

Member Information Service

Decisions Made by the Cabinet

Call-in deadline – 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 23rd September 2013.

The following decision has been made by the Cabinet at their meeting held on 11th September 2013 and will come into effect at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 23rd September 2013, unless the call-in procedure is activated. If you wish to request that a proposed decision is called in, please contact Jo Harper on 01444 477421 (jo.harper@midsussex.gov.uk) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Service and Financial Planning – Guidelines for 2014/15.

Recommendation Agreed.

April to July Budget Management.

Recommendation Agreed.

Air Quality Action Plan for Stonepound Crossroads, Hassocks.

Recommendation Agreed.

Economic and Business Related Activities Fund.

Recommendation Agreed.

Information and News

COMMUNITY ENERGY FORTNIGHT, 24TH AUGUST – 8TH SEPTEMBER

Report from Councillor Dumbovic

Events have been held all over the country and OVESCO (Ouse Valley Energy Services Company) and the Co-op hosted an exhibition together with interesting and informative talks on local community energy projects. This was held in Lewes on 6th September at the Linklater Pavilion, an excellent building which produces enough energy and water to be self sufficient. This Community Centre has a sedum roof, photovoltaic solar panels, a ground source heat pump and of course good insulation.

Community Groups and Councillors mainly from coastal towns from Chichester to Rye were invited to attend the event and a new umbrella group, Community Energy South' was launched.

The talks were very interesting and showed how small groups of local people can join together and set up community projects and lower energy costs and tackle fuel poverty. The Green Deal, relaxation of planning regulations for solar panels, using the large roofs on industrial buildings and schools for solar panels were possibilities for community groups to consider. If money was made from these community projects it could be reinvested and eventually local areas could become self sufficient in energy.

German investment based on renewables, mainly solar and wind, amounts to 23% of the total energy used, comes mainly from small community projects. It was evident from the experience of many speakers that small steps towards providing community energy can lead to amazing results.

There is an opportunity to visit Lewes Eco Open Homes on 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd September.

For further information and the location of the Eco Open Homes visit: <http://www.lewesecoopenhomes.org.uk/>