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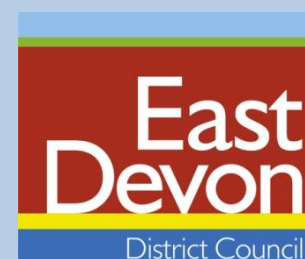
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Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Planning Training	DV	Monday 5 October	9.30am-4.30pm	Council Chamber
Asset Management Forum	CE	Monday 5 October	9.30am	CANCELLED
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 6 October	9.30am	Council Chamber
Executive Board	DV	Wednesday 7 October	5.30pm	Council Chamber
Overview/Scrutiny - Economy	CL	Thursday 8 October	6.30pm	East Devon Business Centre
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CE	Tuesday 13 October	9.30am	CANCELLED
Assessment & Hearings Sub/Review Sub-Committee	CEH	Tuesday 13 October	TBA	CANCELLED
COUNCIL	DV	Wednesday 14 October	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Local Development Framework Panel	HJ	Thursday 15 October	10.00am	Room 1
East Devon Flood Recovery Group	DM	Friday 16 October	2.00pm	Council Chamber



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Meetings (continued)

Would Councillors please pass their apologies to Democratic Services whenever they are unable to attend a meeting so that post can be sent or withheld as appropriate. Please don't forget to check your pigeon holes whenever you are visiting Knowle.

If you would like a copy of the papers relating to any of the above meetings, please contact the relevant Democratic Services Officer. (All the above meetings are at Knowle, unless otherwise specified).

Click [here](#) to view agendas and minutes on the Council's website. Click [here](#) to view planning applications online.

Portfolio Holder's decisions

Decision put to Portfolio Holder A decision will be published in a future edition of The Knowledge

Environment

Graham Brown

Authority to open negotiations with Exmouth town (2006) AFC for a licence to use Knappe Cross playing field for youth football

That Exmouth town (2006) AFC be granted a licence to use Knappe Cross playing field for youth football for a trial period of one season, upon terms and conditions to be agreed.

Further details: Rob Speers, Senior Estates Surveyor, Ext 1588

Decisions by Portfolio Holder Members are notified of the following decisions

Environment

Graham Brown

Removal of emergency telephones on beaches

That, with the exception of Jacobs Ladder emergency phone, all beach emergency telephones within the district be removed and the associated posts be reused or removed.

Environment

Graham Brown

Transfer of beach huts from Exmouth to Budleigh Salterton

Approving the relocation of 10 beach huts from Exmouth to Budleigh Salterton and to provide an additional 10 beach huts at Budleigh Salterton.

The above decisions will become effective on 8 October 2009 at 9.00am unless "called in". The published procedure for a "call-in" is on pages 135-137 of the Council Constitution, or contact Democratic Services for assistance or explanation.

Chairman's engagements

Sunday 4 October

Chairman and Mrs Liverton to attend the South Hams Civic Service at St Saviour's Church, Dartmouth followed by afternoon tea at the Dartmouth Apprentice.

Exepress



The autumn edition of Exepress is now available to download from the Exe Estuary website. The newsletter contains many informative articles about what is happening on and around the estuary including habitat improvements at the RSPB reserves and progress with the cockle trial.

<http://www.exe-estuary.org/index/news.htm>

42nd Street



Centre Stage are performing 42nd Street at Exmouth Pavilion from Monday 26 October to Saturday 31 October. Check out the [website](#) for further details. The box office number is 01395 222477.

The Big Draw

On Saturday **10 October**, The Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton is taking part in the annual nationwide Big Draw Campaign, to promote awareness of drawing as both a pleasure and a skill and get everyone drawing again.



One of the current contributing artists, Zoë Hyde, will be at the Gallery from 10am to 4pm to give visitors tips on how to get the best out of their drawing and just generally have a good time making art! It's a FREE all day event and all materials are also provided free. For all ages but children must be accompanied by an adult.

