

Member Information Service

Committee Meetings

Please note that meeting start times vary.

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

Meetings for October and November are listed below:

OCTOBER 2023

- ~~12 October – District Planning Committee @ 2pm~~ Please note meeting cancelled due to lack of business.
- 16 October – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 1pm
- 17 October – Liquor Licensing Panel @ 10am
- 18 October – Scrutiny Committee Place and Environment @ 7pm

NOVEMBER 2023

- 2 November – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- 7 November – Liquor Licensing Panel @ 10am
- 8 November – Liquor Licensing Panel @ 10am
- 9 November – District Planning Committee @ 2pm
- 13 November – Cabinet @ 1pm
- 14 November – Licensing Committee @ 7pm
- 22 November – Scrutiny Committee Place and Environment – **Please note this is an additional meeting.**
- 28 November – Audit Committee @ 7pm

Democratic Services has updated your O365 calendar with the 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 to be considered

Cabinet Grants Panel – 16 October @ 1pm

Release of S106 Contributions.

Corporate Grant Schemes - Community Grants.

Corporate Grant Schemes - Community Grants Revised Criteria.

Liquor Licensing Panel – 17 October 2023 @ 10am

Application to Review Premises Licence - Licensing Act 2003.

Scrutiny Committee for Place and Environment – 18 October 2023 @ 7pm

Sustainable Economic Strategy - 1 Year Review.

Parks 10 - Year Action Delivery Plan.

Scrutiny Committee Place and Environment Work Programme.

Member Development Learning

Member Induction 2023

Member Development sessions are detailed below.

Date	Time	Learning
Tues 17 Oct	4.00pm	Planning Training – Viability Assessments - mandatory training for all Planning Committee Members
Tues 21 Nov	6.30pm	Data FOI Training – For All Members

District Plan Review - Regulation 19 - Member Briefing

An all-Member briefing will take place on **Wednesday 15 November at 5.30pm** in the Council Chamber (with remote access if required). The purpose of the briefing will be to receive an update on the District Plan ahead of its consideration by Scrutiny Committee for Place and Environment on 22nd November.

Further planning training sessions are in the process of being arranged and dates for these will be communicated by email/calendar entries as well as future MIS bulletins.

Information and News

Planning Guidance: Letter to Chief Planning Officers about Biodiversity Net Gain

On 6 October, DLUHC issued [a letter 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 letter highlights the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs' announcement on 27 September about the next steps and the updated timetable for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).

It also confirms that the government will publish all guidance and the regulations by the end of November, to help the sector prepare for the implementation of BNG.

Personal safety for Councillors webinar

As part of the Local Government Association's (LGA's) Civility in Public Life Programme, they are hosting a series of webinars on councillor personal safety and handling online abuse and intimidation. The first programme has been devised for councillors who want to improve their awareness of personal safety.

[The LGA is hosting a webinar on Thursday 12 October at 2:00 – 3:30pm.](#) Built around the role of the elected member, the session will provide attendees with an awareness of the steps that can be taken to manage trolls and cyber-bullies, including a gentle introduction to the legal framework around social media posts. There will be guidance on how to be safe online generally, as well as tips on how to create a positive online presence.

Councillors are welcome to register for this session.

LGA virtual event: Decarbonising transport - Wednesday 22 November 2023, 10.00am – 11.30am

A virtual event delivered by the LGA and hosted on Zoom with speakers from leading councils in the sector to share the insights of their developing decarbonising transport strategies and solutions.

This sustainability virtual event is delivered by the LGA and funded by and, in partnership with the Crown Commercial Service. For more information on the Sustainability Programme please visit the website or get in touch via sustainability@local.gov.uk.

To find out more about the event and book a place click [here](#).

Playdays

Following the successful summer Play Day programme, we are hosting a further three Play Day events this October half term.

The free family events aimed at children aged under 10 will be held between 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the following locations:

- Tuesday 24 October – Kings Centre, Burgess Hill
- Wednesday 25 October – Jubilee Community Centre, East Grinstead
- Thursday 26 October – Woodside Community Centre, Haywards Heath

Children and families can get involved with a range of activities including arts and crafts, circus skills, mini golf, football, and DJ workshops.

More than 2,500 people attended the summer Play Day events, a 59% increase from the previous year.

The events are just one part of the Council's programme and commitment to provide high quality, engaging events for children, young people, and families.

For further information about what's on offer at each event, please visit the Mid Sussex District Council website: www.midsussex.gov.uk/playdays. Information including flyers will also be sent to Towns and Parishes this week.