

22 July 2015

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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
28/07/15	Cabinet Member for Children – Start of Life	CH5(15/16)	Update to the Children Looked After and Care Leavers Strategy 2014-17	Vicky Wheatley 033022 22552
29/07/15	Cabinet Member for Finance	FIN6(15/16)	Write off of Adults' Services Bad Debts	Rosemary Pugh 033022 22548

Urgent Action

Members are asked to note the following urgent action taken by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy, 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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Adur County Local Committee

All in Adur **A4(15/16)** [Community Initiative Funding](#)

Contact: Paul Matthews (033022 25409) ✉

The Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy, in consultation with the Chairman of Adur County Local Committee, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 61(2) to approve the following Community Initiative Fund allocation:

£540 to be awarded to Sompting Village Morris to purchase publicity materials

The urgency of the matter was due to the applicants seeking funding for an event that will take place outside the County Local Committee's regular timetable as the Committee does not meet again until 10 September 2015.

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South Chichester County Local Committee

All in South Chichester **SC6(15/16)** [Community Initiative Funding](#)

Contact: Helena Cox (033022 22533) ☒

The Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy, in consultation with the Chairman of the South Chichester County Local Committee (CLC), has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 61(2) to approve the following Community Initiative Fund allocations:

£2,488 to be awarded to Chichester and Portfield Utd FC Ltd to purchase portable soccer goalposts

£2,500 to be awarded to Youth Dream Selsey to purchase fencing, a television and a cooker

The urgency of the matter was due to the applicants seeking funding for items which are required before the CLC next meets on 10 September 2015. Both applications were considered at the last CLC meeting but were deferred pending further information, which has now been received.

Decisions Confirmed

The following decisions have been confirmed in the last week

Decision-Maker	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
Leader	LDR6(15/16)	Strategic Economic Plan Reserve Allocations	Katherine De La Mora 033022 22535
Chanctonbury County Local Committee	CBY1(15/16) CBY2(15/16) CBY3(15/16)	Prevention and Wellbeing Grant Applications 2015/16 Community Initiative Funding Appointments and Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies	Helena Cox 033022 22533

Committee News - Committee Meetings

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Governance Committee (24 August)

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Clare Jones
(033022 22526)

Please note that, with the agreement of the Chairman, the additional meeting of the Governance Committee on Monday, 24 August 2015 at County Hall, Chichester will start at 10.30 a.m. rather than 2.15 p.m.

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Cabinet (6 October)

Matt Hall
(033022 22539)

Please note that, with the agreement of the Leader, an additional meeting of the Cabinet will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 October 2015 at County Hall, Chichester.

Weekly News

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Adult Social Care and Health

All	1	Care and Support at Home	Juliette Garrett (033022 23748)
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The tender for Care and Support at Home services commenced following an executive decision in July 2014, which can be viewed in the report at <http://www2.westsussex.gov.uk/ds/mis/060814asch3.pdf>. The aim was to establish an integrated framework across health and social care with the intention of:

- assuring supply across the county;
- supporting sustainability in the market and in the workforce;
- enhancing quality and focus on outcomes;
- ensuring value for money; and
- developing arrangements which are manageable to run and consistent.

The successful organisations that will provide home care services on behalf of the County Council have now been identified following the completion of the tender exercise. Currently, the County Council purchases services from around 70 different home care providers. The changes mean contracting with 27 core providers on the new arrangements, with whom the County Council will now be focusing on building strong relationships. For a number of current providers this means that they will no longer receive referrals directly from the County Council but can still contract directly with people holding direct payments. The commissioning team will meet these providers to discuss this outcome for them and options for their organisation.

Around 2,000 West Sussex residents receive home care which is purchased on their behalf by the County Council. Due to the changes in the providers on the new arrangements, around half of those residents are currently supported by providers who will not be delivering on the new arrangements, and hence may need to transition to a new provider. Everyone affected by these changes has been kept up-to-date with the process and will be contacted individually about how the changes will affect them. These discussions will include looking at options such as accessing a direct payment which some customers may choose in order to retain their current provider, or indeed to change the care and support they receive. The new arrangements will now be focusing on ensuring consistent, sustainable and quality services to residents who want the County Council to purchase for them under the new arrangements, support to

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maintain a stable workforce and working with the market to ensure a range of quality services for all those who need care and support.

