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Meetings

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Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 23 August	09:30	CANCELLED
Development Management Committee ➤ Agenda and associated documents	CEH	Tuesday 23 August	14:00	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Committee	CL	Tuesday 30 August	09:30	Council Chamber
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Local Development Framework Panel	DV	Tuesday 30 August	14:00	Council Chamber
Task & Finish Forum - Ward Member Customer Satisfaction with the Planning Service	DM	Wednesday 31 August	14:00	Committee Room
East Devon Business Forum - Breakfast meeting	CL	Thursday 1 September	08:00	Ladram Bay, Otterton
Asset Management Forum	CL	Thursday 1 September	10:00	Committee Room
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	DM	Thursday 1 September	18:30	Council Chamber
Planning Inspections Committee	CEH	Friday 2 September	TBA	Committee Room

LG Group news

➤ Councils are leading the post-riots clean-up

Councils are leading the post-riots clean-up effort and vowing to work with police to ensure those responsible for devastating communities up and down the country are brought to justice. Read the comments in full of Local Government Association (LGA) Chairman Sir Merrick Cockell as he pays tribute to councils, their staff and their communities as they seek to repair the damage done and offer support to ransacked businesses.

➤ Report on the future of libraries

Community groups running libraries, private sector funding and self-service book borrowing points in shops and village halls can play a vital role in delivering a library service fit for the future, council leaders have said. Access a new report from the LGA and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council that identifies four key options for the survival of libraries in the 21st century.



➤ Public sector assets map

Responding to the release of a map of public sector assets, Councillor Peter Fleming, Chairman of the LG Group's Improvement Board, said: "Local authorities are saving millions of pounds through smarter use of their assets. This includes gathering different council services together under the one roof to reduce building management costs and sharing space with other councils..." For Councillor Fleming's full comments, access the LGA media release.

➤ **LGA Analysis and Research bulletin**



The July/August edition of the LG Group Analysis and Research bulletin is now available. In this issue read the annual update from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation that identifies what the public feels it needs to do to secure a socially acceptable standard of living. Access a report from the European Commission on data protection. And find out from the Social Issues Research Centre the changes that have recently affected families and how the concept of motherhood has altered.

East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

The Community Safety Partnership has been in existence now for several years and has the following five priorities:

- Reduce violent crime
- Reduce acquisitive crime (thefts from vehicles and burglaries)
- Reduce anti social behaviour
- Improve public confidence and satisfaction
- Improve road safety

Read an **update on the current work of the Partnership** and how it is performing in terms of reducing crime:

[www.eastdevon.gov.uk/east and mid devon community safety partnership update](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/east-and-mid-devon-community-safety-partnership-update)

In the national press

➤ **PM to make life hell for gangsters**

Iain Duncan Smith has unveiled plans to take on gangs including measures which would see dusk-till-dawn curfews. Even small misdemeanours such as littering could land them in court unless they disassociate with gangs. The Government is also examining the possibility of police sweeping the streets of children who hang out with gangs late at night, with officers taking them to safe places such as church halls where they would be looked after by youth leaders and social workers until their parents picked them up.



Do your worst graffiti artists

Bristol Council will pay 60 street artists £80,000 to redecorate an area of the city. The aim is to make Nelson Street a tourist attraction. Sunday Times 14/8/11 p6

➤ **Councils condemn plans to cut rigorous checks for cab drivers**

Council leaders and safety campaigners have condemned Government plans to relax the criminal checks designed to protect passengers from dangerous taxi drivers. The Home Office plans to scrap the 'enhanced' Criminal Record Bureau check with the less rigorous 'standard' version. The Local Government Association is lobbying for a rethink.

➤ **Public sector review to avoid 'perverse decisions'**

Every public sector organisation is being asked to carry out an urgent review to ensure that perverse interpretations of human rights legislation are not 'exerting a chilling effect' on their work. The move follows David Cameron's speech earlier in the week in which he said the Human Rights Act should not be "misrepresented".

➤ **Council buildings used by police**

An investigation by the Daily Mirror has found that almost 200 police stations are being closed down to save money with officers manning makeshift desks in council buildings, fire stations and supermarkets.

➤ Osborne hopes to kick-start economy with enterprise zones

Chancellor George Osborne has announced the details of 13 new enterprise zones but the plan has come under criticism. The Centre for Cities said “the enterprise zones of the 80s did not create enough jobs and were too costly for the public purse to be effective today.” Supporters point to the success of the Isle of Dogs redevelopment which created Canary Wharf.



➤ CCTV faces crackdown

Police and councils will face a mountain red tape if they want to install CCTV under new laws going through Parliament. The Protection of Freedoms Bill will force authorities to consult residents and prove cameras are both necessary and will provide value for money.

➤ Quangos survive

Only one in four quangos has been abolished since the announcement of the ‘bonfire of quangos’ almost a year ago, Cabinet Office figures have revealed.

Explore the Maer ... if you dare!



The Maer Mobile Challenge is an interactive smartphone-based nature trail for children. It can be played on the Maer Local Nature Reserve situated on Exmouth seafront along Queens Drive. This five acre grassland just behind the sand dunes is home to some weird and wonderful wildlife including six rather special species like the Clouded Yellow Butterfly and the Wolf Spider. You can find out some totally amazing facts about these cool critters in the Play Zone as well as climb, slide and swing on some huge wooden beasties. Then using a smartphone with access to the internet, go to www.maermobilechallenge.co.uk where you can join Olly the Owl and all his friends to play the Maer Mobile Challenge and see if you can become a ‘smart’ Maer Ranger.

With this exciting interactive nature trail / treasure hunt you explore the whole of the Maer, answering questions about the wonderful wildlife, following maps to look for hidden clues and even trying to spot the critters yourself. The big question is; will you score bronze, silver or gold!?

The Maer has its own BBQ area next to the Play Zone and makes the perfect place to spend a few hours playing, exploring and cooking up a feast.



Finding the Maer on Exmouth seafront with its surrounding car parks is easy, but will you be able to find the luminous puss moth caterpillar or the musical grasshopper?

Head for post code EX8 2AY. You'll find the Maer beside Exmouth Cricket Club.



Puss Moth Caterpillars can be found at the Maer