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## Meetings

Please note meetings shaded pink are **NOT** open to the public

Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
All day planning training for all Members plus parish & town council representatives (to include a working lunch) 10.15am for 10.30am prompt start	DV	Tuesday 7 June	10.15am	Council Chamber
ICT work shop and security training for Councillors who have yet to undertake this	ICT	Wednesday 8 June	6.00pm	Committee Room
East Devon Business Forum breakfast meeting	CL	Thursday 9 June	8.00am	Devon Cliffs, Sandy Bay, Exmouth
➤ <a href="#">Overview and Scrutiny Committee</a>	DM	Thursday 9 June	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Committee	CL	Tuesday 14 June	9.30am	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee (at 11am or on the rising of the L&E Cttee)	CL	Tuesday 14 June	11.00am	Council Chamber
Development Management Committee	CEH	Tuesday 14 June	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Cabinet	DM	Wednesday 15 June	5.30pm	Council Chamber

## Portfolio Holder's decision

### Decision put to Portfolio Holder

A decision will be published in a future edition of The Knowledge

#### Environment Iain Chubb

#### Fencing of the Pebble Beds Heaths, Withycombe Raleigh Common, Exmouth – RSPB

To agree to the granting of Landlord's consent to the RSPB for the enclosure of land at Withycombe Raleigh Common, subject to the granting of planning permission.

The RSPB hold a 99 year lease of part of the Withycombe Raleigh Common granted by this Council in April 1991 to be used only as a nature reserve. The RSPB has now requested the Council's consent, as Landlord, to the erection of an enclosing fence together with access gates for the public. The fencing is required to enable the land to be grazed so as to better preserve the lowland heath habitat.

The cost of the fencing will be met from a Higher Level Stewardship grant from Natural England.

A similar scheme is being implemented on the neighbouring Clinton Devon owned parts of Withycombe Raleigh Common.

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

## Chairman's engagements

Monday 6 June

Chairman & Mrs Ann Halse to attend the Mayor Making Ceremony at Honiton Town Council

## LG Knowledge



### ➤ What future now for the wider sustainability agenda?

Policy changes and budget cuts are causing sustainability managers to reposition their work to fit new priorities. Read an article from LG Improvement and Development that examines how the potential for low-carbon growth is 'a light at the end of the tunnel', yet other parts of the sustainability agenda are looking much more vulnerable.

### ➤ 'Councillor's Guide': a must read for the newly-elected

The LG Group has produced a range of materials to provide valuable guidance for newly elected councillors. Access this year's version of the Councillor's Guide from the LGA 'first' website which is packed with tips, case studies and examples of councillors' varied work.

### ➤ Planning for Growth conference review

The LG Group's Planning for Growth conference on 24 May drew a packed crowd. Members, officers and colleagues from the development sector discussed the importance of local plans in ensuring sustainable and appropriate development locally and debated how to work effectively together to plan across organisational and geographical boundaries. If you missed out on the conference and wish to view the sessions, access them now.

### ➤ Planning: pivotal role for councillors

The planning system is changing. It holds huge potential as a tool to develop places where people want to live and work. Read a lively opinion article from Gary Porter Chairman of the LG Group Environment and Housing Programme. In it he sets out why planning will play a pivotal role in the future work of ward councillors.

## In the national press



### ➤ Collecting the rubbish... Steptoe style

Horse-drawn carts could make a return to Britain's streets as part of a drive to save money, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and boost recycling. Such collections are run in France by Suez Environnement which owns Sita UK, a company responsible for collecting waste for 62 councils in Britain. Spokesman Helene Enginger said: "We think it is a good solution, although it is a complimentary method of collection that will be used together with traditional recycling methods."

### ➤ MPs 'must unite' to reform elderly care

Frail elderly people will be left to suffer unless David Cameron, Nick Clegg and Ed Miliband can put aside their political differences to agree urgent reforms to the care system, an alliance of charities, think tanks and councils warns. In an open letter to the three party leaders, the groups, which include the Local Government Association (LGA), say time has run out for political wrangling over how to look after elderly and disabled people who need support. David Rogers, Chairman of the LGA's Community Wellbeing Board, is quoted online: "Anyone who works in adult social care knows the current system is not fit for the 21st century. The Government must step up and start working towards a reformed system."

### ➤ Injustice secretary

Specialist units set up to tackle teenage criminals are being squeezed by Justice Secretary Ken Clarke. The Government has slashed funding for youth offending teams by 16%, making 1,928 workers redundant.

### Iceberg homes

Prevented by planning rules from extending their properties above ground the rich are expanding their houses with vast basement complexes. Sunday Times 29 May p11

## Reform of public services on hold

The Prime Minister's plan to free public services "from the grip of state control" has been put on hold until July, in the face of opposition from the Liberal Democrats and public concern over the privatisation of health and social care. FT 2 June p2

### > Pint of bitter and a juicy murder story, please, librarian



Libraries axed under spending cuts could be resurrected in pubs, shops and GP's surgeries, under plans being considered by Ministers. Councils are leading the trend already. Bradford Council has unveiled plans to open a library in a shopping centre, while Hillingdon Council has begun installing Starbucks Coffee machines in libraries to boost revenue. Hudswell Council has opened a library in the snug of a local pub, and Cornwall residents will soon be able to register births, deaths and weddings in their library. Chris White from the LGA is quoted: "The definition of a library does not have to be confined to a municipal building full of books. Opening up libraries in shops, sports centres, village halls and even down at the local pub means that far more people can benefit."

### > Trafficked children disappear from care system

Hundreds of children are disappearing from the care system, according to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. Local authorities and the Government have been accused by the NSPCC of failing to properly protect the children and have called for the adoption of a scheme currently operating in Scotland, which sees guardians appointed to act as advocates and points of contact for all children believed to have been trafficked.



## Sustainability Now

Visit [www.sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk](http://www.sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk) to access the latest edition of Sustainability Now - the e-bulletin from Sustainability South West (SSW), independent champion for sustainable development.

## My Giant Colouring Book:

### Jake and Dinos Chapman - a Hayward touring exhibition

**Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Honiton, 28 May – 25 June** Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 5pm



A new Hayward Touring exhibition of etchings by Jake and Dinos Chapman is at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery until Saturday 25 June. *My Giant Colouring Book* appropriates join-the-dot drawings from a children's picture book. The naïve innocence of the illustrations triggers a wild outpouring of fantastical imagery far removed from the original dot formations. This series of 21 etchings, published by The Paragon Press, London in 2004, offers a fascinating introduction to the imaginations of two of Britain's most inventive and subversive artists.

"Exhibitions of this quality put Honiton on the map" from new leader of East Devon District Council, Paul Diviani.

Image (left): *My Giant Colouring Book*, 2004. Copyright Jake and Dinos Chapman and The Paragon Press, London

Image (right):

Culture Champion Cllr John O'Leary at the THG with Cllr Stephanie Jones assisting in community creation. They are colouring in the THG Project Space which has been especially wallpapered in colouring book pages for visitors inspired by the exhibition to colour-in or subvert!



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