

14th September 2011

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Decisions Published in the Past Week

The following proposed decisions have been published during the past week and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated

Call-in Deadline	Decision-Maker	No.	Proposal	Officer Contact
16/09/11	Adur County Local Committee	A5(11/12)	Appointment of Authority School Governors	Laura Johnston 01243 752725
16/09/11	Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee	CMS6(11/12) CMS7(11/12) CMS8(11/12)	Priorities for Traffic Regulation Orders Central Mid Sussex Community Initiative Funding Appointment of Authority School Governors	Monique Smart 01243 752730
20/09/11	Cabinet Member for Public Protection	PP5(11/12)	Future Fire Control and Mobilising arrangements for West Sussex County Fire and Rescue Service	Suzanne T Thompson 01243 752722
20/09/11	North Horsham County Local Committee	NH8(11/12) NH9(11/12)	North Horsham Community Initiative Funding Appointment of Authority School Governors	Annalee Clayton 01243 752706
21/09/11	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	FR17(11/12)	'A Place To Live' - Transfer of Properties from West Sussex	Vicky Wheatley 01243 752063

Urgent Action

Members are asked to note the following urgent action taken by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the County Council, the relevant Cabinet Member and Select Committee Chairman or the Chairman of a non-Executive or County Local Committee

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Leader

All **LDR3(11/12)** [Addition to the Outside Body list and Appointment to Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve Management Committee](#)

Contact: Rosemary Pugh (01243 752708) ☒

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 61(2) to approve (a) the addition of the Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve Management Committee to the approved list of outside bodies to which the County Council appoints members and (b) the Deputy Leader and portfolio for Communities, Environment and Enterprise's nomination of Mr Coleman as the County Council's appointed nominee to sit on the Pagham Harbour Local Nature Reserve Management Committee until October 2012. The urgency of these matters was due to the request for a nomination from the County Council to the Management Committee by 12th September 2011.

Decisions Confirmed

The following decisions have been confirmed in the last week

Decision-Maker	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
Cabinet Member for Adults' Services	AS7(11/12)	Approval to Commence Procurement of a Countywide Carers Support Service	Vicky Wheatley 01243 752063

Committee News - Committee Meetings

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[Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) (15 September)

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Rob Castle
(01243 752707)

All **4** **Community Health Services Provision in the North of the County/Closure of Jubilee Ward (Queen Victoria Hospital)**

The Committee will be asked to:

- Consider and comment on evidence provided for the closure of Jubilee Ward (Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead) on the basis of patient safety, the impact on patients and carers and how they have been informed about the change to service and what alternative arrangements have been put in place to meet local needs;
- Consider and comment on proposals for the development of community health services in the North East of West Sussex; and

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- Identify any wider issues that HOSC should consider/take into account for its future review of countywide community health services (date to be confirmed).

All 5 **Changes to Vascular Surgery in South Central Region**

The Committee will be asked to note and comment on an engagement document and specifically proposals to change vascular surgical services in the South Central region, which may impact on West Sussex residents. It will need to consider whether these proposals constitute a substantial variation in service and whether or not they require further scrutiny. N.B. If more than one Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) decides that these proposals are substantial, it is likely that a joint HOSC will need to be established. Information on a review of vascular services carried out by NHS Sussex is due to be presented to the Committee at its November meeting, so the Committee may wish to consider the proposals for both South Central Region and Sussex together in more detail at that stage.

All 6 **Stroke Services**

The Committee will be asked to consider and comment on the performance of stroke services in West Sussex and on the development of 24/7 thrombolysis services in West Sussex.

All 7 **Primary Angioplasty**

The Committee will be asked to consider and comment on proposals for the commissioning of Primary Angioplasty services across West Sussex.

All 8 **Business Planning Group Report**

The Committee will be asked to note proposed changes to the West Sussex Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening programme and consider the recommendation that changes are not substantial and that no further scrutiny is required.

All 9 **HOSC Liaison Members and Business Planning Group Membership**

The Committee will be asked to note the revised list of liaison members and appoint one member to fill the vacancy on the Business Planning Group.

