

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
23/12/15	Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee	CMS7(15/16) CMS8(15/16) CMS9(15/16)	<a href="#">Haywards Heath Town Centre Transport Study</a> <a href="#">Community Initiative Funding</a> <a href="#">Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies</a>	Rachel Allan 033022 26468
23/12/15	East Crawley County Local Committee	EC6(15/16) EC7(15/16)	<a href="#">Community Initiative Funding</a> <a href="#">Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained School and Academy Governing Bodies</a>	Monique Smart 033022 22540
30/12/15	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	HT12(15/16)	<a href="#">A259 Littlehampton Improvements</a> <b>Note:</b> decision republished due to technical problems with the website	Matthew Evans 033022 22538
05/01/16	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	HT13(15/16) HT16(15/16)	<a href="#">Subsidised Verge Marker Scheme</a> <a href="#">Lyminster Bypass (north) - Approval to undertake statutory processes to acquire land for scheme construction</a>	Matthew Evans 033022 22538

## Decisions Confirmed

The following decisions have been confirmed in the last week

Decision-Maker	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	CW5(15/16)	<a href="#">Procurement of Framework Agreement for Substance Misuse Inpatient Detoxification and Residential Rehabilitation Support Services for Adults and Young People aged 16 to 24 years</a>	Suzanne T Thompson 033022 22551
Cabinet Member for Corporate Relations	CR6(15/16)	<a href="#">Corporate Sustainability Strategy 2015-19</a>	Rosemary Pugh 033022 22548
Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	ES6(15/16)	<a href="#">Consultation on the organisation of Education across the 'STARS' Area Schools (Amberley, Ashington, Storrington, Thakeham, St Marys, Washington and West Chiltington First Schools, Rydon Community College) as well as the implications for Steyning Grammar School</a>	Laura Johnston 033022 22536
Joint Downland Area Committee	DA6(15/16)	<a href="#">Community Initiative Funding</a>	Monique Smart 033022 22540
North Horsham County Local Committee	NH8A(15/16) NH9(15/16)	<a href="#">Community Initiative Funding</a> <a href="#">Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies</a>	Paul Matthews 033022 25409

## Committee News - Committee Meetings

Electoral Division	Item Subject	Committee Officer
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### Planning Committee (12 January)

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**Tracey Guinea**  
(033022 28679)

Please note that, in consultation with the Chairman, the meeting of the Planning Committee due to be held on Tuesday, 12 January 2016 has been cancelled as there are no planning applications that require a decision by the Committee. The Planning Committee site visit due to be held on 7 January 2016 has therefore also been cancelled.

### Pensions Panel (18 January)

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**Adam Chisnall**  
(033022 28314)

Please note that, in consultation with the Chairman, an additional meeting of the Pensions Panel will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 18 January 2016.

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## Weekly News

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### Governance

<i>All</i>	1	<b>County Council Boundary Review: Draft Recommendations</b>	 <b>Charles Gauntlett</b> (033022 22524)
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The [Local Government Boundary Commission for England](#) is the independent public body that reviews all local authority boundaries in England. The Commission is currently carrying out an [electoral review of West Sussex County Council](#). The aim of the review is to recommend electoral division boundaries that mean each county councillor represents approximately the same number of voters. The Commission also aims to ensure that the pattern of divisions reflects the interests and identities of local communities as well as promoting effective local government. In order to achieve these aims, it needs to re-draw division boundaries across the county. Once agreed, the changes will come into effect from the next Council elections in May 2017.

The Commission has now published its draft recommendations on new electoral arrangements for the County Council. The draft recommendations propose that 70 county councillors should be elected to West Sussex County Council in future, one fewer than the [current arrangements](#). This is based on taking one seat out of Adur and all other district areas retaining the same number of county councillors. The recommendations also propose new electoral divisions across the county. The eight-week public consultation on the Commission's proposals opened on 15 December 2015 and closes on **8 February 2016**. The consultation is open to anyone who wants to have their say on new County Council electoral divisions, division boundaries and division names across West Sussex. The Commission wants to hear as much evidence as possible in order to develop final recommendations. All information relating to the draft recommendations is available on the Commission's website at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east/west-sussex/west-sussex-county-council>. The Commission will consider all submissions and aims to publish final recommendations in May 2016.

