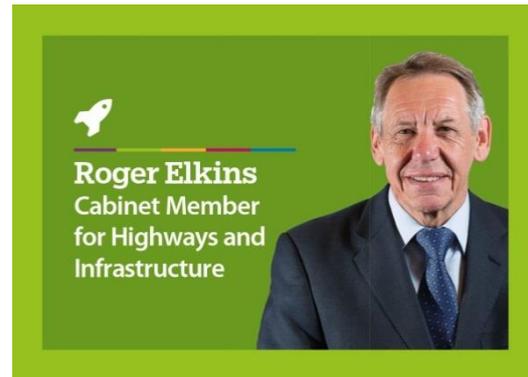


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A PROSPEROUS PLACE



Infrastructure that supports a successful economy

28 A27 Improvements (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure) – see also paragraph 10 on page 49 of Council booklet

On 12 October Highways England announced its intention to conduct a further non-statutory consultation on the A27 Arundel Bypass scheme in spring 2019. The consultation will provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment again on the three bypass options. Option 5A is the County Council's preferred option for an A27 Arundel Bypass, subject to delivery of a high quality environmental mitigation package, and it will reconsider this preference alongside the updated evidence and revised designs for all three options before responding to the consultation. A series of workshops with key stakeholders planned for autumn 2018 have been postponed and Highways England is considering whether to reschedule these during the consultation period.



A skilled workforce for West Sussex

29 University of Chichester Engineering and Digital Technology Park (Leader/Economy)

On 3 October the Duke and Duchess of Sussex officially opened the University of Chichester's Engineering and Digital Technology Park in Bognor Regis. The Tech Park brings together science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics courses into one site to help develop graduates that are equipped to meet the requirements and challenges of businesses. The County Council has worked proactively in partnership with the University of Chichester, Arun District Council and other stakeholders to support the delivery of the new campus, including funding for the highway works required to provide access to the new Tech Park. The opening of the Park supports the economic growth ambitions of the

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County Council and complements a number of County Council initiatives to reinvigorate the local economy in Bognor Regis, including the establishment of a Creative Digital Hub at Bognor Regis Railway Station which will provide support for enterprise and start-ups to develop and grow their businesses.



A great place to live, visit and work

30 Velo South Stakeholder Engagement (Leader & Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure)

Following the cancellation of the Velo South cycling event on 23 September due to expected poor weather, the County Council has been putting plans in place to reflect on the process and planning of the event and consider how it manages requests for similar events in the future. The County Council is committed to supporting a successful economy and promoting the county as a great place to visit, given the array of attractions, culture, amenities and local food and drink it has on offer. On 28 September a meeting was held with local members to gain insight from what would have been the most impacted parts of the county. It was agreed that it is important to consider the feedback received from residents and businesses. A series of targeted parish meetings are now being organised to ensure that all views about this type of event are captured. All of the information will be considered prior to any decision on whether to support any similar event in the future.



A STRONG, SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE PLACE



Sustainable environment

31 Defra/EU infrastructure bids (Cabinet member for Environment)

The County Council submitted two Expressions of Interest (EOI) to a [Defra/EU growth programme for Rural Tourism Infrastructure*](#) in May. The EOIs covered a proposal to create an off-road cycle route, further extending the Pagham to Medmerry route which is currently under construction, and a programme of surface improvements to the Downs Link, a strategic off road route in the county.

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Both EOIs were positively received and the County Council has been invited to submit full bids by January 2019. The requirements of a full bid are exacting and it should be noted that there are no guarantees at this stage that the full business cases will be accepted or that funding will be forthcoming.

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Background Papers

None