

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING,
LICENSING, PUBLIC REALM AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENT
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Planning

The new planning structure came into effect from 1 July following a reduction in resources. Further changes are due to come into force over the coming months. This will include pre-application charges, agreed by Executive on 4 August and will be introduced from 1 September.

Also agreed by last month's Executive was the Planning Enforcement Policy, which gives a priority approach to enforcement action.

Planning Committee

The Planning Committee met in July and approved applications for West Wight Alpacas, Wellow, Culver Way, Yaverland; while planning conditions for the Asda development were revised.

The committee requested action is taken with respect to retrospective development. Options are to be investigated.

Public Realm

Beaches and grounds maintenance

While the savings target presents a real challenge, officers continue to work with town and parish councils to ensure any impact to the public are minimised. Much of the work is complete, with some very effective partnerships developed with town and parish councils. The contracts in place for the above services have been altered to reflect the savings.

Licensing

Street furniture

From 1 September the licensing of street furniture will be undertaken by the Licensing Department. Until the end of August the applications had been received by Island Roads and dealt with in consultation with the council's highways PFI contract team.

All businesses which place items - with the exception of A-frame style advertising boards - on the highway (including pavements) may need permission before doing so. Earlier this year there was a consultation on a new policy aimed at regulating the

placing of objects on pavements and highways. The policy was approved by Full Council on 24 March.

Bestival

The arrangements for this year's Bestival are very much in an advance stage with no issues being anticipated. The weather and ground and conditions are being regularly monitored.

The event plans have been approved as required by the premises licence.

Licensing Sub Committee

The Licensing Sub-Committee has met twice, and has considered positive outcomes for The Beach Shack, Sandown and the Beachside Club, Totland.

As Executive member, since July I have:

- arranged meetings with Councillor Barry to discuss options for the Roadside Inn, Nettlestone;
- arranged my first select committee liaison meeting with Councillor Whittle - further meetings will be arranged with Councillors Gilbey and Whittle this month.
- attended and taken feedback from local members and town and parish councillors from Planning For The Future Meetings - I am working with the lead officer and am hopeful our next meeting can be combined and will take place prior to the next consultation for the area action plans;
- attended the AONB Management Committee meeting;
- attended meetings, and am looking forward to working with local members and town and parish councillors on rural transport initiatives;
- met with the MP, and look forward to building upon liaison with respect to planning and other matters within my Executive position.

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