

Member Information Service

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decisions have been made by the Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Communities and will come into effect at 10.00am on Thursday 26 October 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 e-mail (committees@midsussex.gov.uk) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Kevin Toogood.

Release of S106 Local Community Infrastructure (LCI) Contributions to Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council for a replacement bus shelter on Ansty Village Green.

The Deputy Leader authorised the release of £2,538.00 from S106 PL12-001307 tied to the development of land adjacent to Deaks Lane, Ansty and £1,862.00 from S106 PL13-001844 tied to the development of land adjacent to International Bible Training Institute, Hook Place & Hook Place Lodge, Cuckfield Road, Burgess Hill to fund the replacement bus shelter at Ansty Village Green.

Release of S106 Local Community Infrastructure (LCI) Contributions to Burgess Hill Town Council for the purchase of a solar powered Speed Indication Device (SID).

The Deputy Leader authorised the release of £2,339.99 from S106 PL13-004089 tied to the development of land at 62–68 Folders Lane, Burgess Hill to fund the solar powered Speed Indication Device (SID).

Release of S106 Local Community Infrastructure (LCI) Contributions to East Grinstead Town Council for the installation of Poppy Wreath Panels at the High Street War Memorial.

The Deputy Leader authorised the release of £2,750.00 from S106 P35/722 tied to the development at Ashplatts and 258 Holtye Road, East Grinstead to fund the installation of Poppy Wreath Panels at the High Street War Memorial, East Grinstead.

Release of S106 Community Buildings contributions for seven Voluntary Sector projects across the District.

The Deputy Leader authorised the release of £46,460.29 S106 Community Buildings contributions; £46,935.51 S106 Formal Sport contributions; and £5,016.08 S106 Public Art contributions totalling £98,411.78 to provide funding to the following voluntary sector organisations to enable them to make facility improvements;

Victory Hall Management Committee	Electrical systems upgrade	11,756.76
5 th Burgess Hill (Worlds End) Scout Group	Scout Hut improvements	5,591.61
Burgess Hill Bowls Club	Toilet improvements	1,653.74

East Grinstead Tennis Squash and Racketball Club	Replacement squash court flooring and viewing gallery	17,789.80
East Grinstead Sports Club	Four Padel tennis courts	27,491.87
Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association	Public art project	5,016.08
King Edward Hall	Restoration of the Old Fire Station	29,111.92

A copy of the reports are attached to this email. In due course, the reports will be Executive Decisions which can be found [here](#).

Cabinet Grants Panel Decisions – 16 October 2023

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet Grants Panel at their meeting held on Monday 16 October 2023 and will come into effect at 10.00am on Thursday 26 October 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 e-mail (committees@midussex.gov.uk) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Kevin Toogood.

Corporate Grant Schemes – Release of S106 Contributions

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

1. That £249,785 of S106 contributions be released to Lindfield Parish Council to fund the construction of a toilet block on Lindfield Common.
2. That £224,139 of S106 contributions be released to Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association to fund the Community hall expansion.

Corporate Grant Schemes – Community Grants

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

1. That £4,000 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Adastra Tennis Club to fund the replacement of a shed on the edge of the courts used for the storage of tennis equipment.
2. That £500 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Fairer World Lindfield to fund the development of a website.
3. That £800 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Family Support Work to fund the running costs for informal drop-in sessions at Moat Church, East Grinstead.
4. That £2,932 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Haywards Heath Town District Girl Guides to subsidise costs of additional activities so that all can attend without additional financial burden.
5. That £4,700 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (MSVA) to fund Community listening events and subsequent co-designed events and activities for local families during holidays.
6. That £2,661 from the Community Grants Fund be released to My Care Matters 2020 CIC to support Social Prescriber to support their clients on later and end-of-life matters. Train staff and volunteers and continue to support those already trained.
7. That £2,400 from the Community Grants Fund be released to fund Eco Pioneers project across five schools in Mid Sussex.

