

Member Information Service

Cabinet Decisions – 13 March 2022

The following decisions have been made by Cabinet at their meeting held on Monday 13 March 2022 and will come into effect at 10:00a.m. on Thursday 23 March 2023, 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 477222 (Option 2) or email (committees@midsussex.gov.uk) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Kevin Toogood.

Performance Monitoring for the Third Quarter of 2022/23 – **Recommendations Agreed.**

Centre for Outdoor Sport – **Recommendations Agreed.**

Committee Meetings

The Programme of Meetings for 2022-23 was agreed at Annual Council.

Please note that meeting start times vary.

All meetings are IN-PERSON in the COUNCIL CHAMBER unless otherwise stated.

Meetings for March and April are listed below:

MARCH 2023

15 March – Scrutiny Committee for Planning, Economic Growth and Net Zero @ 7pm

16 March – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

22 March – Scrutiny Committee for Community, Leisure and Parking @ 7pm

29 March – Charity Trustees @ 6.45pm and Council @ 7pm – **Please note the addition of the Charity Trustees meeting.**

APRIL 2023

13 April – Planning Committee @ 4pm

20 April – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

Democratic Services has updated your O365 calendar with the new dates and times. Regular updates on the status of meetings in the forthcoming period will be provided to Members and the Council's public facing website will be continually updated.



Agendas – Items to be Considered

Scrutiny Committee for Planning, Economic Growth and Net Zero – 15 March 2023 @ 7pm

Water Resources – Resilience and Future Planning

District Plan Summary Consultation Responses – Regulation 18

District Planning Committee – 16 March 2023 @ 2pm

Recommended for Approval

DM/22/1575 | Land West Of Selsfield Road, Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6TH - Outline application for the development of up to 35 dwellings, associated landscaping and infrastructure, with all matters reserved except for means of access - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=RC1ASEKT0FX00>

Scrutiny Committee for Community, Leisure and Parking – 22 March 2023 @ 7pm

Leisure Contract Update

Parking Strategy Annual Review 2022/23

Member Development Learning

Learning Pool

For online training that you can do conveniently in your own time, please visit the Learning Pool.



To complete your online learning pool training modules please visit:

<https://stc.learningpool.com/login/index.php>

The modules available for Members to complete are:

- Safeguarding Adults
- Safeguarding and Child Protection



- County Lines
- What is GDPR?
- Getting Started with Social Media.
- Business Continuity Management.
- Annotating and Editing Documents.
- Planning Application Decision Making for Members

Information and News

Member Briefing - Gatwick DCO

The Leader has invited all Members to a briefing session on the proposed expansion plans at Gatwick Airport (GAL) taking place at:

5:00pm on Wednesday 22nd March – in the Council Chamber / Hybrid

A Teams link will be available for those Members who would prefer to join the briefing virtually.

The purpose of the briefing is to provide Members with an update on GAL's progress in applying for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Please could Members RSVP (indicating whether you will be joining in person or virtually) to Rowan Sky at rowan.sky@midsussex.gov.uk.

WSCC Post-16 Transport Consultation

West Sussex County Council asks for views each year about the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement. The consultation aims to make sure the information in the Policy Statement is up to date and complete.

The Policy Statement sets out the help that is available through the council, schools, colleges and transport operators for young people of sixth-form age and those who are 19+ with an Education Health and Care Plan to get to school or college.

A consultation is now open and available [online here](#) and runs until Sunday 16 April 2023. All responses will be considered before the council's Post-16 Transport Policy statement is published at the end of May.

South Downs News

Please find the latest edition of the South Downs News below:

[South Downs News - March 2023](#)

MSDC Summer Holiday programme for families 2023

The MSDC Play Days on Tour Summer 2023 programme will be visiting 10 locations across the district running from 1 – 3 p.m. twice a week throughout the school summer holidays. This programme delivers free activities for children and families providing a range of activities including music, arts, circus skills and sports. Working in partnership with the Town and Parish Councils and local organisations by providing an activity whilst having the opportunity to promote their offer. The target age is under 10's but all children and young people can attend.



Following a review of locations in consultation with MSDC Officers and partners, Cllr Norman Webster has agreed to the change of site for Haywards Heath from Barn Cottage to Clair Park to widen the access for residents. I am waiting to have discussions with Copthorne Parish Council to agree the location for this village.

Tuesday 25th July – Adastra Park, Hassocks BN6 8QH – location to be confirmed

Thursday 27th July – Court Bushes, Hurstpierpoint BN6 9TH

Tuesday 1st Aug – Worlds End, Burgess Hill RH15 0QJ

Thursday 3rd Aug – Whiteman's Green, Cuckfield RH17 5HX

Tuesday 8th Aug – Balcombe Rec, Balcombe RH17 6HP

Thursday 10th Aug – Clair Park, Haywards Heath RH16 3QN

Tuesday 15th Aug – Haven Rec, Crawley Down RH10 4LJ

Thursday 17th Aug – Mount Noddy, East Grinstead R19 3LG

Tuesday 22nd Aug – Copthorne – location to be confirmed

Thursday 24th Aug – John Pears Field, Ashurst Wood RH19 3TQ

Also 3 Skate Fest events have been organised for the over 10's and these free events are delivered in the places where young people meet – activities added are Music, DJing, Art and a chance to get their wheels checked for free.

