

29 August 2012

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 [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
05/08/12	Leader	LDR8(12/13)	<a href="#">Total Performance Monitor to the end of June 2012</a>	Laura Johnston 01243 752724
06/08/12	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	FR12(12/13)	Holding 17 Choller Smallholdings Estate (The Meads, Barnham Lane, Walberton)	Laura Johnston 01243 752724

## Urgent Action

Members are asked to note the following urgent action taken by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the County Council, the relevant Cabinet Member and Select Committee Chairman or the Chairman of a non-Executive or County Local Committee

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### Health and Adults' Services

**All**                      **HA5(12/13)**                      [Approval to Commence Procurement of a Countywide Carers Support Service](#)  
**Contact: Monique Smart (01243 752730) ✉**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Adults' Services, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 61(3) to approve the commencement of an open tender process to procure a countywide Carers Support Service and to delegate to the Executive Director Health and Adults' Social Care the letting of a contract from 1 April 2013. The contract will be for three years with a possible two-year extension. The reason for urgency was to meet the procurement deadlines in order for the contracts to commence on 1 April 2013. This decision replaces an earlier decision to let the contract for a year pending a later competitive

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process as negotiations for that extension were not successful and so the need for the competitive process has been brought forward. This decision is a key decision and as such should have been included in the Forward Plan for August 2012. It was, however, not possible to do so and the agreement of the relevant Select Committee Chairman has been obtained and notice has been given to the public. The action will also be reported to the County Council under Regulation 16 of the Local Government Act 2000.

## Weekly News

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### Health Scrutiny

<i>All</i>	1	<a href="#">Local Authority Health Scrutiny</a>	 <b>Helen Kenny</b> (01243 752715)
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The Council has submitted a response to the Department of Health's consultation on proposals for local authority health scrutiny. The consultation sets out plans to strengthen and streamline the regulations on local authority health scrutiny, with a closing date for responses of 7 September 2012. Further information on the Department of Health proposals is available at: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/health-scrutiny/>.

## Communications

### County Council Press Releases up to 24 August

20/08/12 - [County Council support for unique football project](#) (PR5029)

The County Council has awarded a £15,000 Members' Big Society grant to a unique football project in the east Worthing area to be run by Brighton and Hove Albion

20/08/12 - [Youth theatre group given £10,000 boost by County Council](#) (PR5030)

Crawley-based OnO Theatre Company has been granted £10,000 from the County Council Members' Big Society Fund to produce plays and workshops for schools

21/08/12 - [Find out more about FIS in Littlehampton and East Preston](#) (PR5031)

Find out more about the Family Information Service and what it can offer you and your family in Littlehampton and East Preston next month

21/08/12 - [Have you made every pound count?](#) (PR5032)

There's still time to take part in a County Council survey asking residents for their views on managing council finances and where they think resources should be focused

21/08/12 - [Enable Me Project youth club launched in Littlehampton](#) (PR5033)

A youth club for disabled children and young people has been opened by the Enable Me Project in Littlehampton, funded for three years by the County Council

21/08/12 - [Steyping Library next in line for self-service machines](#) (PR5034)

Steyping Library is set to become the latest West Sussex branch to install new self-service book machines

22/08/12 - [Last chance to finish the Summer Reading Challenge](#) (PR5035)

West Sussex Libraries are urging children to finish their Summer Reading Challenge before it closes

22/08/12 - [Disability groups in East Grinstead get funding boost](#) (PR5036)

Three worthwhile projects which help people with disabilities in East Grinstead lead active lives have been backed by the County Council

23/08/12 - [Brush up on your language skills in Littlehampton](#) (PR5037)

Fancy French? Tempted by Turkish? Enjoy a free Language Taster Day in Littlehampton next month with fun taster sessions.

## **Library Event**

Worthing Library 2012 'pop-up' event, as part of the finale of the Cultural Olympiad, featured a visit from former CBeebies presenter Sue Monroe, who read from her new book. The event was attended by a London 2012 photographer plus photographers from Worthing Herald and The Argus.

## **Radio Interviews**

Gary Capelin, from the Strawford Centre, interviewed live on BBC Radio Sussex breakfast show about Safe Place scheme

Fire & Rescue Service volunteer manager on BBC Radio Sussex drivetime show talking about the new community volunteer scheme which is being piloted in Littlehampton

Roger Wood, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, on BBC Radio Sussex re smoke alarms in rented properties

## **Television Interviews**

Roger Wood, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, interviewed by BBC South about smoke alarms in rented properties, for lunchtime and evening bulletins

Danielle Glavin, BBC South, interviewed Gary Capelin and some ambassadors in Worthing, as well as a Horsham business that backs the Safe Place scheme

**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](mailto:james.haigh)**

**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 Alex Jack on (01243) 382164.

For further information about the Members' Information Service  
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