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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
21/01/13	Cabinet Member for Public Protection	PP11(12/13)	Mass Marketing Scams: Proposals for addressing problems associated with Mass Marketing Scams targeting the Vulnerable	Suzanne T Thompson 033022 22551
23/01/13	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	FR22(12/13)	Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement - Consultation by Government	Katherine De La Mora 033022 22535

Committee News - Committee Meetings

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[Governance Committee](#) (21 January)

✉
Clare Jones
(033022 22526)

All 4 The transfer of Public Health functions into the County Council – Governance arrangements

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 has given to local authorities the public health function previously held by Primary Care Trusts which will disappear. The change takes effect from 1 April 2013. In West Sussex a change programme has managed the transition of the function, led by the Leader and the Director of Public Health. There will be a new directorate managing the commissioning and delivery of both current NHS and County Council prevention and wellbeing functions - much of the work is well in hand. The Committee will be asked to consider the proposed allocation of responsibilities formally within the Council's executive, scrutiny function and the Scheme of Delegation for recommendation to the County Council.

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All 5 **Member Induction Arrangements**

The Member Development Group is responsible for advising upon the arrangements for member induction post-election, preparing the induction programme, and for approving the member development programme each year. It is currently considering the arrangements for member induction post-election in May 2013. The Committee will be asked to comment on the proposals and support the induction programme.

All 6 **Review of Petitions Scheme**

The Petitions Scheme has been in operation since 2010 and was subsequently reviewed and improved by the Governance Committee in 2011. The Committee will be asked to consider a report which highlights a number of issues arising since the review in 2011 and seeks comments on these.

All 7 **Scheme of Delegation – Write Off of Irrecoverable Debts**

On 12 September 2011 the Committee considered a report on the Scheme of Delegation including the delegation to the then Executive Director Finance and Performance (now the Director of Finance and Assurance) to write off irrecoverable debts. At that point the level of the delegation was set at amounts of less than £15,000 (at 1 April 2011) and it was agreed that the amount should be reviewed every two years with effect from 1 April. Members will be asked to note that, in line with the resolution, the Director of Finance and Assurance has been consulted and has confirmed that level of delegation remains appropriate and no change is required.

All 8 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, 4 March 2013.

[Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee](#) (23 January)



Rob Castle
(033022 22546)

All 4 **Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust**

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Committee to be updated on improvements made by Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust at East Surrey Hospital and to assess the services provided by the Trust and how well it is working with the wider health and adult social care system to address the needs of the area it serves. Representatives from Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust will be in attendance, along with a number of witnesses who have been invited to give evidence to the Committee and contribute to its discussions, as set out below:

- Crawley and Horsham & Mid Sussex Clinical Commissioning Groups
- South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
- Sussex Community NHS Trust
- West Sussex County Council, Adults' Services
- Care Quality Commission

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- West Sussex Local Involvement Network
- Surrey Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee will be asked to:

- Review the effectiveness of services provided by Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust;
- Evaluate the impact of the programme of improvements at East Surrey Hospital (Redhill) on patient experience and outcomes;
- Evaluate how well the Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust is working together with the whole health and adult social care system together to address the specific challenges and needs of the north of West Sussex; and
- Identify any specific issues for further scrutiny or monitoring to be considered by the Committee's Business Planning Group.

All 5 Foundation Trust Application - Sussex Community NHS Trust

The Committee will be asked to agree its response to a letter from Sussex Community NHS Trust asking for the Committee's support for its application for NHS Foundation Trust status.

All 6 Total Performance Monitor to 30 November 2012

The Committee will be asked to:

- Examine the data and supporting commentary and make any relevant recommendations for action to the Cabinet Member;
- Identify any issues for further scrutiny by the Committee; and
- Identify any strategic issues for referral to the Policy and Resources Select Committee.

All 7 The County Council Draft Budget and Performance Targets for 2013-16

The Committee will be asked to consider an updated position following its initial consideration of the financial context and proposed objectives and measures in November 2012. Targets have been added to the schedule of objectives and measures, as expected, for comment. The Committee will be asked to:

- Endorse the County Council Draft Budget for the Committee's portfolio areas for 2013/14;
- Endorse the Performance Framework objectives, measures and targets for the Committee's portfolio areas for 2013/14;
- Identify any strategic issues for referral to the Policy and Resources Select Committee when it considers the Draft Budget and Performance Framework on 24 January; and
- Agree any comments or issues it wishes to the Cabinet to take into account when it considers the Draft Budget and Performance Framework on 29 January 2013.

All 8 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.

