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Meetings

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

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Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Planning Inspections Committee	CEH	Thursday 15 December	TBA	CANCELLED
Licensing & Enforcement Committee	CL	Tuesday 20 December	09:30	CANCELLED
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 3 January	09:30	CANCELLED
East Devon Business Forum	CL	Wednesday 4 January	18:00	East Devon Business Centre
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	DM	Thursday 5 January	18:30	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 10 January	09:30	Council Chamber
Development Management Committee	CEH	Tuesday 10 January	14:00	Council Chamber
Exeter International Airport Consultative Group	CL	Wednesday 11 January	14:15	Conference Room Exeter Airport
Cabinet	DV	Wednesday 11 January	17:30	Council Chamber
Economy Think Tank (Portfolio Holder - Graham Godbeer)		Thursday 12 January	14:15	Room 159 (Room of Head of Economy)
Housing Review Board	AT	Thursday 12 January	18:00	Council Chamber

Winter 2011/2012 Licensing Newsletter published



The Licensing Team are pleased to announce that the latest edition of our **Licensing Newsletter** is now available. Subjects include informative articles on the legislation changes contained in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act and information on the reorganisation of the police licensing administration in East Devon and new contact details. There are also some reminders, including one on Secretary's duties for members' clubs and even a news story about a breathalyzer condition placed on a Premises Licence. You can access the newsletter [here](#).

If you need any assistance on any licensing matter please use the contact numbers displayed in the newsletter. Alternatively email licensing@eastdevon.gov.uk.

Healthy Communities Small Grants Programme



The People's Health Trust is a registered charity which funds projects addressing health inequalities across England, Scotland and Wales. The Trust is funded by 51 local society lotteries and the good cause money they raise through The Health Lottery.

The Healthy Communities Programme makes grants of £5,000 - £10,000 to small community and voluntary organisations to support an improvement in health and well-being in their local communities. The closing date for applications in this area is **16 January 2012**. The programme guidance can be downloaded from the [website](#).

Chairman's engagements

Friday 16 December

Chairman and Mrs Halse to attend the Devon & Somerset Fire Rescue Carol Concert at Wells Cathedral

Saturday 17 December

Chairman and Mrs Halse to attend the RNLI carol service at Trinity Church, Exmouth

Portfolio Holder's decisions

Decisions by Portfolio Holder

Environment
Iain Chubb

Price Increases for Boat & Winch Licences and Water Taxis 2012/13

Agreed that for 2012/13, annual boat licences should be increased from £67.00 to £70.00; annual winch licences should be kept at £77.00; water taxi licences should be increased from £80.00 to £85.00.

➤ [Further details in The Knowledge Issue 31](#)

Price Increases for Beach Huts and Beach Hut Sites 2012/13

Agreed to the price increases to beach hut and beach hut sites and to agree that the extra 10 huts taken on from the Concession at Jacobs Ladder be run on short term basis for 2012 season.

➤ [Further details in The Knowledge Issue 31](#) with amendments as follows:

Location	Hut/Site	Number of Huts/Sites	Season Cost 2011/12 Ex Vat	Season Cost 2012/13 Ex Vat	Potential Turnover Exc VAT
Sidmouth	Timber Hut	14	495.97	495.97	£6943.58
Sidmouth	Timber Hut	11		Ex Concession	£9375.00

Price Increases for Events 2012

Agreed that a price increase be applied to Season Tickets only, and to keep individual match prices the same.

➤ [Further details in The Knowledge Issue 31](#)

Price Increases for Sports Pitches 2012/2013

Agreed that a price increase be applied to Season Tickets only, and to keep individual match prices the same.

➤ [Further details in The Knowledge Issue 31](#)

Price Increases for Sidmouth Allotments 2013-2014

Agreed to the proposed increase of 1p per square metre in the pricing of allotments.

➤ [Further details in The Knowledge Issue 31](#)

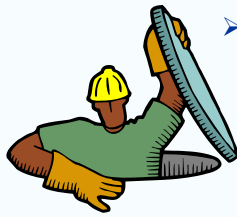
The above decisions will become effective on **22 December 2011** at 9.00am unless "called in". The published procedure for a "call-in" is on pages 139 -141 of the Council Constitution, or contact Democratic Services for assistance or explanation.

In the national press

➤ [Non-metal answer to the thieves' great hold-up](#)

The "unprecedented levels" of metal theft have left councils and businesses searching for alternative materials that cannot be stolen and sold for profit.





➤ Plastic manhole covers, a cut price answer to metal thieves

North Somerset Council is testing the use of plastic manhole covers in an attempt to tackle an epidemic of metal thefts. Council spokesman Nick Yates is quoted: "If this proves successful we would hope to use them in other areas across the district."

Higher rents put 'affordable' homes out of reach for million of families

Landlords in Government-backed 'affordable rents' schemes are setting rents so high that millions of poorer families risk being priced out. It is reported that part of the reason for rents being so high is that Government has cut funding to housing associations. Times p27 9/12/11

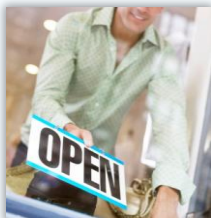


➤ Best teachers to be made 'masters' of the classroom

A new post of 'Master Teacher' is to be introduced to recognise the best performers and offer an alternative career path to becoming a school head. A Government review of teaching standards has recommended a new higher threshold for the best and most experienced teachers.

➤ £1.2 billion cutbacks to pothole repairs

Ministers have slashed £1.2 billion off road repair budgets, it was revealed by the National Audit Office. Drivers will face a "deterioration of road quality" which could lead to more accidents and insurance claims.



➤ Queen of shops unveils her vision to save high street

Sweeping changes aimed at revitalising town centres and high streets are unveiled by retail guru Mary Portas in a Government backed report. It included 28 recommendations, including suggestions to curb betting shops and a greater role for businesses. The Government will respond to the report by spring 2012.

The LGA has criticised her for not consulting with councils and says she risks making the situation worse. Peter Box, Chairman of the LGA's Economy and Transport Board is quoted: "Councils play a crucial role in growing local economies and improving high streets. We want to ensure that any financial decisions target antisocial behaviour such as littering, metal theft and graffiti that is too often seen on our high streets...While some of the report's recommendations are positive...we are extremely concerned that removing regulations around market stalls will result in rogue traders taking advantage of cash-strapped families and flooding the market with dangerous and counterfeit goods."



Season's Greetings to all our readers



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