The locations are:

31st May – St John's Park, Burgess Hill RH15 9AA – 2 to 4.30 pm

21st July – Victoria Park, Haywards Heath RH16 4LR – 2.30 to 5 pm

31st Aug – King George's Field, East Grinstead RH19 3LN – 2 – 4.30 pm

Voter Authority Certificate: Easy Read Guide Published

On 6 March, DLUHC published an easy read guide to help individuals to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

From 4 May, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections. This will apply to:

- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions
- From October 2023, it will also apply to UK general elections.

Individuals who don't have an accepted photo ID can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Further information about accepted forms of photo ID, how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate, and what to expect on polling day can be found below.

The Electoral Commission is aware that some groups are more likely to experience barriers with this change and may need support to access photo ID. Organisations working directly with voters, including councils and charities, are encouraged to help voters make sure they have the correct photo ID ahead of the elections.

The Electoral Commission has produced partner packs for organisations in England, including councils, to help them raise awareness and support voters with applying for a



Voter Authority Certificate. The packs also include information on voter registration. Resources have also been produced to help those who are likely to need support with the new voter ID requirement.

Councils are encouraged to share this information as appropriate.

Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/voter-authority-certificate-easy-read-guide>

Application:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>

More information:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

<https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need>

Resources:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/partner-charity-or-local-council/voter-id-resources>

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/welcome-your-vote/resources-educators>

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/media/9641>

Public Encouraged to Add Coronation Events to Digital Map

Members of the public and community organisations across the UK have been invited by the government to share how they will celebrate the Coronation on a digital map launched on 4 March. The map can be found on the Coronation website, linked below.

The map is designed to encourage people to add their own Coronation Big Lunches, street parties, Big Help Out plans and other Coronation activities so others in the local community can find out about events near them and get involved.

The Coronation website also includes information for getting involved, a toolkit including templates, a playlist, recipes, and designs.

The Coronation will take place on the morning of 6 May at Westminster Abbey, London, and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Throughout the UK, Coronation Big Lunches will bring communities together on 7 May, and Big Lunch packs for residents are now available to download, linked below. Street parties will also take place across the weekend.

The weekend of celebrations will end with the Big Help Out on 8 May, which will highlight the impact of volunteering. This will encourage people to get involved with activities run by local community groups, organisations and charities. Organisations wanting to join in can sign up at the link below.

If you have any questions about the Coronation website or map, please email: coronation@dcms.gov.uk

To find out more about how councils can get involved in the Coronation Big Lunch, to plot any public events on their interactive map and to become a case study please contact Kate Groves at kgroves@edenproject.com or Lindsey Brummitt at lbrummitt@edenproject.com. More information can be found linked below.



Councils are encouraged to share this information with all community groups in their areas.

Digital map to add events:

<https://coronation.gov.uk/events/>

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronation-weekend-celebrations-that-will-bring-communities-together-announced>

Coronation website:

<https://coronation.gov.uk/>

Toolkit:

<https://coronation.gov.uk/toolkit/>

Coronation weekend plans:

<https://www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced>

The Big Help Out:

<https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

Street party guidance and application form:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party>

The Coronation Big Lunch:

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch>

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-coronation-big-lunch-form>

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch/councils>

Announcement:

<https://www.royal.uk/coronation-emblem>

Emblem resources:

<https://royalcommunications.wetransfer.com/downloads/be06526e77ab6228f1643383319bba1520230209112850/9995a6d1e2dcc4dbd62d34a5e524222020230209112850/c59f63>

Planning Guidance: March Newsletter to Chief Planning Officers

On 3 March, DLUHC issued a newsletter to chief planning officers of local planning authorities in England with details of the latest announcements from DLUHC and other government departments and agencies relating to planning practice and policy.

The newsletter highlights two consultations: 'Stronger Performance of Local Planning Authorities (LPA) supported through an increase in Planning Fees' and 'Permitted development rights: supporting temporary recreational campsites, renewable energy and film-making consultation'

Updates also include the launch of the government's Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects action plan for reforming the consenting process and the Competition and Market Authority has



launched a market study on house building. There's a reminder for LPAs to engage with their local water companies on the forthcoming 2024 Water Resources Management Plans.

Guidance and correspondence:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-guidance-letters-to-chief-planning-officers>

Newsletter:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1140170/03_Chief_Planners_Newsletter_March_2023.pdf

Rural Roads Targeted in New Safety Campaign

Drivers are being urged by road safety experts to think about the dangers of driving too fast for road conditions in a new THINK! campaign that launched on 6 March.

The new campaign, "Is pushing it worth it?" is targeted at young male drivers, as statistics show male drivers aged 17 to 24 are four times more likely to be killed or seriously injured than drivers aged 25 or over.

Alongside the campaign, the government continues to consider how to enhance road safety, with a particular focus on rural roads. As part of the Safer Roads Fund, the government, together with councils and safety groups, is continuing to deliver improvements across rural roads.

To date, £100 million has been provided through the programme to improve the 50 most dangerous roads in England, the majority of which are rural roads. Some of the improvements made include improved signage, safer pedestrian crossings and better designed junctions.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rural-roads-targeted-in-new-safety-campaign-to-prevent-deaths-and-injuries-among-young-drivers>

COVID-19 News

Covid is now endemic, and we are working to live with it. Covid rates in West Sussex and across the UK had dropped significantly since the start of the year. The West Sussex rate now averages about 21.8 cases per 100,000.

The best way to avoid serious illness from a Covid infection is to maintain the benefits of vaccination. Everyone aged 5 and over is eligible for a Covid vaccination. Booster vaccinations are available for all those aged 50 years plus or otherwise vulnerable. They can be booked online or at some places a walk-in service is available.

Please see the latest public data from West Sussex [here](#).

