

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Annual Council – Tuesday 8 May 2018**

On Tuesday one of the key events of the year, Annual Council, took place. Cllr Val Chapman stood down as Chairman of Council and Cllr Len Bates was appointed Chairman with Cllr Lisa Emery appointed as Vice Chairman.

There was no change in terms of members of the Cabinet or of the Chairman of the Committees.

- **Site Allocation Document confirmation**

Earlier this week, the Council received confirmation from the Planning Inspectorate that the Site Allocations Document (SAD) has been found sound along with the modifications that the Council recently proposed and consulted on. This is the culmination of four years of preparation that has involved looking at more than 400 site options as well as carrying out over 50 weeks of public consultations and over 40 public exhibitions and drop-in sessions.

Council will now be invited to formally adopt the SAD at a meeting on 19 June 2018. The SAD together with the Core Strategy makes up the development plan for South Staffordshire. The SAD identifies land for approximately 1,000 houses across the villages and 62 hectares of employment land at i54 and ROF Featherstone.

- **Award-winning festive bin men**

Congratulations to the Waste and Recycling team who won the award for Best Local Authority Recycling Initiative at the Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management yesterday for their festive bin man campaign.

- **New Commander for South Staffordshire Local Policing Team**

South Staffordshire has a new leader for its local neighbourhood policing team. Chief Inspector Mark Ward started his new role heading up the team based at Watling Street on Tuesday 1 May 2018 and he will be responsible for the policing area which covers Wombourne, Kinver, Codsall, Penkridge, Pattingham, Perton, Essington and Huntington. Mark came to Staffordshire last year after serving 21 years with West Midlands Police. Click [here](#) for more information.

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- **Be part of the 'Great Plastic Pick Up'**
'Friends of Bilbrook' has organised a 'Great Plastic Pick Up' for this Sunday 13 May 2018 to support the Keep Britain Tidy and the Daily Mail's national campaign. Starting at 10am from Bilbrook Village Hall, all equipment will be provided and children and dogs are welcome. Click [here](#) to find out more.
- **Spring Festival**
On Saturday 12 May 2018, 'Wild about Perton', a volunteer-led local community organisation that works to improve Perton's green spaces, is holding their annual Spring Festival at Perton library from 10am to 4pm. Click [here](#) for more information or visit: www.wildaboutperton.org.uk
- **Club matters**
Sport England is asking sports clubs to complete a short survey so that they can better understand the challenges clubs face in order to help support them. The closing date to complete the survey is Wednesday 16 May 2018 - click [here](#) to access the survey.
- **5 Rating**
The following company has achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - HHGC Takeaway at Himley Hall in Himley.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**
Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:
 - **Planning Committee** - Tuesday 15 May 2018 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber

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