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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
Rates Consultation		Monday 30 January	18:30	NOT REQUIRED*
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 31 January	09:30	CANCELLED
Members Office Accommodation Working Party	CL	Tuesday 31 January	18:30	Committee Room
➤ Cabinet	DV	Wednesday 1 February	17:30	Council Chamber
East Devon Business Forum	CL	Thursday 2 February	18:00	East Devon Business Centre, Honiton
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 7 February	09:30	Council Chamber
Development Management Committee #	CEH	Tuesday 7 February	14:00	Council Chamber
Asset Management Forum	CL	Thursday 9 February	09:30	Members' Area
Sheltered Housing Task and Finish Forum	AT	Friday 10 February	10:00	Committee Room

* Business consultation carried out at the meeting of the East Devon Business Forum on 4 January 2012.

Development Management Committee meeting will be preceded at 12 noon with a training session for members of the Committee – a working lunch will be provided.

Exe Estuary Forum

7 February 2012, 6.30pm-9.30pm

The annual Exe Estuary Forum will be held at Devon County Council, with an agenda

packed full of projects and news from around the Exe. The event is **free** to attend, so why not find out more about the work of the Partnership and other groups around the estuary.

The Forum will include:

- * The findings of the completed Disturbance Study
- * Proposals from Exeter Canal and Basins Community Group
- * Tackling jet ski issues
- * An overview of the Exe Patrol Boat
- * Have your say at Lower Halsdon Farm
- * An Exe Estuary prototype for a Marine Protected Areas mobile phone application
- * PLUS take part in the first LiCCo Workshops (Living with a Changing Coast) and get involved with coastal change at the Exe

To book your free place at the Exe Estuary Forum, please email the Exe Estuary Officer, Stephanie Clark, at exeestua@devon.gov.uk, but be quick as places are limited!

Draft agenda: www.exe-estuary.org



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Chairman's engagements

Tuesday 24 January

The Vice Chairman attended a Commemorative Service at Sidmouth Cemetery for Sidmouth man Donald Channing. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have erected a CWGC headstone.

For the first time ever a Professional ballet company visits Sidmouth



Ballet Theatre UK are appearing at Manor Pavilion Theatre on the 16 April at 7.30pm.

This internationally acclaimed company are touring with a brand new production of Sleeping Beauty. Renowned dancers in a dazzling ballet production, featuring dramatic stage sets, elegant costumes and Tchaikovsky's memorable score.

This is for one night only, tickets are on sale from the Box Office: Mon – Sat 10am – 2pm ☎ 01395 514413.

Tickets £15.00 and £10.00 for under 16's.

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.

In the national press

Economic gap between UK cities 'widening'



The gap between the economic performance of cities across the UK is widening, a report has said. The difference between the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Hull and in Cambridge has nearly doubled since the start of 2008. Six times as many are claiming in some parts of Rochdale as in Cambridge. Research group Centre for Cities said the private sector's struggle to create enough jobs to aid growth was "playing out very differently across UK

cities". The LGA said the report highlighted the differences in how cities were dealing with the tough economic climate. "Councils strongly support the premise that Government policy must be tailored to meet the needs of each individual city," said Peter Box, Chairman of the LGA's Economy and Transport Board.

➤ New steel 5p and 10p coins a 'disaster'

They're designed to save the Treasury around £8million a year. But the Royal Mint's new 5p and 10p coins could cause problems for consumers as they are unlikely to fit parking meters or vending machines.

➤ Council care bills 'punish pensioners'



Town halls have been accused of 'penalising' the elderly by 'ruthlessly' increasing the charges the most vulnerable pay for their care. Almost half of councils have put up charges either moderately or substantially for home help and other services, according to a report by the health select committee. Andrew Cozens, of the LGA, told MPs the system was "close to collapse, if not fundamentally broken because it is not able to properly respond to the demands on it." The report concluded: "in spite of Government assurances, local authorities are having to raise eligibility criteria in order to maintain social care services to those in greatest need." In

the same report MPs also highlight the division between the NHS and council-run social care as "a major cause of inefficiency and service breakdown."

➤ Cash ban at scrap yards to beat theft

Scrap dealers are to be banned from making cash payments to stop the epidemic of metal thefts. All cash transactions will be banked and the maximum fine will be raised from £1,000 to an unlimited amount. The changes are expected by April, following a new clause in the Legal Aid Bill. The changes come as it was estimated that metal theft was costing the country £1 billion a year, with more than 1,000 offences every week.

➤ Climate change flood fears

New research commissioned by the Government has found that flooding caused by climate change could affect five million people a year by 2080.



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