

24 December 2014

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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
30/12/14	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	ASCH9(14/15)	Provision of a Framework Agreement for Supported Living and Family Support Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities and Disabled Children and Young People in West Sussex	Suzanne T Thompson 033022 22551
31/12/14	Cabinet Member for Finance	FIN17(14/15)	Social Enterprise Fund 2014/15: Funding Allocations (Stream 2)	Rosemary Pugh 033022 22548
02/01/15	Leader	LDR13(14/15)	Strategic Economic Plan - Delivery Plan	Katherine De La Mora 033022 22535

Decisions Called-in

The following decisions have been called-in during the past week

Electoral Division	No.	Proposal	Select Committee/ Date	Officer Contact
Chichester North	LDR12(14/15)	Kickstart Funding Allocation - Weald and Downland Museum	Environmental and Community Services 21 January 2015 2.15 p.m.	Lisa Etchell 033022 23579

Decisions Confirmed

The following decisions have been confirmed in the last week

Decision-Maker	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
Cabinet Member for Education and Skills	ES6(14/15)	Appointments to an Outside Body – Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	Vicky Wheatley 033022 22552
	ES7(14/15)	Provision of Security Services for Educational Establishments with the option to extend Services to Non-Educational Establishments	
	ES8(14/15)	Contractual arrangements for a Waste Collection Service from Educational and Non-Educational Establishments in West Sussex	
Cabinet Member for Finance	FIN16(14/15)	Former Court Meadow School Building - Proposed lease of vacant School Building for Training Purposes	Rosemary Pugh 033022 22548

Start of Life Partnership Board

Appointment of Chairman

On 12 December 2014 the County Council agreed to the establishment of the Start of Life Partnership Board. The new Board is formed of the former Think Family Partnership Board and Executive. It will be the overarching body which will monitor partnership work and progress to achieve the entire Start of Life Programme (which includes Think Family) and the County Council's Start of Life Vision. Further information on the Programme can be found in the first edition of the [Start of Life Programme Newsletter](#).

The Leader has appointed the Cabinet Member for Children – Start of Life as Chairman of the Start of Life Partnership Board. The Board will elect a Vice-Chairman at its first meeting on 16 January 2015.

Answers to Written Questions

Officer replies to questions submitted under Standing Order 15(3) as part of the preparation for the County Council meeting on 12 December 2014

Written question from **Mrs Millson** for reply by the **Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**

Question

There are a number of areas of West Sussex where the traffic signs are in a poor state, due to their age, infrequent cleaning or both (examples are the main directional sign on the A24 southbound carriageway, just north of the Washington roundabout, and the sign at the top of Houghton Hill on the A283, just south of the junction with the A29).

Aside from the difficulties of being able to read signs at an adequate distance from a junction and the consequent risk

to safety, the dilapidated condition of the County's road signs give a poor impression to visitors to West Sussex.

Can the Cabinet Member please tell the Council what plans he has to audit the condition of the County's road signs, with a view to developing an improved scheme for cyclical maintenance of signs, and the time scales of doing this work?

Answer

West Sussex County Council Highways undertakes regular inspections of all highway assets under the 'Safety Plus' process. The frequency of such inspections is determined by the class of road. Any defects identified from a Safety Plus inspection are recorded and appropriate action categorised in accordance with the priority of the defect/works.

Traffic signs are categorised into 'safety signs' and 'non-safety' signs, with higher priority given to the safety signs category. All works considered necessary are programmed on a priority basis and within available resources. As such, there is currently no cyclical sign cleaning programme, and signs are cleaned on an ad hoc basis when identified and within recent budget constraints. When cleaning is not a feasible option, or the overall condition of the sign is so poor as to no longer offer an appropriate level of reflectivity, consideration is given to replacing the sign, again determined by priorities.

There are approximately 55,000 traffic signs installed across the county and it would be inappropriate to single these out from the many other highway assets for specific targeted maintenance. However, the County Council has recently started a major programme of vegetation clearing and sign cleaning on the A24 from Findon and the A264 through to M23 junction, which is expected to be completed before Christmas. The sign at the top of Houghton Hill will be assessed further to determine what action can be taken to improve its appearance early in the New Year. However, budget constraints mean that any new signs will be provided strictly on a needs basis.

Committee News - Committee Meetings

Electoral Division	Item Subject	Committee Officer
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	Environmental and Community Services Select Committee (14 January)	Lisa Etchell (033022 23579)

At its meeting on 14 January 2015, the Select Committee will scrutinise the County Council's draft response to the Airports Commission's consultation on expansion proposals. The meeting will be webcast live.

Weekly News

Electoral Division	No.	Subject	Officer Contact
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All	1	Care, Support and You – Have your Say	Claire Harris (033022 25878)

The Care Act 2014 brings about the biggest changes in social care for 60 years. Whilst the way that some parts of the

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Care Act will be delivered is decided nationally, West Sussex County Council can decide locally on some areas. These are:

- How to carry out assessments for carers and for people needing social care support;
- How to deliver an independent advocacy service (someone to speak on a person's behalf); and
- How it charges people for services

On 17 December the County Council launched a public consultation giving people the chance to give their views on the proposals before any changes are made. Full details of the consultation, including an information booklet and factsheet to accompany the survey, are available from www.westsussex.gov.uk/careact. Hard copies are available in the Members' Office at County Hall, Chichester and can be requested on 01243 642121 or careactconsultation@westsussex.gov.uk.