The photo shows artist Zoë Hyde with one of her paintings. Zoë loves drawing, she carries a sketchbook with her everywhere and uses her own childhood drawings in her paintings. She is also a fine art tutor at North Devon College, and has lots of exciting ideas for Big Draw day.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX. Wednesday – Saturday 10am – 4pm
☎ 01404 45006 or thelmahulbert@eastdevon.gov.uk

News from the IDeA (Improvement and Development Agency)

▶ Signposting sustainability through CAA

Sustainability is one of four underpinning themes in the comprehensive area assessment (CAA). This new online resource, on the Improvement Network website, aims to show how local authorities and their local strategic partners can embrace sustainability to improve performance and outcomes in their work.

▶ Youth volunteering: doers and shapers



This new online resource from the National Youth Agency (NYA) is aimed at practitioners supporting youth volunteering. It shares the findings of a two-year programme which looked at

different approaches to involving young people in public services.

▶ Analysis and research latest

The latest Local Government Association Analysis and Research bulletin includes reports on the planning challenges caused by an ageing population, how 12 UK cities are responding to the recession, and attitudes among young people in England towards higher education.

▶ Partnership working assists victims of violence



Discover how Bradford Metropolitan District Council has used a partnership approach to develop a range of targeted services to

support women suffering from domestic violence. Services are joined up but are not co-located, enabling the authority to identify gaps in provision and improve services overall for women living with violence.

▶ Recession watch: boosting job chances

The Warwick University Local Authorities Research Consortium has produced two case studies from an inquiry visit to the London Borough of Newham earlier this year. Find out how the council is harnessing the new employment opportunities for its local community during the recession, particularly for those who have been unemployed.

New Diversity Officer for Customer Care

At all of our recent audits there has been a commentary on needing a stronger approach to dealing with the variety of customer needs in East Devon. This is a theme also picked up through the Systems Thinking reviews. At the same time we have started work with Mid Devon District Council looking at shared services.

As a result of combining these different demands we have now recruited a Diversity Officer on a fixed term contract, shared with Mid Devon. This officer Anderson Jones, will help us with this work and specifically assist both authorities with achieving the national Equality Framework for Local Authorities. We have also attracted some regional support for this work. We are confident that doing this work jointly will reduce duplication of effort and increase links with various representative groups in our community.

Anyone interested in this work, or with ideas on how we could improve our customer care for **all** of our customers please contact Anderson Jones, ajones@eastdevon.gov.uk or Peter Jeffs, Corporate Director.

Peter Jeffs (Corporate Director)

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Poppy Appeal



Since 1921 The Royal British Legion's mission has been to help those members of the serving and ex-service community who needed it. The Poppy Appeal provides the main source of funds to maintain the Legion's many welfare and benevolent schemes in which over 300,000 people are helped each year.

EDDC is once again supporting the Appeal and you will be able to buy poppies at work. The Legion is also undertaking a 'Poppy People' campaign to attract new Poppy Appeal volunteers. Anyone over 16 can help: ☎ 0800 085 5924.

www.britishlegion.org.uk

News from the Rural Services Network (RSN)

▶ Watchdog probes recession impact

The Government's rural watchdog is again examining the impact of recession on businesses in the countryside. This is the second time the Commission for Rural Communities has investigated the economic effect of the downturn. Its last business performance report in January found an increasing deterioration of rural businesses.



▶ Sharing staff 'saves rural schools'

Formal collaboration can help save small rural primary schools from closure, suggests a study. Sharing staff, a headteacher or governors can improve the viability of schools and improve their services and viability, says the report. The investigation was commissioned by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

▶ Fears over rural broadband levy



A planned telephone tax won't raise enough money to fund faster rural internet access, say business leaders. The tax would see 50p-a-month imposed on everyone with a fixed-line telephone and the

money used to fund superfast rural broadband. But the Country Land and Business Association said the idea would raise only a fraction of the required revenue.

Note: Members of RSN (which includes Councillors and Council staff) can gain free and full access to RSN Online by [registering](#).

New documents in the Members' Area

- ❑ **PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee (Executive Sub Committee)** – Agenda and associated papers for meeting to be held on 22 September 2009 in Birmingham.

