

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
29/07/19	Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities	SSC3(19/20)	Fire and Rescue Service Improvement Plan	Erica Keegan 033 022 22650
30/07/19	Cabinet Member for Adults and Health	AH4(19/20)	Appointment to Outside Bodies	Erica Keegan 033 022 22650
31/07/19	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	FR7(19/20)	Capital Funding: Demolition of County Buildings in Crawley	Suzannah Hill 033 022 22551

Decisions Confirmed


The following decisions have been confirmed in the last week

Decision-Maker	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
Cabinet	CAB1(19/20)	Outside Bodies Review and Appointments	Monique Smart 033 022 22540
Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure	HI5(19/20) HI6(19/20) HI7(19/20) HI8(19/20)	A284 Lyminster Bypass - Land Acquisition Guidance on Parking in New Developments Review of On-Street Parking Charges and related policy Street Lighting LED Conversion Programme	Judith Shore 033 022 26052

Cabinet Members, Senior Advisers and Adviser

Following the resignation of the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities, Ms Debbie Kennard, due to ill health, the Leader has given notice of the appointment of Mrs Jacquie Russell as the new Cabinet Member with effect from 19 July 2019. Ms Kennard is now the Cabinet Member's Senior Adviser for Communities and the Armed Forces Champion.

Committee News - Committee Meetings

Electoral Division	Item	Subject	Committee Officer
<u>Standards Committee</u> (26 July)			 Charles Gauntlett (033 022 22524)
All	4	Compliments and Complaints Annual Report	
<p>The Committee will be asked to consider and note the Annual Report on compliments and complaints received by the Council.</p>			
All	5	Report by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Update	
<p>Following discussion at the last meeting of the Committee, the Ombudsman has written to the County Council again to clarify its recommendations. The Director of Law and Assurance will give a verbal update to the Committee on the matter.</p>			
All	6	Standards Best Practice	
<p>At its last meeting, the Committee asked the Director of Law and Assurance to investigate ways to implement two areas of best practice as defined by the Committee for Standards in Public Life. The Committee will be asked to agree the ways proposed to implement the two areas in the report.</p>			
All	7	Standards Annual Report	
<p>The report proposes an annual report for submission to the County Council, to outline the Committee's activities in 2018/19. Subject to any amendments, the Committee will be asked to agree the report.</p>			
All	8	Confidential Reporting Policy	
<p>The Committee will be asked to note the report on recent referrals and to endorse proposed changes to the Policy to enhance its effectiveness.</p>			
All	9	Date of Next Meeting	
<p>The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.15 p.m. on 4 November 2019 at County Hall, Chichester.</p>			

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Governance Committee



All	1	Payment of Allowances	Tony Kershaw (033 022 22662)
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At recent meetings of the Governance Committee an issue has been raised in relation to a payment made in 2017 to the Chief Executive of the County Council in connection with his appointment. Questions were raised about the basis upon which the payment was made and originally authorised.

A report was commissioned from the Director of Human Resources by the previous County Chairman, Mr Barnard. In February her report was given to the Chairman for making available to members of the Committee. In May this year the Director of Human Resources decided to add to the report to describe the recent review of the policy on resettlement allowances and a second version of the report was produced with that information added.

More recently a request was made for the report to be published. After consultation with the Chief Executive (the information being in part personal to him) it was agreed to publish it provided there were no outstanding questions in relation to it. In the absence of further concerns being raised the report is [attached](#) for members' information.

Other Matters



All	2	Forward Plan of Key Decisions	Helena Cox (033 022 22533)
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The County Council is required to provide a minimum of 28 days' notice for all key decisions. 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 Forward Plan, which is updated on a rolling basis, 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. The current Forward Plan was published on 22 July 2019.

Since the last edition of the Members' Information Service changes to the Plan have been made to:

- add two new decisions to the A Prosperous Place priority:
 - A2300 Corridor Improvements – submission of full business case and award of construction contract(s) (September); and
 - A29 re-alignment scheme – submission of full business case and award of construction contract(s) (September);
- add a new decision to the A Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place priority – Electric Vehicle Strategy (December);
- add a new decision to the A Council that Works for the Community priority - Appointment of design team - Horsham Blue-light Centre (August);

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- reflect the recent change to the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities; and
- move the Worthing Public Realm Works - Adur and Worthing Growth Programme decision in the A Prosperous Place priority from September to November in order to allow time for completion of a detailed design.

Communications

County Council Press Releases up to 19 July

15/07/19 - [Shoreham pre-inquest review hearing held at Crawley Coroner's Court](#)

A decision on when to hold the inquest into the deaths of 11 people who died following the Shoreham Airshow crash in 2015 has been delayed

15/07/19 - [Sensory differences conference - places now open](#)

The event takes place on 18 September at the University of Sussex and will feature expert speakers and individuals speaking about strategies that help them

15/07/19 - [Winning story chosen by West Sussex pupils](#)

An adventure story about a quest to the mysterious land of South Polaris has been chosen as the winner of the West Sussex Schools Library Service Story Book Award 2019 by West Sussex pupils

16/07/19 - [Bee-friendly garden created on station platform](#)

A bee-friendly garden has been created by community groups on the platform of Angmering Railway Station

18/07/19 - [West Sussex County Council statement in response to Gatwick's Masterplan](#)

The County Council, working with other local authorities, will scrutinise Gatwick Airport Limited's plans to ensure that the benefits of airport expansion are realised and the negative impacts on residents are mitigated and managed, including during construction

18/07/19 - [County Council backs Fire Service Improvement Plan with three year investment plan](#)

The County Council has endorsed West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service's Improvement Plan with more than £5.1m of investment to be committed over the next three years

18/07/19 - [Save water; save the environment](#)

The County Council is encouraging residents and businesses to revisit ways they can help save water

19/07/19 - [Cabinet Member Debbie Kennard Steps Down](#)

County Council Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities, Debbie Kennard, has resigned due to ill health

For further information on or copies of the press releases listed please contact the Communications and Engagement Team on (033 022 28090) or ✉ pressoffice@westsussex.gov.uk

Planning Applications registered in the week ending 19/07/19

Submitted under Town & Country Planning (Development Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application Number	Applicant	Proposal and Location	Decision Method	Member
County Matter Waste				
WSCC/052/19	Brett Concrete Ltd	Variation of condition 7 of planning permission WSCC/053/16/CR to allow 24 operations Monday to Friday, Crawley Goods Yard, Gatwick Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 9RE Grid reference: 528597 139081	Delegated	Three Bridges division - vacancy

Comments on the above planning application should be made by 14/07/19 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 Steven Shaw on 033 022 24674.

For further information about the Members' Information Service please contact Clare Jones on 033 022 22526 or ✉ clare.jones