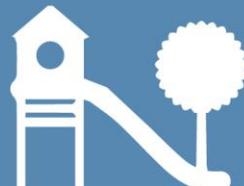


# Council news round-up

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## This week's news from around the Council.

- **Council approves E&I Route Map 2018-19 and Council Plan Outcomes – 2016-2020**

Council approved the E&I Route Map for 2018/19 this week, which is a critical document for the Council and sets out here how we will put the Council in a position to deliver on the Council Plan and the outcomes for 2016 -2020, which were set by Members. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to see them.

- **'My Account' reaches 1,000 users**

Since it was launched towards the end of 2017, 'My Account' has helped the Council's digital transformation and this week the Council hit its 1,000th user milestone figure. 'My Account' gives residents online access to the Council 24 hours a day. Out of the 1,000 users, 435 have accessed the self-service portal to view the details of their Council Tax and housing benefits online, more than 200 users have booked the bulky waste collection online and over 30 users have requested an additional green bin.

- **Land purchase for the Council**

Cabinet recently approved the purchase of two plots of land on the Hilton Cross Business Park near Featherstone, one of which is adjacent to the recently purchased Element Court office accommodation. Hilton Cross is one of the district's four key strategic employment sites and is within the 'Wolverhampton - South Staffordshire Growth Zone'.

The purchase of land represents a departure from recent acquisitions, which have consisted of buying existing commercial properties. Over the next few months, the Council will undertake the necessary due diligence checks to complete the purchase as well as explore options for developing the plots into the future.

- **Over £1,000 raised at Chairman's Charity Civic Dinner**

There was a great turn out for the Chairman's Charity Civic Dinner. In total, the event raised over £1,000 for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. Fundraising efforts for the Chairman's charity are set to continue into next week with a tombola stall in the reception area of the Council Offices until Friday 4 May 2018.

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- **'Money saving day'**

A 'Money Saving Day' will be taking place at Wombourne Library on Tuesday 1 May 2018 (10am to 2pm). Please click [here](#) for more information.

- **Public exhibition in Essington**

Bovis Homes is holding a public exhibition examining their proposals for new homes at Hobnock Road in Essington. This will take place at Essington Community Centre on Thursday 3 May 2018 between 2pm and 7pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Save the date**

The Council will be hosting its first Wedding Fayre in partnership with 'Tied with a Bow' at the Council Offices in Codsall on Sunday 3 June 2018 from 11am to 3pm. For more information, visit [www.tiedwithabowweddingfayres.co.uk](http://www.tiedwithabowweddingfayres.co.uk)

- **'Back to netball' sessions**

After England's netball success at the Commonwealth Games, why not reacquaint yourself with this sport? Both Cheslyn Hay and Wombourne Leisure Centres offer 'Back to netball' sessions, which are suitable for all ages and abilities. To find out more, please call the Leisure Centres or click [here](#) for more information.

Wombourne Leisure Centre - Tuesdays - 6.30pm to 7.30pm - **01902 898202**

Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre - Thursdays - 7pm to 8pm - **01922 417790**

## Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

There are no public meetings next week.

- **5 Rating**

The following companies have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - The Green Man Inn in Swindon and the Farmer and Friends Kitchen at the Garden Village.

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: [comms@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:comms@sstaffs.gov.uk)