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All 9 **Forward Plan of Key Decisions – February to May 2013**

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

All 10 **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 11 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is on 20 February 2013 at 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Chichester – probable agenda items are:

- Adults' Services Redesign
- Short Breaks Services for Children with Complex Health Needs
- Sussex Together
- Total Performance Monitor

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for this must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 6 February 2013.

[Policy and Resources Select Committee](#) (24 January)



James Ironside
(033022 22534)

All 4 **Total Performance Monitor (TPM) to 30 November 2012**

The Committee will be asked to consider the performance and risk position as at the end of November 2012. This covers the County Council's overarching financial position as well as more detailed information on finance and performance for areas within the Committee's portfolio. Members will also be provided with forecasts for the end of year outturn.

All 5 **The County Council Draft Budget and Performance Targets 2013-16**

The Committee will be asked to consider the draft budget and performance targets.

All 6 **Public Health**

The Committee will be asked to consider the transition of the public health function from West Sussex Primary Care Trust to the County Council and the management of risk.

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All 7 **Treasury Management Strategy**

The County Council is required to approve a Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2013/14 before 1 April 2013. The strategy also includes the Annual Investment Strategy that is a requirement of the Department for Communities and Local Government Investment Guidance. The Committee will be asked to support the 2013/14 Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

All 8 **Quarterly Scrutiny Performance**

The Committee will be asked to consider Scrutiny performance for the period October to December 2012.

All 9 **Policy and Resources Select Committee Business Planning Group (BPG)**

(a) **Update from 4 December BPG Meeting**

The Committee will be asked to support the updates to the work programme as recommended by the Business Planning Group at its meeting on 4 December 2012 and reflected in the updated work programme.

(b) **BPG Membership**

Due to Committee membership changes Mrs Smith is no longer a member of the BPG. The remaining members are Mr Stevens (Chairman), Mr Britton, Mrs Millson and Mrs Urquhart. The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to appoint a replacement for Mrs Smith for the remainder of 2012/13.

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All 11 **Forward Plan of Key Decisions – February to May 2013**

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

All 12 **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 13 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is to be held on Thursday, 21 February 2013, 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 11 February 2013.

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Corporate Parenting Panel (6 February)

✉
Wendy Saunders
 (033022 22556)

Please note that with the agreement of the Chairman, the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel diaried for 6 February 2013 has been re-scheduled to 7 March 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

Weekly News

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Health Scrutiny

<i>All</i>	1	<u>Update on West Sussex Trail Joint Scrutiny Arrangements</u>	✉ Helen Kenny (033022 22532)
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Please see attached bulletin, giving details of the recent Joint Scrutiny Steering Group meeting, the joint scrutiny project carried out during 2012 to review the countywide Community Legal Advice Service and plans for the future.

Education and Schools

<i>All</i>	2	Fernhurst Primary School: Sketch Plan Panel	✉ Rob White (01243 752252)
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On 8 January 2013 a Sketch Plan Panel, chaired by Mr Griffiths, the Cabinet Member for Education and Schools, and attended by Mr Brown, the local member and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, considered and endorsed the design proposals for the building works as follows:

New-build extension accommodation for Fernhurst Primary School

The new-build accommodation to be provided comprises of:

Two classbases	Two Pupil toilets
Staffroom	One Accessible toilet

The proposal will now be submitted for detailed planning approval.

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner

<i>All</i>	3	Police and Crime Commissioner's Newsletter	✉ Clare Jones (033022 22526)
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The Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, is inviting members to receive her regular e-newsletter so

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that they can keep up to date with the latest news, meetings and events from the Commissioner. To sign up to receive the newsletter go to the Commissioner's website at: www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk. To sign up, scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click the 'Sign Up' button. The site can also be used to register a vote in an online poll at: <http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/>.

Communications

County Council Press Releases up to 11 January

08/01/13 - [Healthcare changes to be discussed by South Mid Sussex CLC](#) (PR5260)

Changes to NHS healthcare are set to be discussed at a South Mid Sussex County Local Committee meeting on 17 January 2013

08/01/13 - [Horsham town centre to get major repairs boost](#) (PR5261)

Horsham town centre is set to receive an £80,000 facelift in February as part of a wider Horsham District Council project to enhance the area

09/01/13 - [Right plaice, right time as Haywards Heath Library prepares for fishy quiz](#) (PR5263)

Haywards Heath readers are being urged to continue their New Year's celebrations by joining the library's fish and chip quiz later this month

08/01/13 - [New Sussex Police and Crime Plan won't cost taxpayers more](#) (PR5262)