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### Education and Skills

<i>All</i>	2	<b>Waterfield Primary School, Crawley: Sketch Plan Panel</b>	 <b>Philip Ward</b> (033022 23044)
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On 17 December 2015 a Sketch Plan Panel, chaired by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, considered and endorsed the design proposals for building works at the following school:

#### Waterfield Primary School

Extensions and adaptations to provide for four new general teaching classrooms and ancillary support areas including toilets and cloakrooms and breakout areas. A new build/refurbished school entrance and the remodelling of staff and admin areas and the increase in size of the reception classroom. These additional spaces are provided to support the school growth in pupil capacity from a 1FE school with 210 pupils to a 2FE school for 420 pupils. This project forms part of the Crawley Basic Need provision for 2015/16 and 2016/17.

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### Teaching Accommodation

- Four general teaching classrooms
- Two group rooms
- Two enlarged reception classrooms

### Non-Teaching Accommodation

- New front entrance and staff and admin area
- Offices, WCs and storage

### External Works

- New access route for emergency vehicles and grounds maintenance.
- Additional car parking

The proposals will now be submitted for detailed planning approval.

## Other Matters



<b>All</b>	3	<a href="#"><b>Forward Plan – February to May 2016</b></a>	<b>Charles Gauntlett</b> (033022 22524)
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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. The latest version of the Plan covering the period February to May 2016 is now available and has been sent to all members.

## Communications

### County Council Press Releases up to 18 December

11/12/15 - [\*\*Coroner warns of dangers of DNP after young woman dies after taking 'diet pill'\*\*](#)

Unlicensed drug is freely available to buy on the internet

11/12/15 - [\*\*A259 improvements scheme one step closer\*\*](#)

Business case prepared for dual carriageway along key parts of the A259 between Littlehampton and Goring

14/12/15 - [\*\*County Council unites on 'zero tolerance' against FGM\*\*](#)

Female Genital Mutilation a 'brutal' crime against women says Leader Louise Goldsmith

14/12/15 - [\*\*Young people speak up in Democracy Day debates\*\*](#)

West Sussex youngsters make their point during a number of debates held for Democracy Day

14/12/15 - [\*\*Organisations pledge to make it easier for carers to get the help and support they need\*\*](#)

The County Council and NHS have joined forces to pledge to make it easier for carers to be able to access help and support

14/12/15 - [\*\*Keeping the fire service in their family\*\*](#)

West Sussex Fire & Rescue welcomed six new retained firefighters into the Service following their pass out at Worthing Fire Station on Friday (11 December)

14/12/15 - [\*\*Working together to help our communities\*\*](#)

A pilot partnership project carried out by West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service in Crawley has brought real benefits to the local community

15/12/15 - [\*\*Take time to walk off the turkey this Christmas\*\*](#)

Blow those festive cobwebs away with a brisk family walk in West Sussex this Christmas

15/12/15 - [\*\*Changes to the County Council's Cabinet\*\*](#)

Richard Burrett becomes the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and Jeremy Hunt is the new Cabinet Member for Finance

15/12/15 - [\*\*New A264 Link Road opens before Christmas\*\*](#)

Road that connects the A24 junction to the Newbridge Nursery Roundabout on the A264 Five Oaks Road opens on 17 December

15/12/15 - [\*\*Trading Standards warning after scam telephone call\*\*](#)

Fake traders using council name to con victims

16/12/15 - [\*\*Grants given at Joint Downland Area County Local Committee meeting\*\*](#)

Good causes receive backing at latest CLC meeting

17/12/15 - [\*\*£90,000 funding boost for Bognor Regis\*\*](#)

Both the County Council and Arun District Council receive backing for Bognor Regis revival

17/12/15 - [\*\*Facebook trader given the boot\*\*](#)

Yapton resident reprimanded for selling counterfeit goods online

17/12/15 - [\*\*Sussex firefighter on frontline in South Africa\*\*](#)

A firefighter from West Sussex has returned to the UK enhancing his emergency skills in South Africa

17/12/15 - [\*\*'Name a Gritter' winners announced\*\*](#)

Ice Cracker, Sussex Snowflake and Grittinator will be out protecting us on the roads this winter

18/12/15 - [\*\*Are you ready for the Dry January booze break challenge?\*\*](#)

Cut out alcohol this January and see the difference it has on you – that's the message to residents

**For further information on or copies of the press releases listed please contact Philippa Eld in the Communications Unit on (033022 22418) or ✉ [philippa.eld](mailto:philippa.eld)**

## Planning Applications registered in the week ending 18/12/15

There were not 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 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)