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Meetings

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

Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 12 July	9.30am	CANCELLED
Local Development Framework Panel	HW	Tuesday 12 July	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Task & Finish Forum – Ward Member customer satisfaction with planning service	DM	Tuesday 12 July	6.00pm	Committee Room
Budget Workshop for Councillors	DV	Wednesday 13 July	5.30-6.20pm	Council Chamber
Cabinet	DV	Wednesday 13 July	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Standards Assessment & Hearings Sub Committee	CEH	Monday 18 July	10.00am	Room 66
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 19 July	9.30am	CANCELLED
Development Management Committee	CEH	Tuesday 19 July	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Housing Service Seminar – Aiming for Success	DV/HW	Wednesday 20 July	6.00-9.00pm	Council Chamber
Councillor visit to Dunning Court, Thelma Hulbert Gallery and East Devon Business Centre, Honiton	HW	Thursday 21 July	Details of visit and timings will be forwarded by email	
East Devon Business Forum	CL	Thursday 21 July	6.00pm	East Devon Business Centre
Task & Finish Forum - Ward Member customer satisfaction with planning service	DM	Friday 22 July	9.00am	Committee Room

Decision put to Portfolio Holder

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

Environment
Iain Chubb

Permission for DCC to adopt Public Footpath running from Carlton Hill to Maer Road, Exmouth

To agree to give permission for Exmouth Town Council to apply for adoption of the footpath.

Madeira Walk exists as an amenity path on predominantly public open space owned by EDDC and has been used by the public for many years. Exmouth Town Council would like to apply under S30 of the Highways Act 1980 to create a public footpath from Carlton Hill to Maer Road. Their reasons for doing so include protecting the public's right to use the footpath and protecting it from any possible encroachment from the neighbouring development of the bowling alley.

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

Chairman's engagements

Friday 8 July

Vice Chairman and Mr Newth to attend the Exmouth Mayor's Charity Ball at the Exmouth Pavilion

Monday 11 July

Chairman to attend the Seaton Town Council meeting



Commission for Rural Communities

Visit this new website to read details of the Commission's plans for 2011-12:
www.defra.gov.uk/crc

Community organisations controlling assets: a better understanding

A useful study of community asset control which will be of interest to district councillors and local councils:
www.jrf.org.uk/community-organisations-controlling-assets

Update: Plain English Guide to the Localism Bill

This **guide** describes the main measures of the Localism Bill under four headings:

- new freedoms and flexibilities for local government
- new rights and powers for communities and individuals
- reform to make the planning system more democratic and more effective
- reform to ensure that decisions about housing are taken locally

This document is designed to give an overview only. It replaces the version published in January 2011. www.communities.gov.uk

Planning Portal

Do you need permission? The Planning Portal has **interactive guidance** for householders to assist in the planning process. You will find planning and building regulations guidance for many common building work projects.

www.planningportal.gov.uk/permission/house



New resources to support community leaders

A new suite of national resources has been launched to help local councils, adult education providers and voluntary organisations drive the community leadership agenda. The website – www.takepart.org – can help you facilitate and support education in active citizenship now associated with the Localism agenda. Exeter CVS coordinated the Take Part Pathfinder in Exeter and is one of the Regional Take Part Champions. If you would like to know more about the successful active citizenship programmes call 01392 202055 or cvs.@exetercvs.org.uk

Alan Payne retires as Chair of Poltimore House Trust

Retiring after 11 years, as first Secretary and then Chair, Alan will stay with the Trust as it enters a new era of development; capitalising on his 22 years spent battling to protect this historic house. His exceptional efforts and initiatives have been invaluable and have helped raise public awareness, funding and a recognition of the need to secure a suitable future for the House.

The Trust's Acting Chair is Jonathan Wright, who will initiate a search for a new Trustee to fulfil the demanding role of Chair of Poltimore House Trust. Jonathan said: "Under Alan's leadership the Trust has laid important groundwork for the next phase of the development of this project. This is an exciting time for Poltimore House as we begin work on the roofs and continue to develop partnerships and opportunities for the successful future of the House."

In the national press

Councils set to lose out in National Planning Policy Framework



A draft of the National Planning Policy Framework seen by The Times has revealed that developers will find it easier to get permission to build offices, housing estates and retail parks on green belt land. The Framework, due to be published next month, currently also shows that councils will be unable to reject developments that worsen congestion and pollution unless they can prove that the impacts would be "so severe" that they would outweigh the urgent need for new homes. Councils could also lose the power to stop landowners from putting

up advertising billboards in the countryside. Times p6 1/7/11

➤ Road deaths at lowest level since 1926

Deaths on Britain's roads plummeted last year to the lowest level ever. Figures released by the Department for Transport show 1,857 people were killed in traffic accidents in 2010 – 16% down on 2009 and the lowest number since records began in 1926.

➤ More recycling dumped in landfill



Nearly 200,000 tonnes of contaminated recycling ended up in landfill in 2009/10 as households failed to correctly sort waste. The overall percentage of contaminated recycling rose slightly on the previous year. LGA Environment Board Chairman, Cllr Gary Porter, said: "We do need to keep improving if we're to minimise environmental harm and avoid possible EU fines for not hitting landfill reduction targets. The vast majority of people do the right thing, which is great. But the slight increase in contamination rates demonstrates why it is important for councils to be able to work with people who misunderstand or make mistakes when sorting rubbish."

➤ Beauty spots 'under siege' after planning changes

Countryside campaigners say natural beauty spots are being placed 'under siege' by changes to the planning system. The Campaign to Protect Rural England believes nuclear power stations, airports and runways could encroach on areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty under proposals in the Localism Bill and National Planning Policy Framework to promote 'growth at any cost'.

➤ Care homes face tighter financial controls amid Southern Cross fiasco

Care home operators could be required to hold insurance bonds underwriting the continuity of their business in the event of financial collapse, under regulatory reforms being considered by the Government.

➤ MPs battle to save nation's high streets



A last-minute attempt to persuade the Government to allow councils to step in to save independent shops disappearing from the high street will be made in the House of Lords this week. Amid mounting concern about the plight of small retailers in the face of spreading supermarket chains, Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs have drafted amendments to the Localism Bill designed to safeguard the character of neighbourhood shopping streets.

➤ Case for adoption

A landmark report into the state of adoption services recommends a complete overhaul of the 'hopelessly slow' and failing system that leaves children languishing in care. Recommendations by the country's first 'adoption czar' Martin Narey include ranking local authorities each year on their performance, to highlight the best and worst performers.

➤ Public service data to be published online

Information relating to a range of public services, including the NHS, schools, criminal courts and transport, will be published online by the Government for the first time. Prime Minister David Cameron says the Whitehall strategy will be a "complete revolution in transparency" and enable the public to hold the public sector to account.

Flowers chipped

East Devon District Council has put microchips in its flower displays after a series of costly raids, one of which saw 60 bedding plants stolen.



➤ Where has all the metal gone?

Feature on increasing problem of metal thefts as raiders target manhole covers, memorial plaques, lead from church and school roofs, statues, train cables and supermarket trolleys.



Photo: Pleasure drive around East Devon countryside · Hannah Whitfield

Democratic Services produces this weekly information sheet every Friday for Members of East Devon District Council. Please contact [Diana Vernon](#) if you have any comments about the newsletter.