The newly-formed Sussex Police and Crime Panel will meet on 11 January 2013, to begin one of the major tasks it was set up to carry out

08/01/13 - [New Chief Fire Officer for West Sussex](#) (PR5264)

West Sussex has started the year with a new Chief Fire Officer following the appointment of Sean Ruth

09/01/13 - [Make your mark – stand now to become a Youth MP](#) (PR5265)

There's still time for West Sussex candidates to come forward for the next UK Youth Parliament elections, which take place in March this year

09/01/13 - [New film highlights services for adults with learning disabilities](#) (PR5266)

A new film takes a look at two important services which help people with learning disabilities retain their independence

09/01/13 - [Varied agenda for Select Committee meeting](#) (PR5267)

School funding reforms are back on the agenda for the next meeting of the County Council's Children and Young People's Services Select Committee, part of which will be webcast

10/01/13 - [County Council announces £8.25m 'Operation Watershed' initiative to tackle flooding](#) (PR5271)

A £8.25m fund to pay for flood related schemes has been announced by the County Council

10/01/13 - [Funding available for South Chichester good causes](#) (PR5272)

Charities and community projects in the South Chichester area are being urged not to miss out on funding

Audio Releases

West Sussex announces £8.25m to tackle flooding

Fresh pothole problems being probed after flooding

Radio Interviews

Louise Goldsmith live on BBC Radio Sussex Drivetime re Operation Watershed funding for flood-damaged roads

Richard Speller, Highways & Transport, interviewed at Drayton depot on pothole filling – with a Balfour Beattie gang

New Chief Fire Officer, Sean Ruth, interviewed by Spirit FM on his appointment

Bright FM interviewed Kelly Haynes, who helps run the new Burgess Hill family and friends network setting up new support sessions

TV Interviews

Louise Goldsmith filmed by BBC South Today re Operation Watershed

Pieter Montyn interviewed by BBC South Today at Drayton depot on potholes

The BBC programme SeeHear filming at Angmering School for a piece about a deaf teacher who works there (expected transmission date on 20 March at 10.30 a.m.)

Videos

Network services – helping to keep independence (visiting two centres in West Sussex to see County Council schemes helping people with learning disabilities)

For further information on or copies of the press releases listed please contact James Haigh in the Communications Unit on (033022 22410) or ✉ james.haigh

Planning Applications registered in the week ending 11/01/13

COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSALS (REGULATION 3, 4 and 13)

Applications submitted under the Town & Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

Application No Applicant Grid Ref	Proposal/Location	Date Registered	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member
WSCC/004/13/HH Director of Communities Commissioning GR: 533114 124769	Alterations to form new control room and plant accommodation; increase in height of building to rear (south) of site by 1.2 metres. At Haywards Heath Fire Station, Mill Green Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1XQ	10/01/13	Delegated	Mr B Hall
WSCC/003/13/TW Director of Communities Commissioning GR: 525360 119940	Small single-storey extension to existing school buildings to provide withdrawal space for special needs pupils and staff room. At Twineham CofE Primary School, Church Lane, Twineham, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 5NR	10/01/13	Delegated	Mr Griffiths

APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

Full Application submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Application No Applicant Grid Ref	Proposal/Location	Date Registered	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member
SDNP/13/00054/CND WSCC Director of Communities Commissioning GR: 488620 121877	Variation of condition 30 of planning permission WSCC/082/10/MI/SDNP to extend the hours of use of the Artificial Turf Pitch and MUGAs and the associated floodlighting. At Midhurst Rother College, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DT	08/01/13	Delegated	Mr Cherry

Comments on any of the above planning applications should be made by 06/02/13 to planning.applications@westsussex.gov.uk or if you require further information, please contact County Planning on (01243) 777623

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. 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.

Public Rights of Way - Notification of Application for change to the Path Network sent out for Public Consultation

The following proposal has been investigated and sent out for public consultation. Members may obtain further information by contacting the case officer. Comments on the proposal should be made by 8 February 2013. The application will be referred to the Rights of Way Committee for determination at the meeting on 26 February 2013.

Parish/ path number	Proposal	Site Location	Case Officer	Local Members
Burgess Hill/Hassocks/Hurstpierpoint: proposed creation of new footpaths and bridleways	Dedication of existing permissive paths and new footpaths and bridleways as part of Burgess Hill Green Circle	South and west of Jane Murray Way, Burgess Hill	Jonathan Perks 01243 777621	Mrs Ross Dr Wilsdon Mr Griffiths Mrs Knight

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