

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Wedding Fayre this Sunday**

The Council's very first Wedding Fayre is taking place this Sunday on 3 June 2018 from 11am to 3pm. It's free to attend so please come along and meet local exhibitors and pick up a free goody bag. You'll also be able to see the new Ceremonial Suite at the Council Offices with the room dresses for a wedding too. To find out more, click [here](#).

- **LGA Peer Challenge**

Next week, the Council will be taking part in an LGA Peer Challenge. This will take place between Wednesday 6 and Friday 8 June 2018 and a small team of local authority officers and councillors will be spending time at the Council Offices in Codsall as peers to provide challenge and share learning. Local Parish Councillors will be involved too.

- **Community Lottery - June bonanza super draw**

The South Staffordshire Community Lottery will be having a DOUBLE super draw during June with two fantastic prizes to give away on Saturday 30 June 2018, thanks to Weston Park and Wolverhampton Speedway. You could win a family ticket to a Wolverhampton Speedway Meet or a family annual pass to Weston Park. Sign up to the lottery to be in with a chance of winning and play today for as little as £1 a week. Click [here](#) to buy a ticket or telephone **01902 213777**.

- **Collection rates - excellent performance continues**

Following year end reconciliations, the South Staffordshire Council's collection rates for Council Tax and Business Rates in 2017/18 were 98.3% and 98.7% respectively, which continues the excellent performance of the Revenues team in recent years. The Council Tax collection rate is the same as last year and it continues to be higher than the five year average for Shire Districts of 98%. For Business Rates, the collection rate increased by 0.2% making it the highest collection rate in South Staffordshire for 10 years. The five year average for Shire Districts is 98.4%.

- **Increase in compliance rates**

The Environmental Health & Licensing team has completed their annual food hygiene and health and safety returns for 2017/18. The food return concludes that we did 100% of all our high risk premises and, overall, achieved 99.7% of our interventions due in the year. The broadly compliant score (those scoring a Food Hygiene Rating of 3, 4 and 5) for this year has been the highest to date at nearly 96% (95.8%), an increase of nearly 2% from the previous year.

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- **Wheels for all**

An open day promoting inclusive cycling activity in local communities is being held at Aldersley Stadium in Wolverhampton on Wednesday 6 June 2018 from 10am to 4.30pm. The 'Wheels for all' initiative is a nationally recognised programme to encourage children and adults with disabilities and differing needs to engage in a quality cycling activity. Click [here](#) for more information and to book a session on one of the bikes.

- **5 Rating**

The following company has achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Evergreen Chinese and Oriental Takeaway in Penkridge.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following meeting is scheduled:

- **Overview and Scrutiny Committee** - Tuesday 5 June 2018 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber

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