8. That £5,000 from the Community Grants Fund be released to establish a Community garden.
9. That **no** grant be awarded to Arise Counselling Services as their application does not meet the criteria of the Community Grants Fund.
10. That **no** grant be awarded to Burgess Hill Community Cupboard Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as their application does not meet the criteria of the Community Grants Fund.
11. That **no** grant be awarded to Hurstfolk as their application does not meet the criteria of the Community Grants Fund.

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

18 October – Scrutiny Committee Place and Environment @ 7pm

NOVEMBER 2023

2 November – Planning Committee @ 4pm

~~7 November – Liquor Licensing Panel @ 10am~~ **Please note that this meeting is no longer required.**

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

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 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

Families Encouraged to Check For Local Cost-of-Living Support

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has on 16 October announced that [more than three million households will be informed that they qualify for the Warm Home Discount](#). The automatic one-off £150 payment will help eligible, low-income customers in England, Scotland and Wales pay their energy bills over the winter.

The government is today also [relaunching the 'It All Adds Up' campaign, a public information campaign on how to save money on energy bills](#). This includes a collaboration with Amazon Alexa. Advice is available online via the [Help for Households campaign website](#) and through a public information campaign including billboards and radio adverts later in the autumn.

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (16 October) launched its Household Support Fund Awareness Week to promote the good work that councils have done in delivering the scheme so far, and to encourage people to visit their council's website for more information on support available in their area.

DWP has produced a [Household Support Fund awareness week toolkit – which contains social media materials, a downloadable poster, suggested newsletter copy and easy-read guidance to help councils promote the awareness week](#).

It All Adds Up campaign:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/energy-saving-advice/>

Climate Action Scorecard Results

Some great news for us all at MSDC. The Council's climate action scorecard results were published this morning. The score is based on research and analysis conducted by Climate Emergency UK which shows that we scored 32%, up a significant amount from our 20% score last year! This is compared to the 29% average for District Councils and higher than almost all our neighbours.

The full results can be seen here:

[Council Climate Action Scorecards | Climate Emergency UK \(councilclimatescorecards.uk\)](#)

The scores take into account the work we're doing, particularly in categories like transport, waste reduction & food, and biodiversity, where we achieved really good progress. In particular, we scored 62% in the Biodiversity category highlighting that the work we are doing is making a real difference.

We are really pleased that the work to deliver our Sustainable Economy Strategy is starting to make a difference.

Some headlines which I hope you agree are really positive:

- **MSDC scored 32%, (up 12%!)** In 2021 we scored 20%
- The average score for District Councils was 29% and we outscored all of our West Sussex neighbours (except Worthing, who also scored 32%)
- We scored particularly highly on the biodiversity questions, scoring 62% against the average of 29% for this section. We scored well on questions about mowing green spaces less and parks with Green Flag status.

This really highlights that the work this Council is doing is making a real difference.

Covid-19 and Flu Jabs Update

Eligible residents are being urged to be vaccinated against flu and Covid-19 ahead of this winter.

Those [eligible](#) can book a Covid-19 vaccination online via the [NHS website](#), via the NHS app or by calling 119 free of charge. Some people may be eligible for both seasonal Covid-19 and flu vaccines. You may be asked if you want a flu vaccine at the same time.

GP practices and other local NHS services will also be contacting people to offer both flu and Covid-19 vaccines.

[Find out here](#) if you are eligible and to book a flu vaccination.

National Recycling Week

It's National Recycling week this week. Check out the West Sussex County Council [A-Z of Recycling Guide](#) to see a complete list of all the items that can be recycled in West Sussex.

South Downs News

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

[South Downs News – October 2023](#)

News Releases

For further information or copies of the news releases listed below, please contact the Press Office on 01444 477 387 or use the following link: <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/about-us/press-releases-and-publications/>

17/10/2023 – [Council announces sponsorship of Mid Sussex STEM Challenge](#)