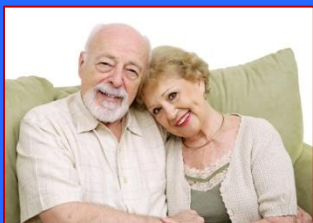


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Meetings

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Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 25 October	09:30	CANCELLED
Recycling and Refuse Partnership Board	CEH	Tuesday 25 October	10:00	Committee Room
Think Tank – Corporate Services *Portfolio Holder Ian Thomas	*	Tuesday 25 October	12:30	Room 1
➤ Local Development Framework Panel	HW	Tuesday 25 October	14:00	Council Chamber
Meeting between Members, Taxi Proprietors and Officers *John Tippin	*	Wednesday 26 October	14:00	Council Chamber
Asset Management Forum	CL	Thursday 27 October	09:30	Postponed until 2 November
➤ Overview and Scrutiny Committee	DM	Thursday 27 October	18:30	Council Chamber
Planning Inspections Committee	CEH	Friday 28 October	TBA	CANCELLED
Local Development Framework Panel	HW	Tuesday 1 November	09:00	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 1 November	09:30	CANCELLED
Standards Committee	CEH	Tuesday 1 November	10:00	Committee Room
Asset Management Forum	CL	Wednesday 2 November	09:30	Committee Room
New Homes Bonus Panel	CEH	Wednesday 2 November	16:00	Room 1
Cabinet	DV	Wednesday 2 November	17:30	Council Chamber
Environment Think Tank *Portfolio Holder Iain Chubb and Deputy PH Chris Wale	*	Thursday 3 November	18:00	Room 1
Sheltered Housing Task and Finish Forum	AT	Friday 4 November	10:00	Committee Room

Exeter and East Devon Growth Point Update



Councillors attending the full Council meeting on 12 October were given a progress report on projects in the Growth Point. Members watched a computer generated film of all the schemes in the West End and then received a presentation from team members, Drew Aspinwall and Lesley Crocker, who then took questions from the floor.

A copy of the presentation can be [viewed here](#). You can also see the film on the [Growth Point web site](#).

Chairman's engagements

Friday 21 October

Chairman being interviewed by Adam Mitchell (work experience) re. his civic role and how it fits in with young people.

Vice Chairman and Mr Newth to attend a Rugby Final Presentation at Exeter Chiefs, Sandy Park.

Sunday 23 October

Chairman and Mrs Halse to attend Teignbridge District Council's Civic Service at Newton Abbot

Monday 24 October

Chairman to observe Exmouth Town Council meeting

Thursday 27 October

Chairman to observe Branscombe Parish Council meeting

More news

➤ Problem families cost £8 billion

A hardcore of trouble-making families that make up just 1% of the population is costing Britain a staggering £8 billion a year. Communities Secretary Eric Pickles unveiled plans to send crack teams in to try to turn around the lives of 120,000 households, requiring councils, police, the NHS and schools to work more closely.

Council tenants with second homes

Nearly 60,000 council tenants who own second homes will face a crackdown to try to cut homeless waiting lists. Housing Minister Grant Shapps is to change the rules so councils will have the power to ask people if they have second homes and, if so, deny them council accommodation.

Times p14, 42 & 43 15/10/11

In the national press



➤ Law change to slap road signs on your home

Road signs could be attached to private homes without the owners' consent under controversial Government plans. Under proposals in the Traffic Signs Policy Paper, highways authorities would get the power to effectively demand that properties become "display boards" to reduce street clutter.

➤ Rethink on pension age benefits women

The Government is tabling an amendment to the Pensions Bill to cap the time people will have to wait for their pension to 18 months. Plans to increase the pension age to 66 by 2020 would have meant some people would need to wait an extra 2 years.



➤ House swap scheme to get jobless moving

The jobless are to be allowed to "swap" their council homes to help them find work in other parts of the country under plans to make the unemployed more mobile. Housing Minister Grant Shapps will announce the scheme within weeks amid growing concerns in Government after the numbers out of work hit a 17-year high.

➤ Cameron in energy bills talk

The Prime Minister is meeting the 'Big Six' gas and electricity firms to bring down bills this winter. This comes as it was found the companies now make £125 per customer a year – up from just £15 in June.

➤ Fears over dance licence axe



Residents fear all-night raves for 5,000 revellers could go ahead without a licence after ministers said restrictions on community events were 'hobbling the Big Society'. They are expected to scrap laws forcing organisers to gain permission from the police and councils as this dents 'community creativity and expression'. Cllr Chris White, Chairman of the LGA's Culture, Tourism and Sport Board, is quoted online: "As democratically-elected bodies, local authorities have an important role to play in ensuring events are suitable and safe for the areas in which they are to be held. Any changes to the licensing laws should strike a balance which ensures councils are still able to protect people who attend public events as well as those who work and live nearby."

➤ Councils to get extra time for local plans to block developers

Planning reforms are to be delayed for up to two years to allow local communities to develop local plans to protect them from unwanted development. In a statement to MPs, Planning Minister Greg Clark said councils would be given time to complete the plans under 'transitional arrangements'.



➤ We must save playing fields, says William

The Duke of Cambridge has warned that playing fields will be lost forever unless they are given special protection to stop developers building on them. Prince William announced a campaign to ensure that more than 2,000 playing fields receive protection as part of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.