

Council news round-up

Your weekly guide to the latest news

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **1st birthday for news round-up**

This issue marks a year since we started this weekly news round-up for staff. It's expanded and there are now versions for Members and Parish Councils who share our news items with residents. This is your news round-up so please forward any news items to: comms@sstaffs.gov.uk



- **Community Lottery**

See all the draw results and winners on the South Staffordshire Community Lottery website! You can help support the lottery by buying a ticket - register on the website (www.southstaffslottery.co.uk) or telephone **01902 213777**.

- **Consultation underway on supplementary planning documents**

A consultation is now underway on two guides providing additional guidance on the policies we use to determine planning applications. The first is the District Design Guide, which has been updated and revised. This gives clear guidelines to help promote good design in new developments, and reflects the diversity of the villages in South Staffordshire and the wider, more rural areas. It also covers shop front design within our Conservation Areas.

The second guide is a Sustainable Development supplementary document. This is a new publication and it contains a number of themes including sustainable transport, energy efficiency, biodiversity, sustainable drainage systems and waste management. It also includes a Householder Guide to Renewable Energy. If you would like comment on either of these supplementary planning documents, there is now a six-week consultation period to do so, ending at **5pm on Monday 5 March 2018**. Click [here](#) to find out more and to view the documents.

- **Report it online**

The abandoned vehicle page on the Council website has been updated and you can now report an abandoned vehicle using an online form. Click [here](#) to access the form.

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- **'Forward to health'**

Our Leisure Centres offer a 'Forward to Health' scheme for people with medical conditions to help them get fitter and healthier. This helps them improve their health, offering discounted membership and use of our facilities and providing support from one of our exercise specialists. Click [here](#) to find out more here.

- **#Vote100**

Tuesday 6 February 2018 marks 100 years since the Representation of the People Act was passed, giving some women the right to vote for the first time. The Electoral Commission is encouraging women across the UK to celebrate their democratic right by posting pictures of them holding their 'I vote' sign. Get involved by sharing your photos on Twitter and Facebook with the hashtag #Vote100 and tagging @YourVote_UK and @ElectoralCommUK. Click [here](#) to download the 'I vote' sign.

- **5 Rating**

The following companies have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Kinver Garden Day Nursery and Wrottesley Arms in Perton.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meeting is scheduled:

- **Additional Wellbeing Select Committee** - Tuesday 30 January 2018 - 5.30pm - Council Chamber - click [here](#) for the agenda - to discuss the closure of Pattingham Branch Surgery.

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