All 10 **Forward Plan of Key Decisions - September to December 2011**

An extract from any Forward Plan published between the date of despatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

All 11 **Members' Items**

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

All 12 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 24th November 2011 at County Hall, Chichester. Individual members may refer a matter to the Committee, but any person (or body) wishing to do so

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must give not less than 10 working days' notice of the item before the meeting in question. For the meeting on 24th November 2011 the Head of Legal and Democratic Services should be advised of items by Thursday, 9th November 2011.

[Strategic Environmental Services](#)
Select Committee (21 September)



Katherine De La Mora
 (01243 752705)

All 4 **Coastal West Sussex Update**

The Committee will be asked to consider a summary of developments in the Coastal West Sussex economic area since April 2010. The Committee will be invited to consider and comment upon the developments outlined, the progress achieved through working in partnership with the Coastal West Sussex Partnership and the Local Enterprise Partnership and the priorities for future action.

All 5 **SESSC Finance and Performance Monitor to 31st July 2011**

The Committee will be asked to consider and comment on the position on the budgets and performance measures for the portfolios within the Committee's terms of reference.

All 6 **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 Legal and Democratic Services will report any requests received since the publication of the agenda papers.

All 7 **Forward Plan - September to December 2011**

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

All 8 **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.

All 9 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, 30th November 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 Legal and Democratic Services by 15th November 2011.

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Adults' Services Select Committee (22 September)

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(01243 752707)

All 4a **The Impact of Changes to the Eligibility Threshold**

The Committee will be asked to consider an update on the progress of the reassessments and impact on customers since the decision to change the eligibility threshold for funded social care was made by the Cabinet Member for Adults' Services in March 2011. The Committee will be asked to support the approach being taken to ensure that customers are allowed additional time to consider changes, although this is impacting on the date of the completion of the reassessments, and consider the measures taken to mitigate the impact on customers of reductions in social care support.

All 4b **Feedback Report**

Members will be asked to consider a summary of the feedback received by the Committee from customers and carers on the impact of the changes. The Committee will be asked to consider item 4a in the context of this feedback.

All 5a **Prevention and Wellbeing Implementation Programme: Update**

The Committee will be asked to consider a comprehensive update on all parts of the programme and note that implementation is being achieved on time. The Committee will be asked to note and comment on progress with the Prevention and Wellbeing Implementation Programme and note that a further update report will be presented to the Committee in early 2012.

All 5b **Feedback Report**

The Committee will be asked to consider a summary of feedback from the Black and Minority Ethnic Working Group and from the Self Directed Support Customer and Carer Group. The Committee will be asked to consider item 5a in the context of this feedback.

All 6 **Learning Difficulties Transformation Programme**

(a) Proposal around closure of 38 Alinora Crescent, Worthing

The Committee will be asked to consider the reasons why it is felt that the service at 38 Alinora Crescent, Worthing should cease. The Committee will be asked to support the proposed decision to close 38 Alinora Crescent, Worthing respite service currently provided by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, from 31st March 2012.

(b) Establish a Framework Agreement (Supported Living & Personal Support) Adults with Learning Difficulties

The Committee's views will be sought on the proposed decision to establish a Framework Agreement (Supported Living & Personal Support) for Adults with Learning Difficulties, with a ceiling hourly rate. The Committee will be

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asked to consider and comment on the proposed decision to establish a Framework Agreement (Supported Living & Personal Support) with a ceiling hourly rate of £14.50.

(c) Supported Living Service - Future Developments

The Committee's view will be sought on the proposed decision to outsource the Council's in-house Supported Living Service for adults with learning difficulties. The Committee will be asked to consider and comment on the proposed decision to commence a procurement exercise, which will lead to the outsourcing of the Supported Living Service.

