services](#)

Select Committee (20 November)



**Rob Castle**  
(033022 22546)

#### **All**            5            **Responses from the Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport**

The Committee will be asked to consider and note responses from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to the recommendations made by the Committee regarding:

- (a) The response from E.ON to the Committee's recommendations at its meeting on 12 July 2013.
- (b) The Committee's recommendations regarding Aviation and Gatwick Airport: Comments for the Airports Commission made at its meeting on 25 September meeting 2013.

#### **All**            6            **Future West Sussex Commissioning Intentions and Plans**

The Committee will be asked to consider and update on the progress made by the Commissioning Teams on their

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intentions and plans, how they relate to the 'Future West Sussex' Vision, set against the background of the continuing reductions in public finances and the need to bridge the budget gap. The Select Committee is asked to:

- Endorse the commissioning intentions relating to its areas of responsibility;
- Scrutinise the plans, outcomes and measures for the priorities within its areas of responsibility; and
- Identify any strategic issues or concerns relating to other Select Committee portfolios, for referral to the Performance and Finance Select Committee.

**All**            7            **Review of the West Sussex Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation**

The Committee will be asked to consider the consultation process, initial feedback and the implications arising from the consultation on the West Sussex Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. The Committee will be asked to support the consultation and to be aware of the issues relating to the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

**All**            8            **Review of Parking Charges**

The Committee will be asked to consider a report which demonstrates that the policy triggers have been met to necessitate a revision to the parking charges and puts forward five options for the review of parking charges. The Committee will be asked to comment on the options and forward its suggestions on them to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for consideration.

**All**            9            **Business Planning Group Report**

The Committee will be asked to consider an on the Business Planning Group meeting held on 15 October 2013 and the key issues discussed. The Committee will be asked to endorse the contents of the report and particularly the Committee's Work Programme revised to reflect the Business Planning Group's discussions.

**All**            10          **Lead Members**

The Committee will be asked to consider proposals in relation to the role of Lead Members and suggestions from the Business Planning Group for such roles. The Committee will be asked to agree the Lead Member roles and appoint a member of the Committee to each role.

**All**            11          **Requests for Call-in**

There have been no requests for call-in to the Select Committee within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting. The Head of Law and Governance will report any requests since the publication of the agenda papers.

**All**            12          **Forward Plan of Key Decisions – November 2013 to February 2014**

The Committee will be asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

**All**            13          **Members' Items**

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Select Committee, and suitable for scrutiny, e.g. raised with them by constituents, arising from central government initiatives etc.

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**All 14 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be held on 15 January 2014 at 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Chichester. Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for that meeting must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 3 January 2014. Items likely to be on the agenda include:

- Scrutiny of the Draft Budget
- Public and Concessionary Transport Policy
- Future Commissioning Plans to Support the Waste Strategy
- Task and Finish Group - Minerals Local Plan

**The following item, containing exempt information under Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated, will be dealt with in the absence of the public and the press**

**All 15 Future Commissioning Plans to Support the Waste Strategy**

The Committee will receive a verbal report by the Head of Law and Governance on current plans.

Exempt: paragraph 3, Financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority).

**Cabinet (26 November)**



**Robin Davison**  
(033022 22547)

Please note that the meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday, 26 November 2013 will start at the earlier time of 10.00 a.m.

**Planning Committee (3 December)**



**Laura Johnston**  
(033022 22536)

Please note that, with the agreement of the Chairman, the meeting of the Planning Committee scheduled for Tuesday, 3 December 2013 has been cancelled due to lack of substantive business. The next meeting of the Committee will therefore be held on Tuesday, 14 January 2014.

