

The Knowledge



HAPPY EASTER!

Meetings

Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee	CL	Tuesday 14 April	9.30am	CANCELLED
Computer Surgery with Mark Snell		Wednesday 15 April	4.00pm- 6.00pm	Members' Area
COUNCIL	DV	Wednesday 15 April	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Local Development Framework Panel	HJ	Thursday 16 April	TBA	Silverdown Offices, Clyst Honiton
Meeting with hackney carriage proprietors	RP	Thursday 16 April	2.00pm- 4.00pm	Council Chamber
East Devon Business Forum	CL	Thursday 16 April	6.00pm	East Devon Business Forum
Housing Land Supply Task and Finish Forum	TBA	Friday 17 April	All day - details to be confirmed	
Planning Inspections Committee	HJ	Friday 17 April	TBA	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub-Committee	CL	Monday 20 April	9.30am	CANCELLED
Corporate Risk Management Group	CL	Monday 20 April	2.00pm	TBA
Asset Management Forum	CL	Tuesday 21 April	9.30am	Room 1
The Assessment and Hearings Sub-Committee	CH	Tuesday 21 April	10.00am	CANCELLED

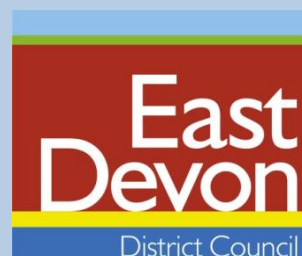
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Meetings (continued)

Exeter International Airport Consultative Group	CL	Wednesday 22 April	2.15pm	Exeter Airport
Code of Conduct refresher session (parish and town councillors and clerks are welcome to attend)	DV	Wednesday 22 April	2.30pm	Council Chamber
Planning Delegations Working Group	DV	Wednesday 22 April	5.30pm	Council Chamber
Engaging and Involving Young People Task and Finish Forum	DM	Thursday 23 April	3.00pm	Peter Jeff's office
Corporate Overview Committee	CL	Thursday 23 April	6.30pm	Council Chamber
East Devon Floods Recovery Group	DM	Friday 24 April	2.00pm	Council Chamber

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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. Click [here](#) to view new applications received relating to the Licensing Act 2003.

News from the IDeA (Improvement and Development Agency)

▶ Integrated workforce strategy project final report

The integrated workforce strategy project explored the challenges and benefits of tackling shared workforce issues through partnerships. The final report, 'Moving forward together', identifies six areas critical to a partnership's success and recommends actions for local, regional and national levels. Read the report and play the video and audio podcasts from the project's final conference 'Strengthening partnership working'.

▶ Rooftop view affords greener future



Green roofs can regulate the flow of rainwater, stabilise ambient temperature and protect buildings from severe weather events. Discover how The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham is meeting the climate change challenge by providing simple guidance on how its area's buildings can be transformed with green roofs.

▶ Exercise for all abilities



Walking and cycling in pleasant surroundings will improve physical fitness but these pursuits also improve emotional wellbeing. East Hampshire District Council has introduced a range of schemes including cycling, walking and tai chi to get people active and to help them sustain those levels of exercise.

▶ Power down project boosts energy savings

Staffordshire County Council has cut its energy bill by £40,000 and lowered its carbon emissions with an award-winning computer program written by a member of its staff. Find out how this initiative is meeting the targets set in the Climate Change Act 2008 and the Carbon Reduction Commitment.

Chairman's engagements

Tuesday 7 April

Chairman attended the visit by HRH The Duke of Gloucester to Stallcombe House, Woodbury Salterton. The visit involved a tour of the establishment and the planting of a Bramley apple tree to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Bramley.

Saturday 11 April

Easter Bonnet Parade at Payhembury – Chairman judging with Cllr Pauline Stott

News from the Rural Services Network (RSN)

► Recession report highlights housing



The Government's rural watchdog has published its latest recession report. It is the fifth report by the commission and the second to focus on issues surrounding rural housing. Little has improved in the rural sector

since the last housing-related report in December, suggests the document. Rural house prices are continuing to fall. The full report can be downloaded [here](#). file).

► Thieves target homes as recession bites

Rising rural thefts are prompting warnings for residents to review home security. One trend behind the increase is a nationwide epidemic of thefts from domestic central heating oil tanks as high prices make oil a valuable commodity.

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

Potato Club donation



The now famous EDDC Planning Department 'Potato Club' (Thursday lunchtimes) has recently made a donation of £200 to the Westbank Young Carers Project, a local charity based at Exminster.

For more details on this project go to <http://www.westbank.org.uk/>

Portfolio Holder's decisions

Decisions put to Portfolio Holders Decisions will be published in a future edition of The Knowledge

Environment

(G K Liverton)

Relocation of winch on Beer beach in the interests of public safety

To agree that winch number 18 be relocated to an adjacent position on Beer beach and that an extension to the concrete apron be constructed to form an improved access to the western end of Beer beach.