All 7 CareWise - Care Funding Advice Service

The Committee will be asked to consider details of the 'CareWise' scheme. The Committee will be asked to:

- (i) Note the launch of the CareWise Care Funding Advice Service on 19th October 2011 and promote the service at all appropriate opportunities to individuals, communities and organisations.
- (ii) Agree that its Business Planning Group receive further periodic reports on the performance of 'CareWise', and the impact on the number and cost of 'Reduced Asset Self-Funders' (sometimes referred to as Capital Depleters or Run-Outs) for whom the Council assumes financial responsibility.

All 8 Healthwatch Planning Board

The Committee will receive and be asked to note a verbal update from Mr R B Dunn.

All 9 Requests for Call-in

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

All 10 Forward Plan of Key Decisions - September to December 2011

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

All 11 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, and raised with them by constituents arising from central government initiatives etc.

All 12 Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held on 10th November 2011 at 10.30 a.m. Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for this must notify the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by 27th October 2011.

Weekly News

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Electoral Review Panel



All	1	Consultation on Parliamentary Constituency Changes	Charles Gauntlett (01243 752701)
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The Boundary Commission's proposed changes to Parliamentary constituencies were published on 13th September 2011. There is no change in the overall number of MPs in West Sussex, but there are changes proposed to several constituency boundaries to ensure that they all have numbers of electors that are within 5% of 76,641. The consultation period closes on 5th December 2011 and final changes will take effect from 2015. The Governance Committee will be invited to make a response to the consultation in November, on the recommendation of the Electoral Review Panel. Details of the proposals are available on the Boundary Commission for England's website at <http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/whats-proposed/south-east/>.

Education and Schools



All	2	Midhurst Youth Centre: Sketch Plan Panel	Simon Elliott (01243 752257)
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On 8th September 2011 a sketch plan panel took place regarding the new Midhurst Youth Centre, chaired by the Cabinet Member for Education and Schools and attended by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the local member, Miss Hendon. Mrs Millson and Mrs B A Smith were also invited.

Midhurst Youth Centre: Conversion and adaptation of Whiphill stables into new youth centre

The accommodation to be provided comprises of hall, multi-use space, kitchen, office, consultation room, toilets, storage and external covered spaces.

Members asked that design points re recycling, roof design, windows and exterior/interior materials raised by them at the meeting be investigated further. They endorsed the proposals and supported the scheme being submitted for planning approval.

Health Scrutiny



All	3	West Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Newsletter	Helen Kenny (01243 7527115)
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The latest edition of the West Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny (HOSC) newsletter is now available online at: <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/idoc.ashx?docid=256b9ce6-a634-4a26-ad57-d1deac7205c1&version=-1>.

Communications

County Council Press Releases up to September 9

[02/09/11 - Fire and Rescue Service merger proposal tops Committee agenda \(PR4558\)](#)

[02/09/11 - Libraries stage crime writing workshop and talk \(PR4559\)](#)

[02/09/11 - Closure of Langley Green Primary School: Tuesday 6 September 2011](#)

[05/09/11 - New look Grid for Learning \(PR4561\)](#)

[06/09/11 - Road resurfacing in Bognor Regis and Petworth starts next week \(PR4562\)](#)

[06/09/11 - Flooding on the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee meeting agenda \(PR4563\)](#)

[06/09/11 - Foster Carers urgently needed \(PR4564\)](#)

[08/09/11 - Night-time road resurfacing in Worthing and Storrington area starts soon \(PR4565\)](#)

[09/09/11 - Save cash in TravelWise Week 2011 \(PR4566\)](#)

Radio

Peter Griffiths, Cabinet Member for Education and Schools, on Splash FM talking about the importance of school meals

For further information on or copies of the press releases listed please contact Alana Sinnen in the Communications Unit on (01243) 753808 or ✉ alana.sinnen

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The attached [report](#) (pdf file) contains all the planning applications received by the Local Development Division from the seven borough and district councils over the past week where comments on highways, ecology, landscaping, archeology and/or architecture 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. 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 Andrew Howick on (01243) 777251.

For further information about the Members' Information Service please contact Clare Jones on 01243 752704 or ✉ clare.jones