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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
23/02/18	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	FR18(17/18)	<a href="#">Review of Fees and Charges for 2018/19</a>	Rosemary Pugh 033022 22548
23/02/18	Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities	SSC14(17/18) SSC15(17/18)	<a href="#">Fleet Asset Management Plan 2018/19 – 2022/23: Endorsement of capital spend and delivery approach</a> <a href="#">Small Grants Fund – Funding Allocations</a>	Suzannah Hill 033022 22551
26/02/18	Cabinet Member for Adults and Health	AH6(17/18)	<a href="#">Procurement of a Direct Payment and Personal Budget Support Service</a>	Suzannah Hill 033022 22551
27/02/18	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	ES12(17/18)	<a href="#">Proposed changes to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision at Maidenbower Junior School</a>	Wendy Saunders 033022 22553
27/02/18	North Horsham County Local Committee	NH9(17/18) NH11(17/18)	<a href="#">Parking Charges for Parkside, County Hall North</a> <a href="#">Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies</a>	Monique Smart 033022 22540
28/02/18	North Horsham County Local Committee	NH10(17/18)	<a href="#">Community Initiative Funding</a>	Monique Smart 033022 22540
02/03/18	Director of Highways and Transport	OKD6(17/18)	<a href="#">Highway Maintenance Term Contract - Award of Contract</a>	Laura Johnston 033022 22536

## Decisions Confirmed following Call-in

The following decisions have been confirmed in the last week following the call-in process

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### Safer, Stronger Communities

**All**                      **SSC11(17/18) New Approach to Community Grant Funding**

**Contact: Suzannah Hill (033022 22551) ✉**

The proposed decision by the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities on a New Approach to Community Grant Funding ([SSC11\(17/18\)](#) refers), was called-in for scrutiny by the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee. The call-in was heard at a meeting of the Committee held on 7 February 2018. The members in attendance at the meeting were Mr Barrett-Miles (Chairman), Mr Baldwin, Mrs Bridges, Mrs Brunson Mr Jones, Mr McDonald, Mr S Oakley, Mr Patel, Mr Purchase and Mrs Purnell. The Committee made the following recommendation.

'That the Cabinet Member for Stronger, Safer Communities does not implement the decision until the Committee has had an opportunity to scrutinise the proposal more fully, including evidence provided by a crowd funding platform and other local authorities that have already followed this route.

At the end of the debate, two alternative options were suggested:

- (1) That the proposed scheme is first trialled in two areas – perhaps in an urban area and a rural area, where one or the other is a recognised area of deprivation; and
- (2) Because of the concern over grants for small organisations, that the existing CIF system be retained for grants under, say, £2,000, and the crowd funding approach be introduced for requests greater than this, for a trial period.'

The Cabinet Member responded to the resolutions on 20 February 2018 and confirmed that she was not minded to defer the decision at this stage. The Cabinet Member explained that she welcomed the input of the Committee and noted its recommendations. She was sorry that some members felt they had not had the level of information or detail they would have liked on the proposal. She highlighted a Member Day session on the proposals in December 2017 and that members were able to contact her at any time following this if they had any queries or concerns.

The Cabinet Member explained that a frequently asked questions (FAQs) document had been circulated to all members and informal information sessions were being held at all County Local Committee (CLC) meetings. Whilst the Cabinet Member recognised some of the Committee's concerns, the reduction in grants from 2018/19 required prompt action to ensure that communities had the greatest possible opportunity to access a wide range of potential financial support.

The Cabinet Member undertook to ensure that CLC Chairmen continue to be closely involved in shaping the process for awarding community grants. She will discuss with them how best to inform all members of the new approach as it progresses – and reassured the Chairman of the Select Committee that she was fully committed to keeping members updated. The Cabinet Member explained that she will arrange for a demonstration by a crowdfunding provider to all members as part of the implementation activities. In addition, a wide range of associated training, engagement and

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promotional activity will be undertaken with communities to help people engage with the new approach. The Cabinet Member noted that many members already had a degree of knowledge of crowdfunding approaches and highlighted the need to explore how best to harness this expertise. She will ensure that the existing FAQs document is updated and recirculated to members, with an invitation to members to submit any other questions as they arise.

The Cabinet Member expressed confidence in officers to manage operational issues through the contractual process, including addressing General Data Protection Regulation and the need for due diligence. Such contractual arrangements will include ensuring the necessary exit clauses are in place to enable the County Council to revert to the current system if necessary. Building the initiative around existing Community Initiative Fund (CIF) and CLC processes was by far the most sensible way of maintaining essential member involvement and mitigating the risks of a new venture. The Cabinet Member also expressed confidence that collective officer and member efforts would enable attention to the concerns raised about small groups and digital access.

