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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 29 March	9.30am	CANCELLED
Interviewing (Chief Officers) Committee	DV	Tuesday 29 March	9.30 for 10.00am	Room 1
➤ Joint meeting of the Housing Review Board and the Tenant and Leaseholder Customer Panel	AT	Tuesday 29 March	10.00am	Council Chamber
Elizabeth Hall Advisory Forum	AT	Tuesday 29 March	7.00pm	Council Chamber Exmouth Town Hall
Asset Management Forum	CL	Wednesday 30 March	2.00pm	Council Chamber
➤ Executive Board	DV	Wednesday 30 March	5.30pm	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 5 April	9.30am	Council Chamber
Development Management Committee	HW	Tuesday 5 April	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Office Accommodation Working Party	CL	Wednesday 6 April	6.00pm	Room 1

## LG Knowledge

### ➤ Climate change: top tips for changing attitudes

George Marshall, founder of Climate Outreach and Information Network (COIN) is running a session on getting the most value out of communication campaigns that promote energy efficiency and behaviour change. In conversation with Kate McGinlay, he reveals his top tips. Read the full story on the environmental sustainability and climate change resource.

### ➤ Renewable energy: crucial factors for success

The Leader of Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Councillor David Goddard, spoke at the recent LG Group conference on renewable energy. You can listen to a podcast of his presentation or read the transcript on the 'Compare renewables' website. In his presentation, Councillor Goddard explains what was needed in Stockport to get energy projects going. He emphasises it is essential to understand what works in your area, have a bottom-up planning process and show strong leadership.



### ➤ Local Productivity refresh



Through consultation with the sector, the LG Group has focused the Local Productivity Programme on three 'big win' areas that will help deliver the greatest productivity gains: children, adults and families; future ways of working; and procurement, capital and assets. Also, the library of productivity opportunities now boasts 100 ideas for increasing productivity. So, check out the new-look pages and see how they can help your council.

## Chairman's engagements

### Sunday 27 March

Vice Chairman to attend Plymouth Council's Civic Service at 10.30am

Chairman hosting his Civic Service followed by afternoon tea at CTCRM, Lypstone.

### Monday 28 March

Chairman hosting a retirement presentation for Jenny Pike

## New documents in the Members' Area

'Update' – the March issue of Age Concern's newsletter for Exmouth & East Devon

Invitation to Members to attend the forthcoming Centre Stage production of **The Beauty and the Beast** at Exmouth Pavilion on 29 April

## New programme of outdoor activities in the Blackdown Hills

The Countryside Events programme is packed with events and things to do in the area. There are over 60 low cost or free events in the programme, which has been produced by The Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team and the Neroche Scheme.

See full listings [online](#)

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.

## > Productive Places

Productive Places is part of the LG Group's Local Productivity Programme. It focuses on place-based issues, explores the potential benefits of working across organisational boundaries, and considers how best to help places learn and change. Visit the pages and see how place-based working can help increase your productivity.

## Volunteers contribute over £30,000 to Gallery

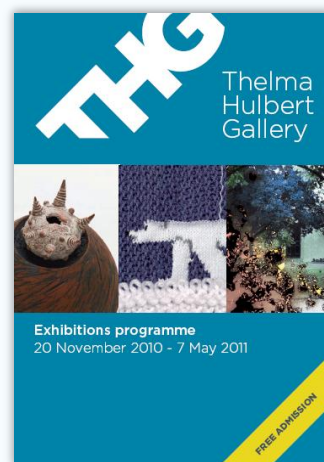
Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG) in Honiton recently carried out some research into the impact of volunteers on the running of the gallery and how vital their help and support is.

"The Big Society" is the new buzz phrase coming from central government but at THG they are already way ahead of the game having used volunteers since opening 12 years ago. The use of volunteers contributes to the effective and safe running of the exhibition programme and without them the gallery would not be able to open at all. The statistics make interesting reading. For example, did you know that:

- volunteers at THG give an average 4,218.75 hours per year of their free time for no salary
- this equates to 586 days per year
- based on the average wage of a casual worker, this is an annual contribution of £33,750
- or put it another way, each volunteer saves the gallery £1,350 a year in wages and on costs
- that's equivalent to more than two full time members of staff

The figures speak for themselves but it really does highlight how much the gallery needs the fantastic volunteers and how much they are appreciated.

If you would like to become a volunteer or find out more about what is going on at the gallery, please contact Deborah Smith at THG on 01404 45006, or visit the website at [www.thelmahulbert.com](http://www.thelmahulbert.com)



## Contracts awarded

- The Council accepted the lowest tender received, for the construction of a single storey extension to the Council house at 8 Higher Spring Gardens, Ottery St Mary, to provide one additional bedroom, received from C J Woodley Ltd of Newton Popleford, in the sum of £38,650.00 excluding VAT.
- The Council accepted the lowest tender received, for the provision of a first floor extension above an existing single storey wing at 30 Longdogs Lane, Ottery St Mary, to provide an additional bedroom, received from Bagwells Ltd of Sidmouth in the sum of £22,179.58 excluding VAT.

## In the national press

The elections 'purdah' period began on 22 March and will end with the elections on 5 May. For this reason, we will not be highlighting reports/issues from the newspapers in The Knowledge until after 5 May.

