

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Chairman's Civic Sunday - Sunday 7 July 2019**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Kath Williams, will be holding her Civic Sunday on Sunday 7 July 2019. The Deputy Lieutenant of Staffordshire, and Jeremy Lefroy MP, together with various Civic Heads of Staffordshire, Parish Chairmen and Members, family and friends will be joining her in a church service to rededicate themselves to serving the community. This will be followed by a luncheon at the Great Wyrley Community Centre.

- **Successful prosecution for the Council**

The food business operator of a public house located on the outskirts of Kinver has been given a suspended prison sentence after pleading guilty to repeated breaches of food hygiene and health and safety regulations. Click [here](#) to find out more.

- **Open Space Survey**

Do you or your family use your local park or play area? Do you have an allotment? Maybe you visit Baggeridge Country Park, take a walk along the Railway Walk, or use local public footpaths? We are asking for views on our open spaces, small and large, so that we can see if more are needed, or if the quality could be improved. You can help us by completing our Open Space Survey online. Please take 5 minutes of your time to let us have your views. Closing date is Friday 16 August 2019.

Click [here](#) to take part. If you would like any further information about the survey, please contact a member of the Local Plans Team on **01902 696000** or email localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk

- **Talking about #foodwaste**

This week, in his role as Vice Chair of the Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee, Dan Roberts delivered a presentation at the UK Anaerobic Digestion and World Biogas Expo in Birmingham on food waste collections for local authorities in the UK. The case was made that if Government mandates separate food waste collections, additional funding will be required as other waste service changes are in most cases insufficient to offset fully the cost of food waste collection and reprocessing. The audience was largely non-local authority so it was a great opportunity to make aware of the challenges that Councils face. Click [here](#) to see more.

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- **The SPACE scheme is back**

Throughout the summer holidays, discounted weekly membership and swim passes for 8-18 year olds will be available at all the Council's Leisure Centres thanks to funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire and the SPACE scheme. To get your weekly SPACE passes, simply pop into your nearest South Staffordshire Leisure Centre.

www.sstaffs.gov.uk/space

- **Ceremonial Suite hosts another summer wedding**

Congratulations to Gloria and Colin, the latest couple to get married at the Ceremonial Suite at the Council Offices in Codsall. Click [here](#) to see a pic of the happy couple.

- **Community Lottery super draw - win a mystery weekend away!**

Thanks to Parry's International, a mystery weekend away is up for grabs. This fabulous prize includes a one-night hotel stay, dinner, breakfast and two mystery day trips. Buy your lucky lottery ticket before Saturday 27 July 2019 to be in with the chance of winning this prize.

Coming up in August - win two tickets to see Madness and two tickets to see Jess Glynne following an evening of racing at Wolverhampton Race Course. To buy a Community Lottery ticket, simply register on the website www.southstaffslottery.co.uk or telephone **01902 213777**.

- **Together We're Better - public and patient survey**

A series of roadshows has been planned to encourage public conversations across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent, to discuss how we can all think differently, be innovative, and work together to change health and care services so that Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent can become the healthiest places to live and work. Click [here](#) to find out more, get involved and find a list of roadshows including one at Wombourne Civic Centre on Wednesday 17 July 2019.

- **South Staffordshire Connect service now available**

The South Staffordshire Connect dial-a-ride bus service is now available. This local, bookable bus service is once again helping many people who struggle to get out and about and it is aimed at residents who live away from regular bus routes or who find it difficult to use a standard bus. The new Connect service operates between 10am and 3pm to three zones. For more information, please click on the following for more information - [Zone 1](#), [Zone 2](#) and [Zone 3](#).



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- **Having a clear out?**

The Council can help you get rid of your bulky waste items including sofas, beds, wardrobes and white goods such as fridges, freezers and washing machines. Click [here](#) to book online 24/7. Unwanted household items can also be re-used or donated via a series of charities and forums including the British Heart Foundation, Acorns Children's Hospice, the Furniture Re-use Network and others. Click [here](#) for more information.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meeting is scheduled:

- **Licensing and Regulatory Committee** - Thursday 11 July 2019 - 2.30pm - Bill Brownhill Room.

- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspections this week - the Mid Counties Co-op in Codsall and Hollies Poultry Farm Shop in Laney Green.

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: comms@sstaffs.gov.uk