

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
01/11/17	Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities	SSC7(17/18)	Small Grants Fund – Funding Allocations	Suzannah Hill 033022 22551
01/11/17	Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities	SSC6(17/18)	Transition and implementation of a new Fire Personal Protective Equipment Contract to commence January 2020	Suzannah Hill 033022 22551

Decisions Confirmed

The following decisions have been confirmed in the last week

Decision-Maker	No.	Decision	Officer Contact
Cabinet	CAB2(17/18) CAB3(17/18)	The West Sussex Plan 2017-22 Outside Bodies – Further Review	Katherine De La Mora 033022 22535
Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	FR8(17/18)	Burgess Hill Library: Agreement to Lease (Temporary Location and New Library Location)	Rosemary Pugh 033022 22548
Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure	HI15(17/18)	Procurement of Highway Infrastructure Asset Condition Surveys	Laura Johnston 033022 22536

Advisers to Cabinet Members

The Leader has given notice of the appointment of an Adviser to a Cabinet Member post as set out below with effect from 25 October 2017:

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Mrs Sparkes

Committee News - Committee Meetings

Electoral Division	Item	Subject	Committee Officer
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[Standards Committee](#) (30 October)



Charles Gauntlett
(033022 22524)

All 4 **Membership**

The Committee will be invited to note that the membership confirmed at Council on 16 May 2017 comprises: Mr Barnard (Chairman), Lt Col Barton, Mr Bradford, Mr Buckland, Mrs Duncton, Mrs Jupp, Mr R J Oakley (Vice-Chairman), Mr Smytherman and Mrs Sparkes.

All 5 **Terms of Reference**

The Committee will be invited to note its terms of reference.

All 6 **Standards Committee Annual Report**

The report sets out the main work of the Standards Committee over the last year. The Committees will be asked to approve the report for submission to the County Council meeting on 15 December 2017.

All 7 **Consultation on Disqualification Criteria for Members**

The Committee will be asked to consider a government consultation currently underway that proposes new disqualifications are added to the existing ones. The Committee will be asked to approve a proposed response to the consultation.

All 8 **Confidential Reporting Policy**

The Committee will be asked to consider referrals received via the policy since the last meeting of the Committee. The Committee will be asked to note the activity generated by referrals made.

All 9 **Code of Conduct Training**

The Committee will be invited to note that 65 members have undertaken Code of Conduct training since the election, given by either the Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer. Arrangements are being made for the remaining five members to receive training in the near future.

All 10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, 12 March 2018 at County Hall, Chichester.

Weekly News

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Highways and Infrastructure

All	1	St Wilfred's Footbridge (Keymer Junction) Burgess Hill	 Kieran Dodds (033022 26332)
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Immediately south of Wivelsfield station (Burgess Hill), is the St Wilfrid's footbridge that carries a permissive footpath/cycleway over the London to Brighton railway lines and is an important transport link for the surrounding community. It also carries plant owned by two statutory undertakers; BT Openreach, and UK Power Networks. The bridge is owned by Network Rail (NR) and its current primary use as a footbridge under agreement with the County Council came to the end of its fixed term on 16 December 2008. Legal Services have confirmed that no highway rights exist.

The bridge is in a poor condition and at the end of its economical serviceable life, but is not considered to be structurally unsafe. Previous correspondence from NR suggested that they were seeking to demolish the bridge circa 2016. However, this timescale has now increased with no new date defined. The County Council has undertaken a review of the last inspection report carried out by NR (dated December 2016) and concurs that although the structure is not in the best condition, it is still considered safe for use. Plans to install a new County Council-owned bridge were developed in 2013 by the County Council in consultation with NR and the affected statutory undertakers. The bridge was to be funded by S106 monies (£557,000) and contributions from the affected statutory undertakers (£323,000). In 2013 the scheme had local community and member support.

At the end of the detailed design phase (summer 2015), NR advised of emerging plans to construct a railway flyover at the Keymer Junction as part of upgrades to the Brighton Main Line being developed for Network Rail 'Control Period 6' (2019-24). These improvements are not currently funded and not guaranteed to take place as their priorities are elsewhere. However, if these improvements were to come forward, the existing design (if constructed) would need to be demolished with the entire cost burden for reconstruction residing with the County Council. BT Openreach has withdrawn its offer to contribute (£215,000) to the scheme resulting in a funding shortfall. There is concern that UK Power Networks will follow suit and withdraw their offer to contribute (£108,000) to the scheme. In light of these significant funding issues and the lack of clarity over NR plans it is intended to indefinitely postpone the scheme as there is not a clear need for a replacement bridge at this time.

