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## ➤ EDDC News

- Plant thieves have 'had their chips' Read more about the story that made the national press!



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## Meetings

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

Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
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 as per HW's 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
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 26 July	9.30am	Council Chamber
Exeter International Airport Consultative Group	CL	Wednesday 27 July	2.15pm	Conference Room, Exeter Airport
Chief Executive Briefing on Council meeting procedures	DV	Wednesday 27 July	5.30pm	Council Chamber
Extraordinary meeting of the Council	DV	Wednesday 27 July	6.00pm	Council Chamber
COUNCIL	DV	Wednesday 27 July	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Asset Management Forum	CL	Thursday 28 July	9.30am	Committee Room
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	DM	Thursday 28 July	6.30pm	CANCELLED
Standards Hearing	DM	Friday 29 July	10.00am	Committee Room
Planning Inspections Committee	CEH	Friday 29 July	TBA	Council Chamber

## Cabinet decisions

Members are notified of decisions from the Cabinet meeting held on 15 July 2011. Please click on the following link to read the minutes of the meeting:

➤ [http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/cabinet\\_mins\\_130711.pdf](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/cabinet_mins_130711.pdf)

Cabinet decisions will become effective on **21 July 2011** at 9.00am unless "called in". The published procedure for a "call in" is on pages 137-139 of the Council Constitution, or contact Democratic Services for assistance or explanation. Recommendations by Cabinet to Council are not subject to "call in".

## > Veolia Trust

The Veolia Trust is committed to supporting community and environmental projects across the UK. These could include projects aiming to install or enhance play areas and skate parks, restore footpaths and green spaces, protect natural habitats, improve community halls and restore churches.

**Deadline: 29 July 2011**

## Coastal change

**Ever wondered about how the changing coast may affect you, your community or your business?**

Find out more about how coastal erosion may affect your community, who makes management decisions on the coast and how coastal management is funded. Take a look at how your coast may look in 20, 50 and 100 years and explore some of the ideas which communities themselves have come up with to adapt to change.



See the exhibition, watch a presentation and find out more: **Thursday 21 July** (open 10am to 8pm), Kennaway House, Coburg Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8NG (presentations at 1pm and 6pm).

## Special Constabulary review

Devon and Cornwall Police are undertaking a review of the Special Constabulary and how best they can utilise this great resource.

**Special Constables are volunteers from the community who act in support of the Regular Police Officers and PCSOs within your community. Special Constables have the full powers of a regular Police Officer when they are on duty and are properly trained and equipped to carry out a variety of policing functions. How would you like to see them utilised to best effect within your community?'**

People can reply direct to [antonia.weeks@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:antonia.weeks@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk). Replies by the end of July would greatly assist in meeting a tight deadline.

## Public Services White Paper

This [link](#) will take you to the Public Service White Paper which was published on 11 July. The key **new policies** included in The White Paper include:

- ➔ **Choice and Control** over use of public money and the services provided.
- ➔ **Radical decentralisation of powers** to achieve local autonomy.
- ➔ **Opening Services to New Providers** through transparent and genuine consultation.



This White Paper will be followed over the next few months by a wide-ranging discussion with individuals, communities, public sector staff, providers and others with an interest in how public services are delivered. The Cabinet Office want to hear the views of everyone working in and using public services about how to can turn the vision for high-quality, efficient and modern public services into reality. Please visit the open public services website at [www.openpublicservices.cabinetoffice.gov.uk](http://www.openpublicservices.cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Following this listening period, which will take place **between July and September**, the Government will set out a programme of work to implement the open public services agenda. **In November**, the Government will set out how departments will take forward ideas to implement open public services over the rest of this Parliament in line with the principles and policies set out in this White Paper, including proposals for legislation. From **April 2012**, departments will publish regular progress reports, setting out the steps that have been taken to open public services.

## New documents

Devon Association of  
Local Councils :  
July/August newsletter

Retirement Today:  
July/August magazine

Talk of the Town: July  
newsletter of Honiton Town  
Council

All the above documents  
are available in the  
Members' Area

## > Budleigh Salterton Music Festival

16 – 30 July  
Now in its 7<sup>th</sup> successful year!



Beach huts at Budleigh  
Photo by Lynne Jones

## Big Society Awards

Please find a link below to the No 10 website for guidance on how to nominate organisations and individuals for a Big Society Award. Winners will receive an invitation to a reception at No.10 Downing Street and get the chance to attend a practical networking and support event earlier in the day. They also receive a plaque and signed certificate from the Prime Minister. The awards focus on 3 areas:

- **Promoting social action** – people being, and being encouraged to be, more involved in their communities through giving time, money and other resources.
- **Empowering communities** – local people taking control of how things are done in their area and being helped to do this by local government and others.
- **Opening up public services** – public sector organisations and individuals demonstrating innovative ways of delivering public services and charities, social enterprises and private companies showing new ways of delivering public services.

