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## EDDC News

- East Devon Honours Armed Forces Day
- Sidmouth gets a better play area!
- New bridge will help Ottery residents get around town
- Families learn about wildlife and achieve award for environmental work

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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 21 June	9.30am	CANCELLED
Standards Committee	CEH	Tuesday 21 June	10.00am	CANCELLED
<a href="#">Housing Review Board</a>	AT	Thursday 23 June	6.00pm	Council Chamber
<a href="#">Planning Inspections Committee</a>	AT	Friday 24 June	10.30am	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 28 June	9.30am	Council Chamber
Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board	HW	Tuesday 28 June	10.00am	Room One
Building Control Seminar for all Councillors	DV	Tuesday 28 June	6.00pm	Council Chamber
Asset Management Forum	CL	Thursday 30 June	9.30am	Council Chamber
Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	CEH	Thursday 30 June	2.30pm	Council Chamber

## Executive Board decisions

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

[http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/cabinet\\_mins\\_15\\_june\\_2011.pdf](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/cabinet_mins_15_june_2011.pdf)

The Executive Board decisions will become effective on **23 June 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 the Executive Board to Council are not subject to "call in".

## Refresher on Standards in Public Life

All District Councillors are invited to attend the refresher currently set for **6 July 2011** at **2pm – 4pm** in the Council Chamber, repeated at **6pm – 8pm**. The refresher will cover the Code of Conduct, and the issues for "dual-hatters". Town and Parish Members have been invited along too so please encourage them to attend. If you wish to attend please book a place with Debbie Meakin - ring 01395 517540 or email [dmeakin@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:dmeakin@eastdevon.gov.uk) indicating which time slot you require.

## Chairman's engagements

Monday 20 June

Chairman, Councillor Peter Halse, will be raising the flag in a ceremony attended by the Vice Chairman, Councillor Frances Newth, and members of the Royal British Legion.

## In the national press

### Playing fields 'at risk' from localism law



Playing fields, cricket grounds and scout huts could be withdrawn from public use by landowners because of new laws that would give the community the right to bid for private land or property. The Country Land and Business Association warns that the 'community right to buy' contained in the Localism Bill could discourage people making land available for community events for fear that the property could take longer to sell and attract a lower price. Telegraph 13/6/11 p6

### Soaring school meal prices wreck 'Jamie effect'

A survey of more than 80 UK local education authorities has shown that the price of school dinners has jumped 10 per cent in the past year. The cost of a school dinner is now almost £2. Hugh Griffith of Somerset County Council is quoted on why the authority has increased prices by 5p per year since 2009. He said: "This has been due to substantial increases in the cost of basic foodstuffs, particularly some dairy products such as cheese and staples such as rice." IoS 12/6/11 p6

### Is this the end of the road for speed humps?



The Department for Transport is going to make it easier for councils to slow down cars without the risk of wrecking suspension by removing the red tape around installing speed limit signs. Ministers are keen to devolve as much power as possible to local authorities in the belief they know their patches better than Whitehall. Telegraph 11/6/11 p13

### ➤ Britain walks out

Britain is facing the largest wave of strikes since the 1980s as about 750,000 public-sector employees, including council staff, civil servants, NHS workers and train drivers, stage a protest against threatened changes to their pensions. The Public and Commercial Services union has announced its members had voted to join teachers and university lecturers in a one-day co-ordinated walk-out on 30 June.

### ➤ Takeover for worst primaries

The nation's 700 poorest performing primary schools are to get new management. Education Secretary Michael Gove announced that schools will be relinquished from council control and turned into academies.

### ➤ Coffee and coiffure replace butcher and baker as traditional high street disappears

A third of independent stores are now cafes, pubs, restaurants and takeaways rather than traditional retailers, according to a study of 75,000 retailers by an insurance company. The study, by insurer Simply Business, estimates that 10,000 shops will close this year.



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