

If you would like to know more about any items in this newsletter please contact the officer shown (✉ address is the name shown with a stop between followed by @westsussex.gov.uk) or access the links via the [County Council's website](#). Significant decisions to be taken in the next four months are included in a [Forward Plan](#) of key decisions. If you would like to receive free [e-mail alerts](#) for the Forward Plan, please register via the [County Council's website](#).

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
22/09/17	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways	IH10(17/18)	West Sussex Gigabit Project	Laura Johnston 033022 22536
25/09/17	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways	IH11(17/18)	Operation Watershed Active Communities Fund Applications	Laura Johnston 033022 22536
27/09/17	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	ES4(17/18)	Proposal to Review Post-16 Transport Policy and Concessionary Travel Charges	Wendy Saunders 033022 22553
28/09/17	Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Highways	IH12(17/18)	Response to Highways England's Consultation on Proposals for A27 Worthing – Lancing Improvement Scheme	Laura Johnston 033022 22536

Changes to Cabinet Member portfolios and Appointment of an Adviser to a Cabinet Member

The Leader has given notice of the following changes to Cabinet portfolios with immediate effect:

Infrastructure and Highways

The title of the portfolio has been changed from 'Infrastructure and Highways' to 'Highways and Infrastructure'

Safer, Stronger Communities

The following topics have been added to the portfolio:

- Armed Forces Liaison
- Military Covenant

The Leader has also given notice of the appointment of Mrs Russell as an Adviser to the Cabinet Member with effect from 18 September 2017.

Committee News - Committee Meetings

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**[Environmental and Community Services](#)
Select Committee (28 September)**

✉
Lisa Etchell
(033022 23597)

All 4(a) **Petition on A27 at Arundel**

The Select Committee will be asked to debate the following petition in accordance with Standing Order 10(1):

A27 Petition:

The petitioners call upon West Sussex County Council to:

- (1) Reject routes for the Arundel bypass through Binsted village and its countryside [5A]
- (2) Recommend that other options, less damaging to countryside and villages, should be considered, e.g. a shorter bypass [3, 1]

Concerns are:

- The historic village of Binsted is set in wooded countryside in the parish of Walberton, West Sussex. Partly within the National Park, it is a haven for wildlife, with an active community and rural businesses. Many visitors value Binsted for quiet recreation. The Binsted option would sever Binsted's community, and destroy its beauty and tranquillity.
- It would also damage the historic village and landscape of Tortington near Arundel.

The lead petitioner has been invited to address the Committee for five minutes. Due to the nature of this item (having direct relevance to item 4(b)), other community groups have also been invited to address the Committee.

The Committee will be asked to consider how to respond to the petition.

All 4(b) **Response to Highways England's Consultation on Proposals for A27 at Arundel Improvement Scheme**

The Committee will be asked to consider an overview of the County Council's draft response to Highways England's consultation options for the A27 at Arundel. The Committee will be asked to preview and consider the content of the draft and provide the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure with comments and observations. Any local member of the County Council, who is not a member of the Committee, having expressed their intention beforehand, has been invited to speak on this item, and each will be allocated five minutes.

All 5 **A27 – Chichester**

The Committee will be asked to consider the extent to which the options address Highways England's objectives for the scheme, and the draft Consultation Response, and submits its views on the draft Consultation Response to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure before it is submitted to Highways England. Any local member of the County Council, who is not a member of the Committee, having expressed their intention beforehand, has been invited to speak on this item, and each will be allocated five minutes.

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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.

All 7 **Forward Plan of Key Decisions – October 2017 to January 2018**

An extract from any Forward Plan published between the date of dispatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting and be available on the Internet. The Committee will be asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

All 8 **Possible Items for Future Scrutiny**

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 the Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be held on 15 November 2017 at 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Chichester. Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 3 November 2017. Items likely to be on the agenda include:

- Impact of changes to Services, Opening Hours & Charges at Household Waste & Recycling Sites
- Approval of Draft Work Programme
- Highways Roundabout Sponsorship
- Highways Improvement Schemes Process

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 10 **Highways Maintenance Contract – Update**

Note: This item will be heard partly in Part I, and partly in in Part II. There will be a general update in Part I followed by questions. A verbal update will be given by the Director of Highways and Transport on the progress of the new contract.

The Committee will be asked to note progress to date and advise the Cabinet Member of any areas of concern as the work is taken forward.

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

Planning Committee (10 October)

✉
Tracey Guinea
(033022 28679)

Please note that, with the agreement of the Chairman, the meeting of the Planning Committee scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 10 October 2017 has been cancelled because there are no applications requiring a decision by Committee

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at this time. The next meeting of the Planning Committee will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2017 at 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Chichester.

