

The Knowledge



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Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Asset Management Forum	CL	Monday 15 June	9.30am	Committee Room
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 16 June	9.30am	Room 1
East Devon Business Forum	CL	Tuesday 16 June	6.00pm	East Devon Business Centre
Overview/Scrutiny Service Delivery/Performance	CH	Wednesday 17 June	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Local Development Framework Panel	HJ	Thursday 18 June	TBA	Silverdown Offices Clyst Honiton
Leader's Service Transformation Group	CL	Thursday 18 June	5.30pm	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 23 June	9.30am	CANCELLED
Assessment & Hearings Sub/ Review Sub Committee	tbc	Tuesday 23 June	10.00am	TBC
Leader's Service Transformation Group	CL	Tuesday 23 June	5.30pm	Council Chamber
Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board	RP/HJ	Wednesday 24 June	9.30am	Room 1
Overview/Scrutiny – Communities Committee	RP	Wednesday 24 June	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Audit and Governance Committee	CH	Thursday 25 June	2.30pm	Committee Room
Housing Review Board	AT	Thursday 25 June	6.30pm	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.

Executive Board: 10 June 2009

Members are notified of the following decisions

	Item	Decision
7	Minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Overview Committees on 23 April, Housing Review Board on 30 April and the Scrutiny Committee on 13 May 2009	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that the following decisions be noted: Corporate Overview Minutes 48, 51. Housing Review Board Minutes 85 to 97 Scrutiny Committee Minute 77. 2. that the following recommendations be approved: Scrutiny Committee Minutes 77 to 80. 3. that the following recommendations be referred to Council for approval: Corporate Overview Minute 50. Housing Review Board Minute 93.
9	Planning Delegations Working Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that the procedure detailed in the report for dealing with applications for Certificates of Lawful Existing Use of Development be adopted, 2. that an email for information be sent to all Councillors and town and parish councils to explain the difference between a planning application and an application for lawful use to assist in future requests for evidence, 3. that the Chairman of the Council be asked to include an item at a future Council meeting to give the Head of Planning and Countryside Services/Development Manager the opportunity to address all Councillors and explain applications for lawful use and the help that was sought from Ward Members.
10	Revenue and Capital Outturn Report 2008/09	<p>that the 2008/09 outturn position be approved.</p>
11	Dog Control Orders	<p>that the Dog Control Orders for the area listed in Appendix A to the report be approved, with the exception that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Dogs Exclusion Order be not confirmed for Cliff Field (Chine Gardens) in Seaton, All Hallows' Playing Field in Honiton, The Glen in Honiton, Cliff Field in Seaton, Elizabeth Road Playing Field in Seaton; ii) The Dogs on Leads Order be not confirmed for Woodbury Cricket Field (1 October to 30 April), or Sidford Playing Field in Sidmouth; iii) That subject to the need for further consultation, a Dogs exclusion order for winters Lane playing field be confirmed apart from a small area of land up to 10 metres wide at the Oak Close end of Winters Lane which be fenced off to provide an area for dog owners.

Executive Board: 10 June 2009 (continued)

	Item	Decision
12	Performance Monitoring report – for April 09	that the Performance Indicators as proposed in the report, be monitored for 2009/10 and that the performance and proposed remedial action against these Performance Indicators be considered.
13	Report of Exemption to Standing Orders for Exmouth and Seaton Design Services	that the exemption from Standing Orders be accepted for reasons set out in the report.
15	Leisure East Devon – service payment review	that the funding agreement for Leisure East Devon for 2011 onward as set out in Annex 1 to the report be approved, subject to the addition of the word 'not' in the first line of paragraph 3.
17	Boundary Committee	that authority be granted to serve the pre action protocol letter as advised.

The above decisions will become effective on 18 June 2009 at 9.00am unless "called in". The published procedure for a "call in" is on pages 133-135 of the Council Constitution , or contact Democratic Services for assistance or explanation. Recommendations by the Executive Board to Council are not included above, as they are not subject to "call in".

Portfolio Holders' decisions

Decision by Portfolio Holder Members are notified of the following decision

Communities
(Jill Elson)

Request to divide the car park at Redside Terrace – Cowley into 4 individual car parking spaces, and to agree terms with the private residents of Redside Terrace for licence agreements to allow them to formalise the parking arrangements.

That the Council car park at Redside Terrace – Cowley, be divided into four individual numbered parking spaces, and be offered to the existing residents under licence agreements, in order to formalise parking arrangements.

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Toolkit for Parish and Town Councils

An updated version of this useful resource is now available on the website:

http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/parish_toolkit_april_2009.pdf

Chairman's engagements

Thursday 11 June

Chairman and Mrs Liverton attended a performance of "Flanders and Swann" by the Sidmouth Musical Comedy Society at the Manor Pavilion.

Saturday 13 June 2009

Chairman and Mrs Liverton to attend Sidmouth Victoria Hospital Comforts Fund summer Fete at the hospital which will be opened by Sir John Cave, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Devon.

Sunday 14 June

Chairman and Mrs Liverton to attend Budleigh Salterton Town Council's Annual Civic Service at St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton.

Friday 19 June

Chairman to attend Bicton College Annual Awards Ceremony and luncheon, the guest of honour being Nick Arding OBE.

Vice Chairman to attend a lunch at the President's lunch at the Axe Yacht Club, Axmouth.

Saturday 20 June

Chairman and Mrs Liverton to attend the High Sheriff of Devon's Garden Party at Fursdon.

