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Committee News - Committee Meetings

Electoral Division	Item Subject	Committee Officer
Governance Committee (28 November)		✉ Clare Jones (01243 752704)

All 4 **Electoral Review Panel Recommendations on Parliamentary Boundary Review**

The Boundary Commission for England is consulting on amendments to Parliamentary boundaries across England and several changes are proposed for West Sussex. The Electoral Review Panel has considered the proposals, which go further than strictly necessary to ensure that all constituencies are within 5% of the published electoral quota and has concluded that the County Council should support the minimal change necessary, to three district wards, rather than the six proposed in the consultation. The Committee will be asked to agree the County Council's response to the Boundary Commission for England.

All 5 **Review of Petitions Scheme**

When the current Petitions Scheme was approved by the County Council on 28th May 2010 the Governance Committee requested that the operation of the scheme, including the number of signatures required to trigger debates at County Council and officers giving evidence to Select Committees, should be reviewed by the Committee after a year of operation. The Committee will therefore be asked to consider a number of suggestions for improvements to the scheme for recommendation to the County Council.

All 6 **Changes to the Constitution**

The Committee will be asked to consider two minor changes to the Constitution for recommendation to the County Council. The first is to correct an omission from Standing Orders and the Access to Information Procedure Rules in relation to the procedure for reporting urgent key decisions which should have been in the Forward Plan to the County Council. The second is a change to the constitution of the Treasury Management Panel at the request of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources.

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All	7	Future of the Standards Committee	
		The Head of Legal and Democratic Services will report progress on the Standards Committee's deliberations on its future as a result of the Localism Bill and the recent survey of members of the County Council on whether a code and a Standards Committee should be retained.	

All **8** **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, 23rd January 2012.

Planning Committee (29 November)



Matthew Evans
(01243 752702)

Bramber Castle **4** **County Matter Application**

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

Horsham District Council

WSCC/060/11/WK Additional use of an industrial unit to carry out the shredding of wood and bulky waste and the sorting and baling of shredded product at 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, outstanding on 17th November 2011.

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 1st November 2011.

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

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday, 17th January 2012 at 10.30 a.m.

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Strategic Environmental Services
Select Committee (30 November)



Katherine De La Mora
(01243 752705)

All **4 Cabinet Member Responses**

The Committee is invited to note the response by the Deputy Leader and portfolio for Communities, Environment and Enterprise to the recommendations made at its meeting on 21 September 2011 in relation to the Coastal West Sussex Update. The Committee is also invited to note the response by the Leader to the concerns raised by this Committee over the lack of attendance of Senior Officers and Cabinet Members for the Budget and Performance Monitor item that was considered at their meeting on the 21 September 2011.

All **5 Changes to WSCC Financial Support for the Non Commercial Bus Network – phase 2**

The Committee is asked to consider whether it supports the recommendations of the Bus Support Working Group to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on the proposed subsidy reductions in phase 2 of the changes, which includes those routes that were deferred from phase 1, as detailed in Appendix 1. The Committee is also asked to consider whether it supports the recommendation to extend specific Crawley and Mid Sussex contracts to the end of August 2012 to allow all affected services in those areas to be tendered in a revised area arrangement to commence September 2012.

All **6 SESSC Finance and Performance Monitor to 30 September 2011**

The Committee to consider a report from the Executive Director Finance and Performance, and Director of Communities and Infrastructure, setting out the position on the budgets and performance measures for the portfolios within the Committee's terms of reference. The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the information set out in the report.

All **7 Business Update and Business Planning 2012-15**

The Committee is asked to consider this update on the budget and proposed business plan objectives and measures for 2012-15, relevant to the Committee's terms of reference. This is in the context of an existing three-year budget and associated business plans for 2011-14, approved in February 2011 by County Council. The Committee is invited to comment in particular on the proposed measures, and make any recommendations it may wish, for example, around prioritisation of objectives, to the Policy and Resources Select Committee meeting on 8 December 2011.