Four public meetings, allowing residents to hear a presentation about the proposals and ask questions, have been organised in January. These will be held on:

Monday, 12 January 2015	6.30 to 8 p.m.	Worthing Leisure Centre, Shaftesbury Avenue, Worthing, BN12 4ET
Thursday, 15 January 2015	6.30 to 8 p.m.	The Charis Centre, West Green Drive, Crawley, RH11 7EL
Tuesday, 20 January 2015	6.30 to 8 p.m.	Martlets Hall, Civic Way, Burgess Hill, RH15 9NN
Monday, 26 January 2015	6.30 to 8 p.m.	Chichester College, Conference Hall, Chichester Campus PO19 1SB

Separate events for social care providers will be held in Worthing and Crawley on Tuesday, 27 January 2015. The consultation runs until Wednesday, 11 February 2015.

Health Scrutiny



All	2	Support for Carers – Scrutiny Task and Finish Group	Helen Kenny (033022 22532)
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The [phase two report](#) of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on support for carers has now been published. This has been sent to the County Council's Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health for a response, as well as to the NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS England (Surrey and Sussex Area Team), Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee and the County Council's Member Development Group.

Other Matters



All	3	Forward Plan – February to May 2015	Matt Hall (033022 22539)
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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

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electoral divisions. The latest version of the Plan covering the period February to May 2015 is now available and has been sent to all members.

Communications

County Council Press Releases up to 19 December

12/12/14 - [Trading Standards warn of potentially lethal children's car seats](#)

Families with young children are being warned not to buy illegal car seats which are supplied direct from China and fail all UK safety standards

12/12/14 - [Find out more about proposals for Manor Sports Ground, Worthing](#)

A public drop-in session has been arranged for Tuesday, 16 December 2014 for people to find out more about options for the use of the Manor Sports Ground by Bohunt Academy School in Worthing

15/12/14 - [North Bersted Relief Road opens on Wednesday](#)

The North Bersted Relief Road opens to motorists on Wednesday, 17 December 2014

15/12/14 - [School Crossing Patrol injured as 'drive throughs' at busy school junctions rise](#)

A School Crossing Patrol officer from Worthing has spoken of her shock after a motorist injured her by not stopping as she helped a child cross the road

16/12/14 - [My son lived for 70 days and 70 nights - And then he was gone](#)

A Littlehampton mum today shares the harrowing story of the death of her son at just 70 days old in the hope that no other parents will have to go through what she has

17/12/14 - [Care, support and you – Have your say on changes](#)

A consultation has been launched today (17 December 2014) for residents to influence the way people receive care and support

18/12/14 - [WSCC Leader tells Airports Commission the Council must plan now for second runway decision](#)

The County Council Leader Louise Goldsmith spoke at yesterday's Airports Commission meeting in Crawley – saying the authority must start planning now for the Government's decision on a second runway at Gatwick

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

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 Alex Jack on (033022) 25212.

Public Rights of Way - Notification of Application for change to the Path Network sent out for Public Consultation

The following proposal has been investigated and sent out for public consultation. Members may obtain further information by contacting the case officer. Comments on the proposal must be made by 5 February 2015. Owing to the considerable size of the package of proposals, it is intended that the matter will be referred to the Rights of Way Committee meeting on 24 February 2015 for determination.

Parish/ path number	Proposal	Site Location	Case Officer	Local Members
Earnley/Selsey/Sidlesham: creation of footpaths and permissive bridleways	The Environment Agency has offered to dedicate various public footpaths and permissive bridleways as part of the coastal protection scheme recently carried out at Medmerry	The coastal area between Selsey and Bracklesham known as Medmerry	Jonathan Perks 033022 26703	Mrs Evans Mr Montyn Mr Smith

Proposals for Traffic Regulation Orders and Traffic Management Matters

Location	Proposal	County Local Committee/ Officer	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member(s)
Lincoln Wood, Haywards Heath	No Waiting (9 am to 10 am and 1 pm to 2 pm, Mon to Fri) on the north south section of Lincoln Wood (from its junction with Lucastes Lane south to its junction with Sherwood Drive). No Waiting At Any Time junction protection at the junction with Lincoln Wood and Sherwood Drive.	Central Mid Sussex Simon Osborne 03302 226351	Delegated	Mr Bradbury
Horsham - Various Roads - On Street Car Club Spaces	Allocated on-street parking to support the scheme in Brighton Road, North Street and Bishopric.	North Horsham Neil Smith 033022 25579	Delegated	Mr Sheldon Dr Dennis

Location	Proposal	County Local Committee/ Officer	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member(s)
Ferry Bridge, Shoreham	To prohibit all motor vehicles and horses from proceeding on the Adur Ferry Bridge between Shoreham and Shoreham Beach.	Adur Matt Gray 033022 26358	Delegated	Mr Clark
Sidlesham B2145 & Various Roads	Proposed 30 mph limit.	South Chichester Richard Clausen 033022 25958	Delegated	Mrs Evans

Comments on any of the above proposals should be made by 07/01/15 to tro.team@westsussex.gov.uk or if you require further information, please contact the officer

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