News from the IDeA (Improvement and Development Agency)

▶ Workforce improvement

The IDeA is committed to helping councils get the best from their workforces to achieve their strategic ambitions and satisfy the communities they serve. They have now refreshed the content and revised the layout of their web resources so you can find what you need more quickly and easily. They have also published a workforce strategy update and a 'support for councils on internal workforce issues' booklet for 2009/10.

▶ Rated, not slated

Credibility and professionalism are closely linked with reputation and the way others see you. The Improvement Network's Improvement Tools article, 'Being credible and professional' provides an overview of the principal elements of professional behaviour, along with a quick look at the benefits this can bring. Register to access this content.

▶ RIEPs: one year on

It is now a year since the nine regional improvement and efficiency partnerships (RIEPs) were established under the National Improvement and Efficiency Strategy. This new report summarises their collective achievements to date.

▶ Reducing alcohol-fuelled violence and disorder



The arrival of the Licensing Act 2003 brought worries of 24-hour drinking and increased levels of alcohol-fuelled violence. Read how Nottingham City Council and its partners worked successfully together to reduce violent incidents and take action against badly-managed premises.

'Raising of the Flag' Ceremony, 22 June 2009



The "Raising of the Flag" ceremony in honour of Armed Forces Day will take place at the Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth on Monday 22 June at 10.30am. The flag will fly all week until Armed Forces Day on 27 June.

To find out more about the national event click on the link below:

<http://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/Raising-the-Flag.aspx>

News from the Rural Services Network (RSN)

► Reality TV to inspire rural revival?



A BBC TV series is to help regenerate six villages by encouraging residents to set up innovative rural businesses. Villagers will be challenged to revive communities which are seeing rural life eroded by economic pressures and the closure of local amenities.

Launched in partnership with the Big Lottery Fund, the Village SOS series will see "village champions" help establish new businesses. (Click above and also see '[Find out more about Funding](#)' for more information)

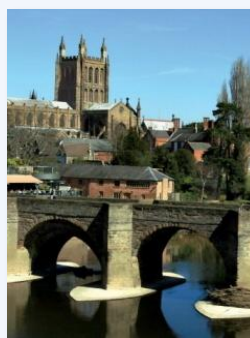
► Millions don't want to go online

More than two-fifths (43%) of adults who do not have access to the internet at home say that they would choose to remain unconnected even if they were given a free PC and broadband connection, research has revealed. This is an interesting spin on the ongoing debate about broadband connectivity. It also reminds us that broad swathes of people in rural England still can't access broadband.

► Countryside is top holiday destination

The countryside is a top tourist destination this summer, reveals a survey. One in three Britons will holiday at home this year, with many of them opting for a rural break, suggests the report.

► Market towns share innovative ideas



Market towns are to share ideas in a bid to bolster rural regeneration. The Towns4Towns initiative will see grants issued to help towns share good practice. Grant applications will involve a "tutor" town with a project and one or more "learner" towns keen to implement similar schemes.

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

Find out more about funding

► Village SOS

Does your village have less than 3,000 residents? If so you could get funding from BIG Lottery and the BBC to revitalise your village.

'Village SOS' is searching for six UK villages with a great business idea and also six enterprising individuals to act as Village Champions and help them achieve their ambitions. Together they will create a brand new venture that will bring new life and energy to the village with funding of between £100,000 and £400,000 from BIG.

If you live in a rural village with fewer than 3,000 people and have an idea for a new business that could bring energy and life back to your community, then Village SOS could be for you. They are inviting villages across the UK to apply to BIG with ideas for successful enterprises that will help revive their communities, create new jobs and improve the quality of life of local people. The deadline for application is 14 August 2009.

The journey of the six successful villages and their Village Champions will be filmed for a major prime time BBC One series in winter 2010.

For more information: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_village_sos

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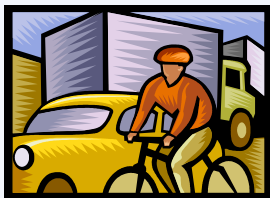


New documents in the Members' Area

❑ **Leisure East Devon Ltd** – Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2008

In the press

▶ **Cycle lanes could suffer from funding squeeze**



The County Surveyors' Society, representing local transport officials, has warned that road safety and cycling lanes are under threat because of the predicted cut in public sector spending from 2011.

▶ **Public backs devolution**

A poll in the Guardian shows widespread public backing for a devolution of power from Westminster. Almost 70% of people back a new general power of competence for councils that would allow them to do what they want without permission from central government, whilst 64% backed neighbourhood trusts that could take decisions on a range of local issues, including planning.

▶ **Homes improvement**



In Stockport, Greater Manchester, a scheme means the local council could eventually be building up to 300 council homes annually under an initiative which sees them working alongside a local housing association.

▶ **Traveller sites booming**

The number of illegal traveller sites has soared since the introduction of the Human Rights Act, figures have shown. A new site is appearing every 3 days as travellers use the legislation to side-step planning laws.

▶ **Independent boarding schools get £10,000 to take vulnerable children**

Private boarding schools are being offered Government grants of £10,000 to take in vulnerable children whose parents are on the verge of breaking up. 24 out of 150 local authorities in England have already pledged to offer places to children at risk of being taken into care.

▶ **Kitchen bin wars: tackling the food waste mountain**



A Government campaign which aims to tackle waste, will see the end of confusing 'best before' labels, reduced packaging, and five new plants to convert waste into energy.

▶ **Mixed verdict on public sector value for money**

Taxpayers get less value for money than they did in 1997, according to a report published by the Office for National Statistics. The biggest fall came in children's social care where productivity fell by 20%. However, the [FT](#) reports that the public sector has ended a long run of falling productivity and started to become more efficient in its use of labour and the goods it buys to deliver services.

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