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Meetings

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| Meeting | DSO | Date | Time | Location |
|--|-----|----------------------|-------|--|
| Affordable Housing Seminar * Paul Lowe | * | Monday 3 October | 16:00 | Council Chamber |
| Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee | CL | Tuesday 4 October | 09:30 | CANCELLED |
| ➤ Local Development Framework Panel | HW | Tuesday 4 October | 14:00 | Council Chamber |
| Task & Finish Forum: Leisure East Devon | DV | Tuesday 4 October | 18:00 | Committee Room |
| Strategic Development & Partnerships Think Tank *Portfolio Holder Andrew Moulding | * | Wednesday 5 October | 15:00 | Office of Kate Little, Head of Economy |
| Meeting of Exmouth District Councillors *To be chaired by Jill Elson | * | Wednesday 5 October | 15:00 | Committee Room |
| ➤ Cabinet | DV | Wednesday 5 October | 17:30 | Council Chamber |
| Task & Finish Forum: Car parking on Council housing areas – all day district-wide tour | AT | Friday 7 October | 09:00 | Meet in Members' Area |
| Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee | CL | Tuesday 11 October | 09:30 | Council Chamber |
| Local Development Framework Panel | HW | Tuesday 11 October | 14:00 | Council Chamber |
| New Homes Bonus Panel | DV | Wednesday 12 October | 16:00 | Room 1 |
| COUNCIL | DV | Wednesday 12 October | 18:30 | Council Chamber |
| Independent Remuneration Panel | CL | Thursday 13 October | 10:00 | Room 1 |
| Joint meeting of the Economy and Finance Think Tanks * Portfolio Holders Graham Godbeer and David Cox | * | Thursday 13 October | 15:00 | Committee Room |
| East Devon Business Forum | CL | Thursday 13 October | 18:00 | East Devon Business Centre |

Support the Masterpieces Youth Group



Masterpieces Youth Group at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery is one of three good causes selected for the Community Matters Appeal at Waitrose, Sidmouth during October. The Group meets on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. It is open to young people from the age of 12 upwards and gives them the opportunity to meet in a fun and friendly environment, to experience exciting new artistic techniques with well known artists and also have the opportunity to visit art venues such as Tate Britain and Tate St Ives.

Every time you shop at Waitrose you are given a green token, which you place in the box of the good cause that you would most like to support. The more tokens a cause gets, the bigger the proportion of the £1000 they receive. So shop at Waitrose during October and add your token to the **Masterpieces** box!

Portfolio Holder's decision

Decision by Portfolio Holder

Environment

Iain Chubb

Adoption of the Coleridge Memorial Project's poetry stones on the Land of Canaan, Ottery St Mary

The Coleridge Memorial Project, an Ottery based community group, have raised funds of £31,000 to place granite kerbstones engraved with Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem the "kubla khan" alongside the first part of the new footpath/ cycleway across the Land of Canaan. The stones will be set flush with the ground. As a condition of the funding there must be in place provision for any future repairs. The project with the support of the local Councillors and Town Council has requested that EDDC as the landowner takes over responsibility for the stones once they have been put in place. (The Project has advised that additional stones will be purchased and held in store should a replacement be required.)

Agreeing that the Council takes over the responsibility for the future repair and maintenance of the "Coleridge Stones" in the Land of Canaan.

The above decision will become effective on **6 October 2011** at 9.00am unless "called in". The published procedure for a "call-in" is on pages 139 -141 of the Council Constitution, or contact Democratic Services for assistance or explanation.

Seaton firefighters wanted



DEVON & SOMERSET
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service are seeking to recruit retained firefighters who will be available for calls during the day and/or night in Seaton.

Station Commander Dave Powlesland said: "Firefighters are normal people who live or work in the community.

They are builders, housewives, postal workers and shopkeepers – in fact they come from all and every walk of life. The only thing they have in common is that they have all decided to put something back into the community by becoming trained as firefighters.

"Now it is the firefighters themselves that need your help, there simply aren't enough of them and there is a real shortage of new volunteers."

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue service can provide the station, engines, equipment and training but the firefighters themselves have to come from the community.

Dave continued: "We know that there are many more women that are capable of becoming firefighters who have reservations about putting themselves forward. Most people believe that the physical strength required to be a firefighter is greater than it actually is."

Applicants must be at least 18 and physically fit. They need to be available Monday to Friday and in particular during the daytime. Successful applicants will have a chance to attend first aid courses and LGV driving courses.

