

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Members of the Council 2019** - Click [here](#) to download a useful portrait gallery of Members of South Staffordshire Council including their contact details.
- **Community safety update - speeding**

On Thursday 6 June 2019, Staffordshire Police undertook a traffic operation Codsall and Bilbrook from 8am to 1pm. This was in response to complaints from local residents and Councillors concerned about speeding, HGVs breaching the 7.5 tonne weight limit on village roads and errant parking near to the railway stations. The Police utilised a speed laser gun at two sites (Birches Road and Wolverhampton Road) and the results of the traffic operation were:

 - 15 drivers issued with warning notices regarding excess speed in a 30mph zone.
 - 2 drivers issued with warnings for defective tyres.
 - 1 vehicle seized for no insurance (driver reported for no insurance and no MOT).
 - 1 vehicle seized on behalf of DVLA having not been taxed for over 12 months.
 - 1 HGV driver stopped and warned for exceeding the 7.5 T weight limit.

- **Council Tax scam alert**

Householders including those in South Staffordshire are facing various Council Tax scams offering bogus refunds or threatening fines. Fraudsters are contacting people via text, email and telephone and telling them that they have either paid too much Council Tax and are due a refund (which they offer to claim on their behalf for a 'fee') or demand payment for arrears.



This is a scam - banks and HMRC will never contact people out of the blue and ask for your personal information or bank details and councils will never phone, text or email residents to ask for a payment to release a Council Tax refund or ask for personal bank details. Don't give out your private information and if you receive a suspect email ignore it and don't download attachments or click on links.

- **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

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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

- **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 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](#).



Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Licensing Sub Committee** - Monday 24 June 2019 - 2pm - Committee Room 2.
- **Full Council** - Tuesday 25 June 2019 - 7pm - Council Chamber.

- **5 Rating**

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The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspections this week
- Pendrell Hall in Codsall Wood, Age UK Staffordshire in Lower Penn and the Crown at Iverley.

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