The Cabinet Member thanked the Chairman for the proposed alternative options for her consideration, including trialling the scheme in two areas and retaining the existing CIF system for smaller grants. However, she felt these would present risks both in terms of resource implications and of prolonging possible confusion for residents about County Council grant support. The Cabinet Member was pleased that the Select Committee was not opposed to the principle of crowdfunding. She also welcomed further feedback and scrutiny of the new approach towards the end of the first year of operation.

The Cabinet Member has therefore confirmed the decision for a New Approach to Grant Funding. The decision came into effect on 21 February 2018.

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Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities	SSC11(17/18)	<a href="#">New Approach to Community Grant Funding</a>	Suzannah Hill 033022 22551
Adur County Local Committee	A7(17/18) A8(17/18)	<a href="#">Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies</a> <a href="#">Community Initiative Funding</a>	David Penrose 033022 24612

## Committee News - Committee Meetings

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### Planning Committee (27 February)



**Tracey Guinea**  
(033022 28679)

4      **Planning Applications: County Matter Mineral Applications**

**Shoreham South**

(a)      The Committee will be asked to consider and determine the following application:

**WSCC/039/17/SU**

Amendment of Condition 1 of Appeal Decision APP/P3800/A/14/2224956  
New Wharf, Brighton Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6RN

**Bramber Castle**

(b)      The Committee will be asked to consider and determine the following application:

**WSCC/046/17/WK**

Amendment of condition 9 of planning permission WSCC/033/17/WK to remove the requirement of fire safety controls as part of the planning permission. Unit 29, Firsland Park Industrial Estate, Henfield Road, Albourne, West Sussex BN6 9JJ

**All**      5      **Update on Mineral, Waste and Regulation 3 Planning Applications**

The Committee will be asked to note the schedule of County Matter applications and the schedule of applications submitted under the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 – Regulation 3.

**All**      6      **Report of Delegated Action**

The Committee will be asked to note the report of applications approved subject to conditions under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 since the Planning Committee meeting on 9 January 2018.

**All**      7      **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ.

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**[Forward Plan – March to June 2018](#)**

**Helena Cox**  
(033022 22533)

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

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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 March to June 2018 has been published in order to accommodate the following decisions.

- add a new decision to the Best Start in Life priority - Allocation of Schools Access Initiative Funding 2018–2023 (March); and
- remove a decision from the Best Start in Life priority - Procurement of an Integrated Child Psychology Service (March). The decision is being removed following a review which has identified that additional time is required to enable further development of the proposal prior to the procurement process.

## Communications

### County Council Press Releases up to 16 February

12/02/18 - [Work starts on Angmering traffic-calming scheme](#)

A scheme aimed at encouraging better driver behaviour and a safer, more consistent traffic speed, started in Angmering this week

12/02/18 - [School recruitment fair to visit Crawley](#)

A school recruitment fair is coming to Crawley for the first time, following the success of its sister event in Fontwell

13/02/18 - [Adur Ferry Footbridge closed for brief times on Thursday](#)

Swing bridge closed for short periods during servicing

13/02/18 - [Sussex councils call on residents to switch and save](#)

Councils in Sussex have joined forces to help households save money on their energy bills by getting them into the switching habit

14/02/18 - [Major exhibition features Record Office documents](#)

Unique documents held by West Sussex Record Office are on loan to the National Trust's Petworth House

15/02/18 - [Fake Rolex seller ordered to pay £28,000](#)

A trader, who was prosecuted by West Sussex Trading Standards for selling fake Rolex watches in West Sussex, has been ordered to pay £28,000

15/02/18 - [Film insight into Operation Watershed success story](#)

'Five years on, and the Operation Watershed success story continues.'

15/02/18 - [Discover the dangers of fake tobacco](#)

The dangers of illicit tobacco will be highlighted by West Sussex Trading Standards officers at two upcoming events

16/02/18 - [Fire and rescue work boosted by new appliance](#)

Fire and rescue work in the county has been boosted by the acquisition of a leading edge appliance

16/02/18 - [Louise Goldsmith's speech](#)

Read the Leader's speech on the budget for 2018/19

16/02/18 - [County Council invests in latest drone technology](#)

The County Council has become one of the first council's in the country to invest in a drone to benefit its work

16/02/18 - [Family's fortunate escape prompts smoke alarm warning from fire service](#)

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is urging residents to have working smoke alarms after a fire at a family home

16/02/18 - [Anniversary of suffrage movement prompts push for more women councillors](#)

The anniversary of the first women to be granted the vote sparks discussions by County Council members

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## Planning Applications registered in the week ending 16/02/18

No applications registered

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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 Steven Shaw on 033022 24674.

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

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