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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Council meeting - Tuesday 10 September 2019**

Council met on Tuesday and importantly approved the implementation of the Codsall Community Hub project (subject to planning permission) along with additional capital budget for other developments and the Council's latest version of the Statement of Community Involvement (which sets out how we will consult on local plans and development management matters). The papers can be seen [here](#).

- **Public consultation on the Codsall Community Hub now underway**

Following the Council meeting a pre-planning application public consultation for the Codsall Community Hub started on Wednesday. This public consultation will be open until Sunday 22 September 2019 and members of the public are invited to complete an online survey and comment on the proposed extension, grounds and refurbishment. Further information and the plans are now available to view on the Council website (click [here](#) to view) and in the foyer of the Council Offices.

- **Council to host skills and jobs fair**

Jobs, training and volunteering opportunities in South Staffordshire will be on offer at a skills and jobs fair at the Council Offices in Codsall on Friday 20 September 2019. The event takes place between 10am and 1pm and is free to attend and open to all ages. Organised by South Staffordshire Council, the event will bring together job seekers, employers and support/training services. Over 40 local businesses are expected to attend and, in addition to an array of jobs on offer, the fair will provide practical help, advice and workshops for those looking to develop their skills or to re-train. Click [here](#) to find out more.

- **Free Brexit training course for local businesses**

The Council in partnership with Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce is providing a free workshop about trading successfully across borders and how to get your business 'Brexit ready'. This free workshop will take place on Thursday 10 October 2019 from 10am to 4pm at the Council Offices in Codsall. Click [here](#) for more information and click [here](#) to book a place.

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- **Let's Work Together**

The next Let's Work Together training session on Monday 16 September 2019 will be about 'Reassuring our communities' and will include presentations about the legal powers to tackle anti-social behaviour and how to use a defibrillator by Penkrige and District Community First Responders. Click [here](#) for more info.

- **Waste and recycling**

This week, the waste and recycling team attended the Recycling and Waste Management exhibition and conference at the NEC where Dan Roberts spoke once more about his favourite subject... bins. Or more specifically, the local authority perspective on consistency in waste and recycling collections. His presentation was well-received by attendees - click [here](#) to see more.

- **More praise for our weddings team**

From decorating the room to ensuring relatives unable to attend the big day can participate and see a wedding via Facetime, no task is too big or small for our weddings team at the Ceremonial Suite. Click [here](#) to see recent feedback and click [here](#) for more information about the Ceremonial Suite at the Council Offices in Codsall.

- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Wombourne Pool Bar in Wombourne, Westfield Primary School in Wombourne and the Servest Food Company at the South Staffordshire Council Offices in Codsall.

- **Community Safety update - locality police engagement meetings**

Chief Inspector Mark Ward and Helen Marshall, the Council's Community Safety Officer (h.marshall@sstaffs.gov.uk), will be present at the next series of police engagement meetings, which take place in each locality twice a year. The purpose is to give an opportunity to all Parishes and elected Members from within the locality to meet and discuss issues relating to crime and disorder in their locality. Meetings are for Parish Councillors and District Members and they take place from 5pm to 7pm.

- Locality 2 - Wednesday 18 September 2019 - Brewood & Coven Parish Council Chamber.
- Locality 3 - Wednesday 9 October 2019 - Council Chamber, Essington Community Centre.
- Locality 4 - Wednesday 23 October 2019 - Codsall Parish Chambers.
- Locality 5 - Wednesday 30 October 2019 - Swindon Community Centre.

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- **September Leisure Centre membership offer**

Get **#BackToIt** with our special Leisure Centre membership offer this September. Join between Monday 9 and Monday 30 September 2019 and you could get up to three months free as part of our **#BackToIt** promotion (terms and conditions apply). Click [here](#) to find out more.

There's something for everyone in our Leisure Centres including swimming pools, fully equipped gyms, exercise class programmes and toning suites. The Council runs four Leisure Centres in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne and they offer everything you need to get fit, stay motivated and on track to a fitter and healthier you. For more information about this promotion, please contact your local Leisure Centre.



Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre Tel: 01922 417790

Codsall Leisure Centre Tel: 01902 844032

Penkridge Leisure Centre Tel: 01785 714152

Wombourne Leisure Centre Tel: 01902 898202

Email: leisure@sstaffs.gov.uk

www.sstaffs.gov.uk/leisure

- **Annual Canvass 2019**

Thank you to residents who have responded to the Household Enquiry Form. Every year, we are required to write to households in the district to confirm that the details we have on the electoral register are correct. It is a legal requirement to respond to this letter and it's quick and easy to reply - you can do this online or by telephoning, texting or signing the form and sending it back. Click [here](#) for more information. We have to follow up any non-responding households so please help us save money by responding quickly.

- **Funding now available to help you heat your home**

For a limited time, householders and tenants in South Staffordshire can benefit from being connected to mains gas along with a new gas-fired central heating system all installed free of charge (subject to eligibility). The scheme is funded using the Warm Homes Fund, established by National Grid to support local authorities, registered social landlords and other organisations working in partnership with them, to address some of the issues affecting fuel poor households. South Staffordshire Council is working with Staffordshire County Council, E.On and Affordable

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Warmth Solutions to help fund and successfully deliver this scheme locally and ensure households can afford to heat their homes.

Click [here](#) to view our first installation case study in Perton. For more information, call freephone **0800 193 1902** or email advice@mea.org.uk.
www.staffordshirewarmerhomes.co.uk

- **Energy switch surgery every Thursday**

If you'd like help switching your energy supplier, the Good Life Energy team will be visiting the Council Offices every Thursday between 10am and 1pm. You can book an appointment with the team on Freephone **03333 058671** or turn up with a recent energy bill on the day. For more information, visit www.sstaffs.gov.uk/energy.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following meetings are scheduled:

- **Planning Committee** - Tuesday 17 September 2019 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber

- **Events coming up**

- **Perton Village Show** - Saturday 21 September 2019 from 2pm. A traditional village show held at Perton Civic Centre including local skills, cookery, horticulture, art and crafts, exhibits by local community groups, cream teas and a novelty dog show. Schedules are available from Perton Civic Centre and Perton Library. For more information, please contact Philip Davis (tel: **741822** email p.davis@sstaffs.gov.uk).
- **Wombourne Music Festival 2019** - Saturday 21 to 28 September 2019. Tickets available now. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Wheaton Aston Historical Festival** - Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September 2019, 10am to 4.30pm. Click [here](#) for more information.
www.wheatonaston-historicalfestival.org
- **Perton Library** is celebrating Staffordshire History Festival with a family-friendly open day - Saturday 5 October 2019. 11am to 4pm.

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- **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](#).



- **Together we win!**

Good causes in South Staffordshire need your support and one way you can help is by buying a lottery ticket in our weekly Community Lottery. As well as supporting a good cause you might even win a cash prize ranging from £25 up to a jackpot of £25,000. To buy a lottery ticket, simply register on the website (www.southstaffslottery.co.uk) or telephone **01902 213777**.

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