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

Environment

(G K Liverton)

Sale of a strip of land at Marley Road, Exmouth for road improvement works

To agree that a strip of open space land at Marley Road, Exmouth be declared surplus to requirements and be offered for sale to the developer of the 7 new adjoining low cost starter homes on terms and conditions to be agreed

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

Lottery funding - small grants changes



There have been some important changes to Lottery funding. The Awards for All small grants scheme that was run by BIG Lottery, the Arts Council, Sport England and the Heritage Lottery now no longer exists. Three of the Lottery providers now have their own specific small grants schemes and BIG Lottery has taken over the running of a revised Awards for All scheme.

Big Lottery - Awards for All

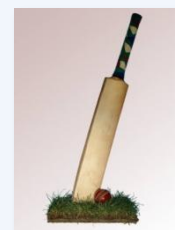
This will now only be funded by BIG Lottery. It will continue to fund small grants projects between £300 and £10,000. Voluntary and community organisations, schools, parish and town councils and health bodies may apply. Projects must meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- people having better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- stronger communities with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- improved rural and urban environments which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- healthier and more active people and communities.

For more information ☎ 08454 102030 or go to www.awardsforall.org.uk

Sport England's Small Grants Programme

This scheme will fund work that helps recognised sports with a clear sporting outcome to grow and sustain themselves. Sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and education establishments can apply for between £300 and £10,000. They will fund things like the purchase of sports equipment, getting more coaches qualified, running coaching activities and so on. For more information visit: funding.sportengland.org or ☎ 08458 508508



Heritage Lottery Fund - 'Your Heritage' Programme

The fund supports projects that help people learn about their own or other people's heritage. Your project must also do one or both of the following:

- Conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy.
- Help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage. Grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 are available. The maximum cost of the project must be £100,000.

For more information visit: <http://www.hlf.org.uk> or ☎ 02075 916000

Heritage Lottery Fund - 'Young Roots' Programme

The Young Roots fund has grants available of between £3,000 and £25,000 for projects that involve young people aged between 13 and 25 in heritage. The total project must cost £50,000 or less. For more information: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/> or ☎ 02075 916000

Arts Council - Small Grants Programme

The Grants for the Arts programme supports work that will help them achieve their mission of 'Great art for everyone'. Art organisations, local authorities, public organisations, partnerships, collectives, national organisations and organisations whose activity is not normally arts related can apply, including voluntary and community groups and groups of organisations. Grants range from £1,000 to £100,000 and can cover activities lasting up to three years. You must find at least 10% of the total cost from other income sources. They will fund things like projects and events, marketing activities, public art, research and development, productions and so on.

For more information: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/gfta2006.php> or ☎ 08453 006200

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New documents in the Members' Area

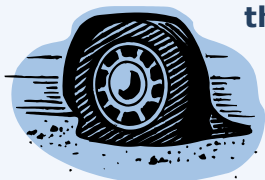
□ **Sid Vale Association** – Annual Report for 2008

In the press

▶ **Free bus scheme is short £30M**

A £30 million shortfall in funding for free bus passes is putting jobs and services at risk, council chiefs warn. The Local Government Association (LGA) says at least ten councils face shortfalls of more than 1m each over the passes for pensioners and the disabled. LGA transport spokesman David Sparks is quoted: "This was not supposed to cost council tax payers a penny. It would be a tragedy if it meant councils having to slash services or cut jobs."

▶ **Potholes damages bill costs more than repairing the roads**



The Daily Mail has launched a search for Britain's biggest and most dangerous pothole. Figures show that local authorities spent £65 million on claims for damaged vehicles and injured drivers. But the Asphalt Industry Alliance says only £52 million was used to fix craters in the same period.

▶ **Regions await a place in the premier league**

Peter Hetherington writes that council leaders in several big English conurbations are holding their breath, with Chancellor Alistair Darling poised to announce at least two pilot areas for city-region governance. He talks about the current situation, with London enjoying extensive independence, as highlighting the north-south divide in local government.

▶ **Biggest public library to be built in Birmingham**



Birmingham Council has unveiled plans for Britain's biggest ever public library. The library will cost £193m with capacity to accommodate over three million visitors a year. The plans are part of a new wave of 'super libraries' in the city.

▶ **DCLG near bottom for buying skills**

The Department for Communities and Local Government - whose ministers regularly lecture local authorities on efficiency in buying goods and services - has emerged near the bottom of a league table of Whitehall departments' procurement skills. The LGA is quoted: "On the DCLG's own figures, local authorities made efficiency gains of more than £4bn between 2004 and 2008, including hundreds of millions of saving on direct procurement of goods and services."

▶ **Eco-towns 'could be illegal'**



Eco-towns could be illegal because of a failure to consult properly, according to legal advice given to town halls. The LGA said the towns should be re-considered in areas where there was strong local opposition.

▶ **Beaches dirtier than ever as litter doubles**

British beaches have never been dirtier a survey has found, with record amounts of litter washed up around the coastline. The Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch 2008 recorded and removed 385,659 pieces of rubbish including plastic bags, sanitary items, fishing nets and cigarette butts from beaches across the country.

Production information

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