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## Meetings

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

Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
Standards Committee	CL	Tuesday 24 January	10:00	CANCELLED
Housing Delivery Task & Finish Forum (Overview)	DM	Tuesday 24 January	18:00	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Wednesday 25 January	09:30	NOT REQUIRED
Housing Delivery Task & Finish Forum (Overview)	DM	Tuesday 31 January	18:00	Council Chamber
Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Wednesday 1 February	09:30	Committee Room
Arts and Culture Forum	AT	Wednesday 1 February	14:30	The Beehive, Honiton
Scrutiny Committee	DM	Thursday 2 February	18:00	Council Chamber

## In the press

### ➤ Bin lorries to be fitted with cameras to identify potential potholes

Bin lorries will be fitted with high-definition cameras to identify defects on roads that could become potholes, under Government plans. Ministers have also announced allocations for £1.2 billion of funding to improve the country's roads and reduce congestion. Cllr Martin Tett, Transport spokesman at the LGA, said: "The money today will help councils tackle some of the growing repair backlog. However substantially more funding is needed to bring our roads up to scratch. Our roads crisis is only going to get worse unless we address it as a national priority. This means the Government providing long-term and consistent funding to invest in the resurfacing projects which our road network desperately needs over the next decade."

### Austerity pushes local authorities into great British sell-off

Government figures show that councils are expected to invest twice as much from asset sales this financial year as the £1.5 billion generated in 2013/14. Buildings, works of art and areas of land are being sold off by councils. The LGA said: "Asset sales fund regeneration, housing and jobs for communities, improve the quality of life for residents and help keep down council tax. Faced with further central government funding cuts over the next few years, local authorities continue to have to make savings by rationalising their assets. Money saved across the country will continue to be reinvested in vital public services." Financial Times.

## Minutes

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## EDDC news

### ➤ Read the latest news

➤ New Year and new opportunities to have your say on Exmouth's Queen's Drive

➤ East Devon's Development Management Committee refuse permission to build 113-apartments at EDDC's offices at Knowle in Sidmouth

➤ Bishops Clyst Neighbourhood Plan Referendum to take place on 26 January 2017

➤ Residents have until 27 January 2017 to comment on Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan

## What's on



- Thelma Hulbert Gallery
- Manor Pavilion, Sidmouth
- Exmouth Pavilion
- The Gateway, Seaton
- Seaton Visitor Centre
- The Beehive, Honiton
- Countryside events

### ➤ A carrot for older generation to downsize from larger homes



Pensioners will be given incentives to downsize from largely empty family homes to flats and bungalows as part of measures to ease the housing crisis, according to the Telegraph. Communities Secretary Sajid Javid will set out plans to tackle the shortage of housing in a White Paper later this month. Saga estimates 111,000 family-sized homes would come onto the market if a stamp duty exemption for downsizing was

adopted. The LGA has previously suggested the moves and said the money could be recouped with housing moves that otherwise would not have happened.

### ➤ Poor broadband puts children's education at risk in rural areas

Poor broadband connection in remote areas hinders children's learning because they cannot do their homework properly, a report has found. Brian Wilson, Director at Rural England, said that pupils who grow up in rural communities are at a disadvantage compared with their urban residents, as they less are able to access online learning resources and carry out research based projects. A report by the campaign group, titled State of Rural Services 2016, written by Mr Wilson, said that rural communities are suffering due to poor transport links to vital public services.

### ➤ Coffee shops on the march as pubs decline, town centre data shows

The great British pub continues to make way for coffee shops and eateries on our High Streets, but it remains the most popular leisure venue in the UK. Local data company figures, analysed by the BBC, show between 2011-16, the number of town centre bars, pubs and night clubs fell by about 2,000. But cafes, fast food outlets and restaurants have gone up by 6,000 across England and Wales. However, there are still fewer coffee shops than pubs in our town centres.

