

Council news round-up



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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Development plans submitted for i54 western extension**

This week, the City of Wolverhampton Council and Staffordshire County Council submitted an application for outline planning permission to South Staffordshire Council (as the planning authority) to extend the current i54 South Staffordshire employment site. Click [here](#) to read more.

- **Flames aren't games**

That's the message from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service which this week started a campaign on its social media platforms to prevent deliberate outdoor fires. The warm weather has led to an increase in the number of deliberate grass fires and local communities are being asked to be vigilant and keep a look out for any suspicious behaviour and report it.

Click [here](#) to view a short video called 'True or Dare', produced by their fire cadets, which demonstrates the way that peer pressure and naivety can result in an outdoor fire with potentially life threatening consequences. Interactive content is also being posted across all their social media platforms utilising images from recent fires to show the devastation that these cause.

Twitter: @Staffsfire

Facebook: @StaffordshireFireAndRescueService

Instagram: @Staffsfire

Snapchat: staffsfire

- **Income generation successes**

Both Street Scene and the Legal Services team have successfully generated additional income for the Council. Street Scene recently undertook work for B.S. Eaton Limited, a concrete supplier based in Cheslyn Hay, while a Data Protection Officer support service for Tamworth Borough Council has recently been agreed by the Legal Services team. Over the last year, the Council's solicitors have been retained to support the legal function of both Lichfield District Council and Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and, in addition, they have provided advice and support to more than 10 Parish Councils within the district as well as local charities.

- **Reminder - Annual Canvass 2018**

Please remember to return your Household Enquiry Form to make sure you don't lose your vote. Click [here](#) for more information.

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- **Community litter pick**

The Council is delighted to support Great Wyrley Parish Council in their litter pick this weekend. If your parish would like to organise a litter picking event, don't forget that we can provide equipment such as hi-visibility vests, litter grabbers and gloves. Click [here](#) to view litter picking advice for community groups from Keep Britain Tidy and click [here](#) for a risk assessment template produced by the Campaign for Rural England.

Email: a.aston@sstaffs.gov.uk

- **Community innovation fund now open**

The South Staffordshire Community Innovation Fund is now open and applicants have until 5pm on Friday 28 September 2018 to submit an application. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for all community and voluntary sector organisations in South Staffordshire including those registered to the South Staffordshire Community Lottery. Please contact policyadmin@sstaffs.gov.uk for an application form and guidance notes.

- **What's on in the Leisure Centres this summer**

There are lots of things going on this summer in our Leisure Centres in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne. Find out more about our summer school holiday swimming and activity programmes by clicking [here](#) for more information.

Don't forget that young people aged 10-19 can swim for just £1 per week thanks to funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire and the SPACE scheme.

- £1 per week for a weekly swim pass (aged 10-19 years).
- £2 per week for a weekly membership pass allowing access into gyms, exercise classes and swimming (aged 16-19 years).

- **Community Lottery - August DOUBLE super draw**

How would you like to win afternoon tea for two people or a round of golf for up to four people? Thanks to Halfpenny Green Vineyards and 3 Hammers Golf Club, the latest summer super-draw is a double prize draw that will be taking place on 25 August at 8pm. Lottery tickets are only £1 a week and available from www.southstaffslottery.co.uk or by calling **01902 213777**. Together we win!

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- **Village and community events - diary dates**

- Family Fun day on the Village Green in Huntington on Saturday 18 August 2018 from 10am to 4pm.
- Perton Village Show on Saturday 15 September 2018, from 12.30pm onwards. Show schedules available from Perton Civic Centre and Perton Library. Enquires can be made to the Show Secretary by calling **01902 741822**.

- **Council events - diary dates**

- Official opening of the new community room at Baggeridge Country Park on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 11.30am.
- Skills and Jobs Fair at the Council Offices on Wednesday 26 September 2018 between 10am and 2pm.
- Parish Summit 2018 (Our Place - Our Challenges - Our Opportunities - 2020 and beyond) on Friday 28 September 2018 from 9am to 3pm at the Council Offices in Codsall.

- **5 Rating**

The following companies have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Cargill Meats Europe in Bilbrook, the Lunchbox Deli in Great Wyrley, Springhill Cricket Club in Lower Penn, Cabin Café in Bednall, Somerford Hall in Brewood, The Butchery in Kinver and the Rock House Tea Rooms in Kinver.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following meeting is scheduled:

- **Planning Committee** - Tuesday 21 August 2018 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber

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