## Communications

### County Council Press Releases up to 8 November

01/11/13 - [County Councillor John de Mierre dies](#) (PR5736)

County Councillor John de Mierre, who represented Haywards Heath East for the Conservatives, died today (November 1)

04/11/13 - [West Sussex Flood Action Groups meet for the first time in Littlehampton](#) (PR5737)

Flood Action Groups from across West Sussex will gather for the first time under one roof in Littlehampton on Thursday 7 November

04/11/13 - [Duke of Gloucester confirmed as guest of honour when Adur Ferry Bridge opens to public on 13 November](#) (PR5738)

The Adur Ferry Bridge in Shoreham-by-Sea will be opened to the public on Wednesday 13 November

04/11/13 - [Full list of planned maintenance works for this week announced by County Council – week commencing Monday 4 November](#) (PR5739)

Resurfacing work is continuing this week as part of Operation Watershed, the County Council's drive to protect communities against extreme weather

04/11/13 - [How West Sussex businesses are bidding to 'Be the Business'](#) (PR5740)

A new County Council initiative called 'Be the Business' designed to boost the economy has got off to a successful start

04/11/13 - [Record Office announces new workshops for family historians](#) (PR5741)

A new programme of workshops has been organised for people who want to trace their family tree

04/11/13 - [Make your health the focus this winter](#) (PR5742)

Take the time to have your health checked this winter in Crawley with free regular health check sessions available for all eligible residents

04/11/13 - [Find out more about adoption](#) (PR5743)

If you are thinking about adoption, here's your chance to find out more

04/11/13 - [First Partnership that makes life easier for businesses](#) (PR5744)

West Sussex Trading Standards has signed its first partnership – with Arun Estates, one of the largest independent estate agencies in South East England, with more than 100 branches

05/11/13 - [Consultation to be launched on plans for Worthing schools](#) (PR5745)

The County Council is launching a consultation next week (Monday 11 November) on proposals for the future pattern of schools in Worthing

05/11/13 - [Get an insight into fostering in Haywards Heath](#) (PR5746)

Residents in Haywards Heath are being invited to discover more about fostering

07/11/13 - [New film shows service helping people lead healthier, happier lives](#) (PR5485)

A video has just been released which highlights a new service helping people throughout West Sussex lead happier, healthier lives

07/11/13 - [Reduce the risks of flu to you and your unborn baby](#) (PR5748)

Pregnant women in West Sussex are being urged to protect themselves and their unborn baby from the risks of flu this winter and get their free flu vaccine

08/11/13 - [Resurfacing work on the A22 in East Grinstead expected until 15 November](#) (PR5749)

Work to resurface a section of the A22 London Road in East Grinstead will continue until Friday 15 November, weather permitting

## Audio Releases

Music-making in West Sussex strikes new chord

Huge challenge faces cash strapped county - Leader

### **Radio Interviews**

Peter Evans interviewed by Spirit FM on the Worthing schools consultation

Sean Ruth, Chief Fire Officer, pre-recorded an interview on the strike action with Spirit FM

Paul Fuller, from Fire & Rescue, on Heart FM also on strike action

Heart FM and Spirit FM ran interviews and clips from the Flood Group meeting in Littlehampton

Interviews running all week on Spirit FM all week with the County Council's adoption team as part of National Adoption Week

### **TV**

Louise Goldsmith was one of the studio guests on Sunday during the BBC's Sunday Politics - south segment presented by Peter Henley

**For further information on or copies of the press releases listed please contact Eleanor Frost in the Communications Unit on (033022 22509) or ✉ eleanor.frost**

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### **STRATEGIC PLANNING BUSINESS UNIT - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The attached [report](#) (pdf file) contains all the planning applications received by the County Highways Team from the seven borough and district councils over the past week where comments on highways, ecology, landscaping and archaeology have been requested. An Excel spreadsheet of this report is also available on request via the following email address: [SU.Local.Development@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:SU.Local.Development@westsussex.gov.uk). If you have any further questions or would like to enquire about an application that does not appear on the list or one on which you would like to be updated, please contact Alex Jack on (01243) 382164.

For further information about the Members' Information Service please contact Clare Jones on 033022 22526 or ✉ clare.jones

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