### ➤ Consumer brands promise more plastic packaging recycling



The makers of leading consumer brands have promised a huge increase in the amount of plastic packaging that is recycled or reused. They aim to raise it from the current 14 per cent to 70 per cent by 2025. Coca-Cola, Unilever, Danone and Mars are among firms that have agreed to ensure the plastic they use is easily recyclable, reusable or compostable. Radical changes in the design of products such as chocolate, crisps, soft drinks and laundry detergent are on the cards, moving away from layers of different types of highly coloured plastic.

### ➤ Councils get £48m to expand homelessness provision

The Government has announced that councils will get £48 million to help them meet the cost of measures to be introduced under the Homelessness Reduction Bill. The LGA warned homelessness services face a funding gap of £192 million by the end of the decade and said the true costs of the legislation were difficult to predict. LGA Chairman Lord Porter said: "It is impossible to know how many people will come forward to access the new duties, what the impact of the bill will be on different groups over time, and therefore the funding councils need to deliver duties that reduce homelessness. We ask that the Government commits to reviewing the Bill's impact two years after implementation, to assess its actual impact and to ensure that councils are being fully equipped and funded to deliver the Bill's ambitions."

## Parish websites

- All Saints
- Awliscombe
- Axminster
- Aylesbeare
- Beer
- Brampford Speke
- Branscombe
- Broadclyst
- Broadhembury
- Budleigh Salterton
- Chardstock
- Clyst Honiton
- Clyst St Mary
- Cranbrook
- Dunkeswell
- Exmouth
- Farringdon
- Feniton
- Gittisham
- Honiton
- Luppitt
- Lypstone
- Kilmington
- Musbury
- Newton Poppleford
- Northleigh
- Otterton
- Ottery St Mary
- Payhembury
- Plymtree
- Rockbeare
- Seaton
- Sidmouth
- Stockland
- Stoke Canon
- Talaton
- Uplyme
- Upottery
- Upton Pyne
- Woodbury

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.

The first **Painting4Parkinsons** workshop at **Thelma Hulbert Gallery in Honiton** has proved popular with local people.



Painting4Parkinsons is a series of art workshops for and by people with Parkinson's in East Devon. The course is run by Menna, an artist who previously trained as a teacher, who has Parkinson's. Menna introduced the group to Alcohol Ink Art and they enjoyed a relaxing morning experimenting with different coloured ink to create their own artworks.

*"We found the inner artist in everyone", explained Menna. "The participants have all created wonderful first pieces mixing the inks using bubbles, straws and dipping tubes. The sessions are friendly and relaxed. You don't need any experience, just enthusiasm. We had great fun and I think everyone enjoyed it as they want to come back!"*

Scientific evidence suggests that certain activities - exercise, social connectedness and creativity - may not only be therapeutic for Parkinson's symptoms, but may actually change the brain and allow it to form new pathways of communication among brain cells.

The next session takes place at THG on **Wednesday 15 February 2017**, 10.15 – 12.45pm.

### **Painting4 Parkinsons**

Workshops are held on the **third Wednesday of every month**: 10.15 – 12.45 pm  
£21 per person / course of 3 workshops. Booking essential as places are limited.  
To book, contact Menna, telephone: 07595 294199 or email: [menna@me.com](mailto:menna@me.com)

### **Arts & Culture Forum meeting | February, 2.30pm at the Beehive Centre, Honiton.**

#### **Message from Charlie Plowden, Service Lead - Countryside & Leisure**

"Following the adoption of a Cultural Plan for East Devon DC we have set out clearly how important the work that various Council teams deliver for cultural tourism, health and wellbeing.

At this forthcoming meeting we have the Arts Council England talking about their priorities and their fit with our work, Martin Thomas; Director for Exeter Cultural Partnership, Karin Frewin; Marketing Consultant for Seaton, Cllr Jenny Brown; Tourism Champion updating on her cultural tourism project, plus updates on Cranbrook's cultural development work and much more.

The meeting is open for everyone to attend, network and hopefully better understand the opportunities and work that we do in encouraging cultural activities across East Devon. So come along and find out more..."