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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Results for Wombourne South West Ward - District Election - Thursday 6 June 2019**

The result from yesterday's election for the Wombourne South West District and Parish Ward can be seen [here](#) (District) and [here](#) (Parish). Mike Davies and Vincent Merrick (both Conservative) were elected to the District Council.

- **Curry fly-tip helps the homeless**

A local homeless charity has been given a large quantity of catering equipment that was fly-tipped recently in South Staffordshire. In April, the Council made a public appeal for information about a large quantity of curry and catering equipment that was fly-tipped on Pendeford Hall Lane, Bilbrook. Although the incident was caught on camera, the vehicle used had cloned number plates so the search was unsuccessful. The fly-tipped items were estimated to be worth about £1,000 and the Council's Enforcement team has donated them to the Good Shepherd in Wolverhampton, which provides support and hot meals to the homeless. Click [here](#) to see more.

- **Business Hub welcomes third new tenant**

This week, we are delighted to welcome Allan Reynolds Surveyors into the Business Hub. Recruitment specialists, Jonathan Bosworth, who have been with the Business Hub right from the start, have also taken on additional office space recently to accommodate their growing business. There are now 21 Business Hub tenants leasing office space in the Council Offices and Jubilee House and this generates around £300,000 per annum of revenue for the Council. Know any small business looking to relocate? Now available - two small offices at Jubilee House and one medium size office within the Business Hub. For more details, please contact Niki Taylor (n.taylor@sstaffs.gov.uk) or Karen Riley (K.Riley@sstaffs.gov.uk).

- **More #Codsallweddings**

Click [here](#) to see pics of the latest wedding to take place at the Ceremonial Suite at the Council Offices. Congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Johnson.

- **It's Marsh Orchid time**

Click [here](#) to see some of the stunning pics taken of orchids this week at Baggeridge Country Park. Right now is a great time to see orchids but some species are legally protected so don't

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pick them. You can find out more about what's on at Baggeridge by liking their Facebook page or following on Twitter.

- **Planning Portal - interactive house**

The Planning Portal is there to help the public identify whether planning permission is needed - using the interactive house, you can select the areas you wish to renovate and find out the rules and regulations before submitting a pre-application. Follow the link to find out more.

<https://interactive.planningportal.co.uk/>

- **CCG consultation on a single strategic commissioning organisation**

The CCGs are currently running a consultation on a proposal to create a single Strategic Commissioning Organisation (single CCG). If progressed, this would have commissioning responsibility for the whole of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent from April 2020. To enable as many people as possible to take part, the online survey has now been extended until 30 June 2019. Further information is available on the CCGs websites - click [here](#) to complete the survey.

- **Highways England consultation**

Highways England is undertaking a public consultation on detailed plans for a new M54 to M6 road link. The consultation ends on Friday 5 July 2019 and there are some public sessions where you can see the plans and discuss the proposals with the project team. Click [here](#) for more information or visit www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad

- **Home Office to scrap charges for 101 non-emergency number**

The Home Secretary has announced he is scrapping charges for the **101** police non-emergency number. The move will make the number free of charge for all members of the public, including victims of crime, from April 2020. The Home Office will invest £5 million a year to fund the service, which receives around 30 million calls annually. In addition to making 101 calls free, the Home Office is funding police forces to create a new website where the public will be able to contact the police and report crimes online. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Together We're Better - public and patient survey**

A series of roadshows has been planned to encourage public conversations across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent, to discuss how we can all think differently, be innovative, and work together to change health and care services so that Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent can

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become the healthiest places to live and work. Click [here](#) to find out more, get involved and find a list of roadshows including one at Wombourne Civic Centre on Wednesday 17 July 2019.

- **South Staffordshire Connect service now available**

The South Staffordshire Connect dial-a-ride bus service is now available. This local, bookable bus service is once again helping many people who struggle to get out and about and it is aimed at residents who live away from regular bus routes or who find it difficult to use a standard bus. The new Connect service operates between 10am and 3pm to three zones. For more information, please click on the following for more information - [Zone 1](#), [Zone 2](#) and [Zone 3](#).



- **Together we win!**

Good causes in South Staffordshire need your support and one way you can help is by buying a lottery ticket in our weekly Community Lottery. As well as supporting a good cause you might even win a cash prize ranging from £25 up to a jackpot of £25,000. To buy a lottery ticket, simply register on the website (www.southstaffslottery.co.uk) or telephone **01902 213777**.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following meeting is scheduled:

- **Wellbeing Select Committee** - Tuesday 11 June 2019 - 5.30pm - Council Chamber.

- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Co-Op Petrol in Penkrigde, Potters Cross Stores in Kinver and Martin Thomas Butchers in Pattingham.

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