Other Matters

All	2	<u>Forward Plan – November 2017 to February 2018</u>	 Helena Cox (033022 22533)
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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. An amended version of the Forward Plan of Key Decisions, for November 2017 to February 2018,

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has been published in order to include a new decision in the Highways and Infrastructure portfolio - 2018/19 Forward Works Programmes and Annual Delivery Programme (December 2017).

It has also been agreed that one decision is required for all portfolios in relation to the review of fees and charges, therefore entries have been removed from all portfolios and will be included under one decision in the Finance and Resources portfolio - Review of Fees and Charges (November). The changes to decision making on fees and charges will give a simpler more streamlined process.

Communications

County Council Press Releases up to 20 October

16/10/17 - [Community action recognised in anti-flooding funding awards](#)

Community groups from Singleton, Itchenor, Worthing, Poynings and the Manhood Peninsula have all benefited from a County Council scheme

16/10/17 - [Anxiety through the Autism Lens](#)

National autism experts are today speaking at a conference in West Sussex

17/10/17 - [Council puts forward its preferred option for the A27 Arundel bypass](#)

Highways England has been told that the county council's preference for the A27 Arundel bypass is Option 5A – with the proviso that a package of environmental mitigation measures is introduced

17/10/17 - [Faster broadband for West Sussex villagers](#)

Nutbourne residents benefit from access to 'superfast' fibre broadband funded by the 'Better Connected' partnership

18/10/17 - [Help us prevent overgrown hedges becoming a problem](#)

With bird nesting season over, homeowners are being asked to prevent their hedges and trees becoming problems on the roads and pavements next to their properties

18/10/17 - [Firework sellers urged to 'Remember Remember' safety training](#)

West Sussex Trading Standards has teamed up with the Chartered Trading Standards Institute to offer a discount on the 'Storing and Selling Fireworks Safely and Legally' online course

18/10/17 - [Time to care for yourself too - get a flu jab](#)

Family and friend carers are being called upon to get the flu jab during West Sussex Care Month

20/10/17 - ['Experience West Sussex' this October half term](#)

October half term is fast approaching, and if you're struggling to think of something new and interesting to do with the kids, why not visit the 'Experience West Sussex' website

20/10/17 - [New faces help to deliver services as part of West Sussex Care Month](#)

Councillors have been helping to deliver services as part of Care Month

20/10/17 - [International airline fined for illegally transporting a cat](#)

The airline pleaded guilty to two charges under rabies and animal welfare legislation

20/10/17 - [Charities presented with donations following another successful open day!](#)

Worthing Fire Station hosted a presentation evening this week, awarding the money raised at this summer's open day to some very well-deserving charities

For further information on or copies of the press releases listed please contact the Communications and Engagement Team on (033022 28090) or ✉ pressoffice@westsussex.gov.uk

Planning Applications registered in the week ending 20/10/17

COUNTY MATTER MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications submitted under the Town & Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No Applicant Grid Ref	Proposal/Location	Date Registered	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member
WSCC/039/17/SU Kendall Bros (Portsmouth) Ltd GR: 522440 105050	Amendment of Condition 1 of Appeal Decision APP/P3800/A/14/2224956 to allow for the unloading, preparation and storage of mineral aggregates with concrete batching plant to continue until 27 September 2020. At New Wharf, Brighton Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 6RN	20/10/17	Delegated	Mr Boram

COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSALS (REGULATION 3, 4 and 13)

Applications submitted under the Town & Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No Applicant Grid Ref	Proposal/Location	Date Registered	Provisional Decision Method	Local Member
WSCC/038/17/LU Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure and Environment GR: 502912 102968	Installation of artificial grass surface to outside play area for Early Years. At St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, Highdown Drive, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 6HL	20/10/17	Delegated	Mr Buckland

Comments on either of the above planning applications should be made by 15/11/17 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 Dominic Smith on 033022 25711.

Public Rights of Way - Notification of Applications for change to the Path Networks sent out for Public Consultation

The following proposals have been investigated and sent out for public consultation. Members may obtain further information by contacting the case officer. Comments on the proposals must be made by 30 November 2017. If substantive objections are raised by members or consultees the applications will be referred to the Rights of Way Committee for determination.

Parish/ path number	Proposal	Site Location	Case Officer	Local Member
Chidham & Hambrook Diversion of Part of Footpath 277	To divert path from position close to house and partly on tidal foreshore onto a more westerly route not subject to flooding.	Grey thatch, Harbour way, Chidham	Judith Grimwood 033022 26705	Mr Parikh
Steyning Diversion of Part of Footpath 2732	To divert path from position close to house and bisecting lawn and marshy area to more northerly edge of garden.	Slate Barn, Wyckham Lane, Steyning	Judith Grimwood 033022 26705	Mr Barling

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