There are 2 more rounds of nominations in 2011. The deadline for round 4 is **8 August** at 6pm, and the deadline for round 5 (final round in 2011) is **4 October**.

[www.number10.gov.uk/take-part](http://www.number10.gov.uk/take-part)

## News from Devon & Cornwall Police



Changes that are happening to make it easier for members of the public to contact Devon and Cornwall Police. **Later this year (autumn time)** communities across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly will be able to dial 101, a new national police non-emergency telephone number; the current non-emergency number 08452 777444 will be phased out. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired will be able to textphone 18001 101.

While 999 is a well recognised number to report emergencies, the 2010 British Crime Survey found that only 54% of the public knew which telephone number to call if they wanted to speak to their local police about policing, non urgent crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

The introduction of the 101 number will help communities to keep their neighbourhoods safe by giving them one easy way to speak directly with their local police to report and discuss all non urgent police related issues. This new number will not change the way the police respond to non-urgent calls or connect people to a large national call centre. Calls will still be received by call handlers in control rooms.

The number is already in use in Wales, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Sheffield and will be rolled out across the rest of the country by the end of this year. In these piloted areas the 101 number is well received by the public and has led to improvements in public confidence when calling the police.

Calls to 101 will cost 15p per call, irrespective of how long that call may last. This cost applies to landlines and mobile phones. This will be the first time that everyone calling the non-emergency number will know exactly how much the call will cost and will be assured of equal access whether calling from a mobile or landline.

In an emergency the public will still be able to continue to call 999, such as when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

## In the national press

### > Can anyone stop the scrap metal thieves?

Feature on scrap metal thieves who are plaguing the country, stealing everything from roofing lead and copper cables to supermarket trolleys, school bells and drain covers.



## ➤ Street lights are switched off in half of Britain

At least half the county councils across the UK are turning off street lights after midnight to save money, despite fears of increased accidents and crime, it is reported. A Local Government Association spokesman is quoted: "Provided it is done in consultation with the police and communities, this measure can save council taxpayers' money without reducing public safety."



## ➤ The wind turbine backlash

Plans to cover Britain with wind farms are being thwarted by a growing tide of public opposition, with nearly half of all wind farm proposals in England and Wales being refused planning permission, it is claimed. It is being suggested that the Localism Bill may make it easier for residents to reject wind farm plans.

## ➤ A light in the dark for library services

Kent Library & Archives' Making a Difference project has been awarded the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals' Libraries Change Lives award. The scheme was singled out for providing volunteering, training and employment opportunities.



## ➤ Boost for library campaign as court orders judicial review

The campaign to save Britain's libraries from council cuts has been given a boost after a court ordered a judicial review into some of the closures. A judge ruled Gloucestershire County Council's decision to close 10 libraries could breach the requirements of the 1964 Public Libraries Act and has granted an injunction ordering that they stay open until the review is concluded.

## ➤ Art of balancing budgets: cash strapped councils clear out collections



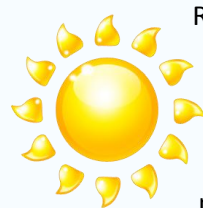
A painting owned by Bolton Council sold at a London auction for £74,000. It follows the sale of 124 works of art by Leicestershire County Council last year, which raised £150,000 for the authority to plough back into its arts and heritage provision. The Museums Association is to unveil a report next month outlining the full extent of local authority cuts to museums.

# LG News

## ➤ Open Public Services White Paper

The white paper sets out the Government's public service reform programme, through which it aims to ensure everyone has the choice and control of the services they use, by ending what it sees as an old fashioned, top down, take-what-you-are-given model. The paper identifies five salient principles for modernising public services. Access the LG Group member briefing now.

## ➤ SunSmart's sun safety guidelines for schools



Read how Cancer Research UK's SunSmart campaign is liaising with primary schools to develop a sun protection policy to ensure that sun safety is implemented within the whole school environment. This dovetails with the NICE 2011 guidelines for preventing skin cancer which recommend that all schools 'develop, implement and monitor a specially tailored policy to ensure people are protected as much as possible'.

## ➤ Planning benchmarking club and planning fees

A service, developed in partnership between the Planning Advisory Service and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants (CIPFA), aims to provide a local planning authority with the basis for better management decision-making. Find out how the planning benchmarking club considers the whole planning service through strategy to compliance and delivery.

## ➤ Refresh of the culture and sport improvement toolkit (CSIT)

The CSIT has been specifically designed to enable public sector bodies to re-group in the face of these challenging times, survive amidst all the changes and re-grow the services provided for the community with a different role and level of resource. Given the fundamental changes in local government, this toolkit has been updated to make it simpler and more flexible for different organisational needs.

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.