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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Nomination for Public Sector Paperless Awards**

The Council has been short-listed for the Public Sector Paperless Awards in the best customer experience category. These awards recognise government transformation excellence and the Council's award submission highlighted all the good work being done at South Staffordshire Council around digital transformation including website development, the new 'My Account' portal, webchat, the My Staffs mobile app, social media messaging, and post and printing. The results will be announced on Thursday 19 July 2018. Click [here](#) to see the award submission or visit www.paperlessawards.co.uk for more information.

- **Our gender pay gap statistics**

All employers with 250 or more employees are required to publish their gender pay gap. The gender pay gap is the percentage difference between average hourly earnings between men and women.

View our Gender Pay Gap booklet [here](#)

- **Shape up for summer**

The popular 'Summer Shape Up' special promotional offer at the Leisure Centres in Codsall, Wombourne, Penkridge and Cheslyn Hay ends on Sunday 8 April 2018. Join before the end of the week for just £10 and then pay nothing more until May 2018! Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Safe + Sound over 60s event**

On Tuesday 10 April 2018, there will be a 'Safe + sound' event for over 60s at the Council Offices in Codsall from 9am to 1pm. There will be lots of useful workshops taking place and you can find out more about fire safety in the home, scams and internet safety, basic life support such as CPR and use of a defibrillator, and lots more. Click [here](#) for more information and email safeandsound@staffordshirefire.gov.uk to book your free place

- **Site Allocations Document (SAD) update**

The consultation on modifications to the SAD ended on Wednesday 21 March 2018. The representations received have been considered by the Council and a schedule of responses has been sent to the Inspector and will be placed on the Council website. The Inspector will now

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consider the representations and the Council's responses and will decide whether any further amendments are needed to the plan before completing his report. Subject to there being no further amendments, we hope to have the Inspector's final report in May 2018.

Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2018-2022**

The Housing and Homelessness Strategy for South Staffordshire was adopted by the Council on Tuesday 27 March 2018. Over the period 2018-2022, the strategy aims to ensure that everyone in the district is able to afford a home that is suitable for them, whether it be on the open market, or through one of our local Registered Provider partners.

In order to achieve this, the strategy is focused around three key priorities:

1. To ensure the right types of housing in the right locations to meet local need.
2. To improve the standard and quality of housing to positively contribute to the health, wellbeing and independence of residents.
3. To prevent and alleviate homelessness.

Click [here](#) to read the strategy.

- **Together we win!**

Have you had a go on the South Staffordshire Community Lottery yet? Last week one lucky supporter won £250! For just £1 a week you can support local good causes and be in with a chance of winning cash prizes. It's quick and easy to sign up and tickets cost just £1. To buy a ticket, visit www.southstaffslottery.co.uk or telephone **01902 213777**.

- **Egg-stremely recyclable!**

If you've enjoyed a chocolate treat over Easter, remember to recycle the cardboard, plastic packaging and aluminium foil wrappers from your Easter eggs. They can all be recycled in your blue bin.

- **5 Rating**

The following companies have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - the Snack Shack in Huntington, Rodbaston Visitor Centre, and Baci Italian Restaurant in Kinver.

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Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**
 - **Overview and Scrutiny Committee** - Thursday 12 April 2018 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber
 - **Member Engagement Panel and Training Group** - Thursday 3 May 2018 - 4.30pm - Committee Room 2

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