Lender notification of repossession proceedings to local authorities

Civic Procedure Rules have changed so that the Council will now receive notification from lenders where they are taking repossession proceedings in the District. This will enable councils to help target assistance. Early intervention by the Council could help to prevent people being made homeless.

In the press

▶ No male teachers for 1 in 4 schools

Figures from the General Teaching Council have revealed that almost one in four primary schools have no male teachers. The figures fuel a worry that men are being put off from applying for jobs for fear of being labelled a paedophile.

▶ Public libraries throw open their doors to everyone



Readers can now borrow books from any public library regardless of where they live. The Society of Chief Librarians has announced that 4,000 libraries across England,

Wales and Northern are open for use by any member of the public.

▶ Library staff replaced with machines

Leicestershire County Council has replaced 19 library staff with self-service machines to cut costs. The move, which affects 16 libraries, aims to save tens of thousands of pounds.

▶ Housing shortfall in England will total 1m by 2011



The shortfall in the supply of housing in

England will total 1m homes by the end of next year, resulting in record overcrowding and longer than ever waiting lists, a study claims.

▶ Millions struggle to reach Post Offices

As many as five million people struggle to get to their local post office, according to research by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

▶ Southampton told to think again over plans to sell art



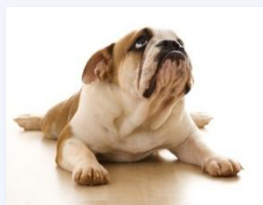
A council's proposal to sell artworks to pay for a new museum may be halted after the intervention of

Tate Britain and the Museums' Association.

▶ One police station closes every month

Police stations are closing at the rate of one a month, according to The Daily Telegraph. Sources at the Association of Chief Police officers said budget pressures mean the trend is likely to continue.

▶ Dogs to be microchipped



Under plans to be put forward by both Labour and the Conservatives at the next election, all dogs will have to be fitted with a microchip with their

owner's name, address and phone number. Wandsworth Council in south London has already made it compulsory for council tenants with dogs to microchip their animals and log details on a database.

▶ Shoppers to be hit by 'tax' on superstores

Consumers could face a "shopping tax" because of plans to charge for parking spaces provided by supermarkets, department stores and out of town malls. The idea is backed by Exeter City Council and Lewes District Council in East Sussex.

▶ Councils to get new 24-hour licence powers

The Telegraph reports that Gordon Brown will announce new powers for councils to prevent pubs and clubs staying open 24 hours a day, part of a package of crime measures to be unveiled in his party conference speech. The changes would allow councils to suspend 24-hour licensing if the bars are responsible for anti-social behaviour.



▶ Ban on drinking in the street

Drinking in the streets and parks will be banned in a fightback against 'binge Britain'. Nottingham will be first city to implement the ban, taking advantage of new legislation.

▶ Enhance foster care to lift children's prospects, says charity

Radical reform of the fostering system is needed if the poor prospects for tens of thousands of children living in care are to be improved, according to a report from the UK's leading fostering charity. The Fostering Network report calls for foster carers to be better trained and paid, and given an enhanced status within the children's workforce.

▶ Headteacher bans swearing parents



The Headteacher at Westmorland Primary in Brinnington, Greater Manchester, has threatened to ban parents who swear at the school gate.



▶ Childcare rules to be reformed

Strict rules on friends who look after each others' children are likely to be changed by the Government.

▶ 'Billions could be saved' in public services revamp

Billions of pounds could be saved if public services were rethought on the basis of themes rather than organisations, according to the findings of a scheme seeking low pain ways to cut Government spending. Services could be improved in quality and better tailored to the needs of the individual as well as becoming more cost effective, the Total Place programme is indicating in early feedback to ministers. Total Place is being piloted in 13 areas together to calculate how much public money is being spent in each area and to devise ways of using it more efficiently. A special eight-page supplement in The Guardian looks at the future of public services in an age of austerity.

▶ School tie to make a return



Pupils at secondary school will be made to wear blazers and ties as part of a drive to improve discipline. Ed Balls, the Children's Secretary, will write to local authorities demanding they make discipline a priority.

Production information

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