All **8 Building a Sustainable Future: A strategy for delivering the corporate priority**

One of the key priorities of the County Council's Performance Framework is 'Building a Sustainable Future'. This commits the authority to protecting the environment, in particular to the reduction of carbon emissions and tackling the threat of climate change by providing leadership within the County Council as well as across the County as a whole. A new Sustainability Strategy has been drafted to ensure that the County Council delivers against the

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Performance Framework priority. This brings together work with partners and the community, and strengthens the role of services in improving corporate sustainability performance.

The Select Committee is invited to endorse the four new corporate priorities for sustainability and support the proposed Sustainability Strategy, recommending its approval to the Deputy Leader with portfolio responsibility for Communities, Environment and Enterprise.

All 9 Review of SESSC Business Planning Group (BPG)

At its meeting on the 25 May 2011, the Committee was invited to review its current BPG membership. It was indicated that Mrs Coleman would step down from the BPG if another Conservative group member wished to join. Mrs Brunsdon has since come forward as being willing to replace Mrs Coleman on the BPG. The Committee is therefore invited to endorse Mrs Brunsdon's membership on the BPG in place of Mrs Coleman.

All 10 Call-ins

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 11 Forward Plan

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. The Committee is 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 the Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is to be held on Friday, 20 January 2012 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 9 January 2012.

Other Matters



All 1 [Forward Plan - December 2011 to March 2012](#) Robin Davison
(01243 752724)

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. The latest version of the Plan covering the period December 2011 to March 2012 is now available and has been sent to all members.

Communications

County Council Press Releases up to November 18

- [11/11/11 - Energy efficient West Sussex in top quarter of league table \(PR4663\)](#)
- [14/11/11 - Support group can help drug or alcohol death bereaved \(PR4664\)](#)
- [14/11/11 - Worthing community groups urged to bid for cash \(PR4665\)](#)
- [15/11/11 - Hickstead site dropped from County Council Waste Plan \(PR4666\)](#)
- [15/11/11 - Trading Standards seize fake jewellery worth 200,000 \(PR4667\)](#)
- [15/11/11 - Big day as the Big Society gets under way in Haywards Heath \(PR4668\)](#)
- [16/11/11 - Consultation launched on school expansion plan \(PR4669\)](#)
- [16/11/11 - Recipes and memories on the menu at book launch \(PR4670\)](#)
- [16/11/11 - Broadway market review on Central Mid Sussex CLC agenda \(PR4671\)](#)
- [16/11/11 - Do your sums before fitting solar panels, warns Trading Standards \(PR4772\)](#)
- [16/11/11 - Committee go-ahead for parking bans in Shoreham and Lancing \(PR4673\)](#)
- [17/11/11 - Social Enterprise Award 2011/12 \(PR4674\)](#)

Radio Interviews

- Peter Evans interviewed by Spirit FM on the Phoenix Youth Centre official opening
- Richard Sargeant, of Trading Standards, on BBC Radio Sussex evening drive time evening show, re Trading Standards seizing £200,000 worth of fake jewellery
- Peter Griffiths on Bright FM re consultation on expanding Bolnore Village Primary School
- Chris Downton, Trading Standards, on Splash FM talking about Trading Standards warning people to do their sums before investing in solar panels.

For further information on or copies of the press releases listed please contact James Haigh in the Communications Unit on (01243) 382090 or james.haigh

Planning Applications registered in the week ending 18/11/11

COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSALS (REGULATION 3, 4 and 13)

Applications submitted under the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992

Application No Applicant Grid Ref	Proposal/Location	Date Registered	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member
WSSCC/067/11/SU Director of Children's Services GR: 521327 105483	Installation of 2m high bow top fencing at front of school. At Swiss Gardens Primary School, Swiss Gardens, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5WH	18/11/11	Delegated	Mr Brian Coomber

Comments on any of the above planning applications should be made by 14/12/11 to planning.applications@westsussex.gov.uk or if you require further information, please contact County Planning on (01243) 777623.

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
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