If you are interested please contact Dave Powlesland in the first instance on 01392 357207 or 07968 502781 for an informal chat about the role of a firefighter and serving the local community of Seaton.

www.dsfire.gov.uk

In the national press

Opinion: Send developers into towns, not the country

Alice Thomson writes that the Government's new planning laws threaten to suck the life out of our ailing urban centres. She writes that cities "need property developers to regenerate their centres rather than destroy meadows or build on yet more flood plains". Times p22 28/9/11

Chairman's engagements

Saturday 1 October

Vice Chairman and Mr Newth to attend the Devon Women's Food and Farming Union Dinner at Bicton College.

Monday 3 October

Chairman to attend and observe the meeting of the Sidmouth Town Council.

Wednesday 5 October

Vice Chairman and Mr Newth to attend the Princes Trust Exmouth Initiative Launch Event at the Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth

District Treasurer required

The Scouts Council is looking for a new District Treasurer to follow on the sterling work carried out by the previous treasurer. This is a challenging role without remuneration (although expenses such as postage are covered). On the plus side you will be providing a valued and worthwhile service to the organisation.

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New documents in the Members' Area

Rural Services Network – Rural Funding – the facts for East Devon

➤ **Opinion: Care reforms need Treasury on board**

David Brindle writes cross-party talks on reforms to the care system, as proposed by the Dilnot commission, are a step in the right direction but will come to nothing unless the Treasury is involved and willing to hand out cash.



➤ **Where have all the children gone, Britain's galleries wonder**

Britain's leading galleries are losing hundreds of thousands of young visitors every year, raising serious concerns over the artistic education of the nation's children. In July it emerged that four out of ten secondary schools had cut key artistic subjects from their curricula as a result of this year's introduction of the English baccalaureate.

➤ **Audit staff team up to bid for public sector contracts**

District audit staff have teamed up with Mazars, an international accountancy firm, as they plan to form a mutual bid for local government and NHS work as the Audit Commission is abolished.

Devon County Council – Leader's Roadshow

In response to the Comprehensive Spending Review last year all local councils had difficult decisions to make about reducing public spending on local services. Devon County Council (DCC) undertook a full service review and began a major restructuring exercise to reduce its spending by over £54 million in the current year. Although DCC continues to drive down costs and seek to be as efficient as possible it is clear that further difficult choices will need to be made this coming year and a further £40 million of savings will need to be found.

Over £10 million (25%) of this will be found by cutting management, administrative costs and back office expenditure. However around £30 million will still need to be found from local services. Clearly, these decisions become ever more difficult and have an increasing impact on local people.

Last year DCC ran a successful campaign (Tough Choices), visiting local communities and explaining to them the financial position and asking them to help prioritise issues and services as well as play their full part in identifying and delivering local solutions that work for local people. DCC want to build on this success and continue the dialogue with residents and communities and is therefore planning to run another consultation exercise this autumn called Your Community Your Choice. Once again John Hart, Leader of DCC, will be holding a series of **public meetings** in market towns across the County to explain the financial situation and hear what people think. Visit the website for dates and venues: <http://www.toughchoices.co.uk/leaders-roadshow/> There is also an **online campaign** to get the views and ideas of those unable to attend meetings.

Pharma's Market: Cleo Mussi at THG

24 September – 12 November 2011

Pharma's Market is a unique contemporary take on the traditional rural livestock and produce show, conceived and produced by mosaic artist Cleo Mussi. Cleo uses colourful fragments of vintage and recycled china, glass and ceramics to make extraordinary sparkling hybrid figures imbued with a cheeky surreal sense of humour. The show is a culmination of the artist's two-year research project into the contrasting imagery of historical and contemporary farming. **Pharma's Market** makes visual connections between established notions about food, agriculture and animal husbandry by contrasting these ideas with more recent developments in stem cell research and genetic modification. The setting of the exhibition appears to be a traditional rural agricultural fair but, once they have entered Cleo's quirky world, visitors are greeted by new and intriguing characters which range from life-sized 'robo-rabbits' to space scientists and bucolic farmers with a distinctly contemporary twist, all jostling for a part in the busy, thought provoking narrative.



Private view: Cllrs Twiss, Diviani, O'Leary & Chubb beside 'Pet's Corner' (part of 'Pharma's Market' installation)

Democratic Services produces this weekly information sheet every Friday for Members of East Devon District Council. Please contact [Diana Vernon](mailto:Diana.Vernon@eastdevon.gov.uk) if you have any comments about the newsletter.

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