Children – Start of Life

All	2	Update - Children's Service Preparation for Ofsted meetings	✉ Mandy Shipley (033022 22549)
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In July 2014 Mr Evans, the Cabinet Member for Children – Start of Life, established a monthly meeting involving members and senior officers to monitor the performance of Children's Social Care to maintain preparedness for the next Ofsted inspection of local authority arrangements for the protection of children. The meetings will continue until the unannounced inspection, which is expected to be within the next 12 months. From 22 July 2015 the terms of reference have been updated as follows (changes in bold):

- To monitor and challenge the performance of the **Care, Wellbeing and Education Directorate** to maintain preparedness for the next Ofsted inspection of local authority arrangements for the protection of children.
- To recommend action, and monitor implementation, as appropriate to Officers to improve the quality of **Children's Services** (Social Care, **Education, Young People's Service and Early Childhood Service**) in preparedness for the Ofsted inspection.
- Consider how the County Council and partners can support the journey from Adequate to Good.
- To monitor and challenge the County Council's measures to tackle **Missing and** Child Sexual Exploitation in West Sussex
- Ensure that Early Help is meeting the challenge required within Ofsted of supporting families below the children's social care threshold and that the County Council is holding partners to account for their contribution to safeguarding. **This will involve an examination of systems, processes, roles and impact.**
- **To monitor and challenge education performance and the virtual school, in particular with regards to supporting vulnerable learners and Children Looked After.**

The membership is Mr Evans (Chairman), Mrs Hall, Mrs Jones, Mr G L Jones, Mrs Jupp, Ms Kennard, Mrs Mullins, Mr Patel, Mr R Rogers, Mr Sheldon and Mr Smytherman.

Communications

County Council Press Releases up to 17 July

13/07/15 - [New education policy aims to improve achievement in West Sussex](#)

A new and closer working relationship between schools – including academies and Free Schools - and the County Council has been set out

13/07/15 - [Private landlords urged to act on new fire safety laws](#)

Private landlords in West Sussex are being urged to act now to ensure they are ready for new safety laws aimed at saving dozens of lives a year

14/07/15 - [And they're off! West Sussex readers in Record Breakers challenge](#)

The Record Breakers Summer Reading Challenge has launched in all West Sussex Libraries. The free scheme encourages families to visit their library to borrow books and children collect stickers and other rewards for the books they read.

15/07/15 - [Smoke alarm gives life-saving early warning in house fire](#)

Three young people and two family pets had a lucky escape from a house fire in East Preston yesterday (July 14) after the alarm was raised by a working smoke detector

16/07/15 - [Find a trader you can trust with new Buy With Confidence directory](#)

The new Buy With Confidence directory is out now - giving details of more than 400 approved traders across West Sussex and Brighton and Hove

16/07/15 - [Highdown becomes first vineyard in West Sussex where couples can marry](#)

Fancy getting married in the beautiful setting of a vineyard? Now you can as Highdown becomes the first vineyard in West Sussex where couples can tie the knot.

16/07/15 - [Plans for safer crossing and slower traffic along Pound Hill road made public](#)

Plans to make it safer to cross Turners Hill Road in Pound Hill are being made public next week. The County Council has come up with a scheme to slow traffic speeds along the busy road.

17/07/15 - [Penland Road junction with Balcombe Road in Haywards Heath to temporarily close](#)

The County Council has temporarily closed the Penland Road junction with Balcombe Road in Haywards Heath from today (Friday 17 July)

17/07/15 - [Crawley firefighters to host anti-drink drive event](#)

Drink OR drive – that will be the message from firefighters when they host their latest road safety event in Crawley on Thursday evening (July 23)

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

Planning Applications registered in the week ending 17/07/15

No planning applications were received.

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.

Proposals for Traffic Regulation Orders and Traffic Management Matters

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Location	Proposal	County Local Committee	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member(s)
Town Barn Road and Spurgeon Close West Green, Crawley	Formalise disabled bays in Town Barn Road and Spurgeon Close and make the northern and eastern lengths of Spurgeon Close parking for permit holders only 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday	West Crawley Rebecca Caney 033022 26345	Delegated	Mrs Smith

Comments on any of the above proposals should be made by 05/08/15 to tro.team@westsussex.gov.uk or if you require further information, please contact the officer shown

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