

# Member Information Service

## Cabinet Member Decisions

**Call-in deadline – 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 21 September 2015.**

The following decisions have been made by the Leader of the Council and will come into effect at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 21 September, unless the call-in procedure is activated. If you wish to request that a proposed decision is called in, please contact Member Services on 01444 477111 ([committees@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk)) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

### **Swanmead Day Centre, Queens Road, East Grinstead**

The Leader of the Council agreed to grant a new lease to AGE UK (East Grinstead Branch) for three years from 8 October 2015 at a rental of £6,000 p.a. on similar terms as existing. The lessees will have the right to break the lease at any time upon giving three months notice.

**A copy of these reports have been attached to this email. After the call-in period, it will be a Cabinet Member Decision which can be found on the attached public link:**

<http://mid-sussex.cms.uk.com/mid-sussex/ExecutiveDecisions.aspx>

## Information and News

### **Proposed Scheme to abolish the River Ouse Internal Drainage District (IDD)**

The following has been received from the Environment Agency regarding the abolition of the River Ouse Internal Drainage District:-

"I am writing to you under section 3(4)(a) of the Land Drainage Act 1991 to give you notice that the Environment Agency is submitting a scheme to the Secretary of State for the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) to abolish the River Ouse Internal Drainage District (IDD). I have written to you separately with respect to the River Adur IDD.

The Environment Agency manages eight IDD's in Sussex and Kent. In line with government policy, we are seeking to transfer the management of ordinary watercourses (OWCs) within these IDD's to local ownership. To do this, we must abolish the existing IDD's, including the River Ouse IDD. Further information is provided in the attached briefing note.

We have listened to the views of those affected and considered the options. We are proposing to abolish the River Ouse IDD without creating a replacement. This means that:

- Riparian land owners will be responsible for maintaining and operating the small number of OWCs and associated water level management structures in the IDD which we have been maintaining and operating on their behalf. This is in addition to their existing responsibility for all other OWCs on their land
- District Councils will take over our 'permissive' powers to carry out work in order to manage any flood risk from the OWCs and
- East Sussex County Council will take over our enforcement and consenting powers on the OWC

- The Environment Agency will, for the time being, continue to run the Ranscombe, Rodmell and Stoneham pumping stations

Our work on main rivers, such as the River Ouse, will be unaffected by this change.

This Notice will appear for one week from 10 September 2015. Representations about the proposal can be made to Defra until 10 October 2015. Anyone wishing to comment should do so in writing, quoting reference number LDC 2502, and address it to: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Area 3C Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR.

There will be two further opportunities to comment during the statutory process, when Defra advertises the draft and confirmed orders in the London Gazette. If you would like us to alert you to these advertisements please advise my IDD project manager at [RiverOuselDBproject@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:RiverOuselDBproject@environment-agency.gov.uk)

Members of the public can view the Draft Scheme by appointment during normal office hours at the Environment Agency offices at Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 1LD. They may also attend a drop-in surgery to be held at Lewes Rugby Football Club, Stanley Turner Ground, Kingston Road, Lewes, BN7 3NB between 8.30am and 2.00pm on 22 September 2015."

For further information please contact Fiona Bishop, Senior Drainage Engineer on 01444 477074 or e-mail [fiona.bishop@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.bishop@midsussex.gov.uk).

## News Releases

For further information or copies of the press releases listed below, please contact the Press Office on 01444 477387 or use the following link:  
<http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/8485.htm>

PR1990 - £65m investment in Burgess Hill town centre is agreed.