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EDDC News

Meetings

Please note meetings shaded pink are **NOT** open to the public

Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 12 April	9.30am	CANCELLED
Asset Management Forum	CL	Wednesday 13 April	9.30am	CANCELLED
Member Champion meeting	DV	Wednesday 13 April	5pm	Members' Area
> COUNCIL	DV	Wednesday 13 April	6.30pm	Council Chamber
> Planning Inspections Committee	HW	Friday 15 April	11.30am	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 19 April	9.30am	CANCELLED

LG Knowledge

> Councillor workbooks: engaging young people

If you're a councillor find out how to engage with your future electorate more effectively. Access a new guide from LG Improvement and Development which details how to better understand young people in your ward. Read the councillor workbook number 29 'Engaging with young people' and discover how to strengthen democracy by involving them in the decision-making process.

> Housing: New Homes Bonus and final allocations

The final allocations of the New Homes Bonus for Year 1 (2011/12) have just been published. The New Homes Bonus aims to fulfil the Government's Coalition Agreement commitment to provide local authorities with real incentives to deliver housing growth. In effect the Bonus will match fund the additional council tax raised for new homes and properties brought back into use. Access the full details now.



> Neighbourhood planning: five key actions



The Localism Bill sets out the framework and key principles for a system of neighbourhood planning in England. Access the Planning Advisory Service's advice note on the preparatory work that local planning authorities can undertake in response to this fundamental reform. Read the five key actions that will give your planning authority a head start.

Consumer Council for Water: office move

From 3 May 2011, the Consumer Council for Water's office in Exeter will be moving to a new location. The Consumer Council is to share premises with Natural England and the new address will be: 9th Floor, Renslade House, Bonhay Road, Exeter, EX4 3AW. The staff and contact numbers will remain the same - Tel: 01392 428028 Lo-call: 0845 7959059.

If you have any questions about the move please contact the local Consumer Relations Manager, Michael Barnes on the above number or email southwest@ccwater.org.uk

Contact us:
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Chairman's engagements

Monday 11 April

Chairman, Vice Chairman and Mrs Liverton to visit Budleigh Salterton Town Council

Devon Community of the Year



Do you love your community? Are you proud of what you've done to improve where you live, or are there groups within your community who have been doing great work? *Devon Community of the Year* is a new annual award from the Community Council of Devon, launched to mark the 50th anniversary. It is open to any Devon group, town, village, or society, that thinks like a community and acts like a community and has worked to improve their physical or social environment.

The winner will be a community which has been inspirational in what it does, and the way it has come together to improve the lives of local people, and will be awarded £500. This year's awards also feature two special categories and the winners of each will be awarded £250: *Healthy Community of the Year* – sponsored by NHS Devon; *Green Community of the Year* – sponsored by South West Water.

For further details on how to enter please visit the Community Council of Devon's [website](#). Don't wait – the deadline for entries is **30 June 2011**.

Help Chardstock Play Area get £15,000!



Chardstock Play Area have been shortlisted from over 1000 entries to the last 20 of a National competition to receive a playground renovation grant of £15,000. Only 5 of the 20 shortlisted playgrounds will receive the bursary and they are the only playground in the whole South West to be shortlisted. The competition is being held by Robinsons Fruit Shoots/Ready for Ten in conjunction with Play England.

The winners are chosen from the amount of online votes in favour of their playground. All votes have to be submitted by **20 April**. To vote go to: www.readyforten.com.

(Please note you will need to register with the site first to be able to vote.)



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