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Adults and Health



All	1	West Sussex Care Month returns this October	Eleanor Shipton (033022 22190)
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October is West Sussex Care Month. The public awareness campaign, which is returning for its third year, aims to help West Sussex residents live independently for longer. It reinforces the principles of the Care Act and shines the spotlight on giving good, early information, advice and useful contacts to the public.

Radio slots have been arranged with Spirit FM and More Radio on a variety of topics including how to pay for care, staying well this winter and how to get a job in care. Communications have also been made through a range of channels including magazines, newspapers, social media and more. Please share this information through your local contacts to let residents know about the initiative. For more information about the campaign, please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/caremonth.

Other Matters



All	2	Forward Plan – October 2017 to January 2018	Helena Cox (033022 22533)
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The Forward Plan contains details of all key decisions to be taken by the County Council, the Cabinet, Cabinet Members, County Local Committees and officers in the following four months. Key decisions are those which involve expenditure or savings of £500,000 or more or which will have a significant effect on communities in two or more electoral divisions. An amended version of the Forward Plan of Key Decisions, for October 2017 to January 2018, has been published in order to accommodate the following decisions:

- a new decision in the Infrastructure and Highways portfolio - Proposed Scheme to Replace Boxal Bridge (October 2017)
- a joint decision has been removed from the Education and Skills and Children and Young People Portfolios - Procurement of a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Children's Placements and Other Support Services (SEND and Children's Social Care) (October 2017) – for the following reason: In May 2017 a draft report was prepared recommending the merger of these separate purchasing arrangements in to one consolidated new and enhanced DPS to be mobilised by April 2018. However, following a review in August 2017 a number of risks and issues emerged. In order that a combined proposal could be taken forward all of these issues would need to be addressed as the financial commitment under any purchasing arrangements would be significant.

Communications

County Council Press Releases up to 15 September

08/09/17 - [Residents helped to remove the barriers to work](#)

The Skills and Jobs Fair is taking place in Bognor Regis on Wednesday, 27 September

11/09/17 - [Growing demand for foster carers](#)

With just under 700 children currently in foster care in West Sussex, an appeal is being made for people to help give a local child a temporary home

11/09/17 - [Apply for secondary school place online from 11 September 2017](#)

West Sussex families are preparing to get online to apply for a secondary school place for their child from Monday, 11 September 2017

12/09/17 - [Don't let a chimney fire threaten your safety this winter](#)

As the weather starts to turn colder West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is urging all residents across West Sussex to have their chimney professionally swept, in an effort to reduce the number of chimney fires

13/09/17 - [Fire service proudly presents innovative cadets programme](#)

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has teamed up with Greater Brighton Metropolitan College to launch a brand new fire cadets programme

13/09/17 - [Changes to winter opening hours at household waste recycling sites](#)

West Sussex Household Waste Recycling Sites will open an hour earlier than expected in the winter months, following a review of demand for services

14/09/17 - [Successful friendship scheme set to expand](#)

The Independent Visitor Co-ordinator matches up a volunteer with a particular child/young person in care to visit them around once a month

14/09/17 - [Online option for fire safety training](#)

Trading Standards would like to support businesses and staff through online, fire safety training packages

14/09/17 - [Got a question for Sussex's Police and Crime Commissioner?](#)

Sussex residents have the chance to question Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner at a meeting next month

For further information on or copies of the press releases listed please contact the Communications and Engagement Team on (033022 28090) or ✉ pressoffice@westsussex.gov.uk

Planning Applications registered in the week ending 15/09/17

COUNTY MATTER MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING APPLICATIONS **Applications submitted under the Town & Country Planning** **(Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015**

Application No Applicant Grid Ref	Proposal/Location	Date Registered	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member
WSCC/034/17/LR Southern Water Services Limited GR: 537663 124399	One Ferric Chloride Dosing Plant Kiosk, two LV Switchboard Kiosk, one Alkalinity Correction Dosing Kiosk, one Humus Pumping Station MCC Kiosk, two sludge dewatering centrifuges, one Polymer Dosing Plant Kiosk, and Motor Control Centre (MCC) Kiosk and associated land regrading. At Scaynes Hill Wastewater Treatment Works, Sloop Lane, Scaynes Hill, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 7NP	12/09/17	Delegated	Mr Lea
WSCC/035/17/SR IGAS Energy Plc GR: 506849 114898	Amendment of conditions 3 and 4 of planning permission WSCC/050/13/SR to allow retention of wellsite, including plant and equipment, to 2032. At Storrington Oilwell Site, Pulborough Road, Cootham, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 4HP	14/09/17	Committee	Mr Marshall

Comments on either of the above planning applications should be made by 11/10/17 to planning.applications@westsussex.gov.uk or if you require further information, please contact County Planning on (01243) 642118

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 Dominic Smith on 033022 25711.

For further information about the Members' Information Service please contact Clare Jones on 033022 22526 or [✉ clare.jones](mailto:clare.jones)