

# 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:

### NOVEMBER 2023

- 2 November – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- ~~7 November – Liquor Licensing Panel @ 10am~~ Please note this meeting is no longer required.
- 8 November – Liquor Licensing Panel @ 10am
- ~~9 November – District Planning Committee @ 2pm~~ Please note meeting cancelled due to lack of business.
- 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

### DECEMBER 2023

- 7 December – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- 13 December – Council @ 7pm
- 14 December – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

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

### Planning Committee – 2 November 2023 at 4pm

#### Recommended for Approval

DM/23/0925 - 9 Morton Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4AF.

- [Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of a development of four pairs of semi-detached dwellings with car parking, modifications to the existing access and provision of soft landscaping \(midsussex.gov.uk\)](#)

DM/23/0941 - Phase 2E, Keymer Tile Works, Kilnwood Avenue, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 0ZE.

- [DM/23/0941 | Proposed erection of a block of 15 apartments with associated access, car parking, refuse and cycle storage in place of the health centre approved under planning permissions 09/03697/OUT and DM/16/2718. \(Amended plan received 25th August 2023 showing elevational/design changes and updated drainage information\) \(midsussex.gov.uk\)](#)

## **Liquor Panel – 8 November 2023 @ 10am**

Application to Review Premises Licence - Licensing Act 2003.

## **Member Development Learning**

### **Member Induction 2023**

**Member Development sessions are detailed below.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Learning</b>
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.

## **Information and News**

### **Green Homes Grant Scheme – Local Authority Delivery Funding**

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy and Housing has approved the signing of an open letter to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. This adds our support to the request to use unspent Home Upgrade Grant monies through the successful and oversubscribed Local Authority Delivery scheme.

[Open Letter to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero | AgilityEco](#)

### **Gatwick Airport Northern Runway National Infrastructure Project – Relevant Representation Submission by MSDC**

Gatwick Airport Limited submitted its application to bring the Northern Runway into routine use to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2023. Interested parties were invited to submit their views and register as interested parties. Mid Sussex District Council submitted its response on 27<sup>th</sup> October. In addition, the Examining Authority invited Local Authorities and statutory bodies including Mid Sussex District Council to submit Principle Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements (PADSS). Mid Sussex District Council submitted its PADSS on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Please find attached to this email copies of both documents.

## **Application by Rampion Extension Development Limited for a Development Consent Order for the scheme Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm**

Rampion Extension Development Limited submitted its Development Consent Order application, to extend the existing Rampion windfarm, to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in September 2023. Known as Rampion 2, it proposes up to 116 new wind turbines offshore.

The Council's 'Relevant Representation Submission', which summarises our initial views on the proposals, has been submitted to PINS for consideration. The response is attached to this email.

## **WSCC Highways Authority Support for Plan Making and Active Travel**

Following the motion to Council in September, the Leader has written to WSCC to request closer working relationships with developers to deliver active travel routes between towns and villages. The letter is attached to this email.

## **Changes to Absent Vote Applications Come into Effect**

Today (31 October), [new postal and proxy vote regulations came into effect](#), and an online service for applying for an absent vote has been launched, introduced by the [Elections Act 2022](#).

The regulations mean that electors wishing to vote by post will now be required to reapply for their postal vote arrangement every three years. The number of people a person can act as proxy for will be limited to four, of which no more than two can be 'domestic' electors (i.e., electors who are not overseas or service electors).

In line with the Register to Vote process, a check of an applicant's National Insurance Number (or other relevant data) will now also be made for all absent vote applications. A transitional period allows electors with an existing postal or proxy arrangement time to make the adjustment and reapply under the new rules.

A new digital service also launched today to allow electors to apply online via GOV.UK for a [postal](#) or [proxy vote](#). Paper applications will still be available, giving electors a choice of application routes.

For questions on the secondary legislation or the new digital service, please contact [EIPBusinessChange@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:EIPBusinessChange@levellingup.gov.uk)

## **Councillor Safety and Security**

The LGA has produced resources to support councillors and councils to handle abuse, intimidation and harassment of elected members, which can help to mitigate or reduce risk to councillors (if councillors think they are in danger, they should contact the police immediately).

- [Councillor guide to handling abuse and intimidation](#): practical steps that councillors can take to protect themselves from abuse and intimidation, including personal security advice. This should be supplemented by advice for your local council and police force where there is a safety concern. Councillors may also find the [Blue Book: A guide to person safety](#) from the National Counter Terrorism Office helpful.
- [Social media guidance for councillors](#) and [Digital citizenship resources](#): provides guidance for councillors on how to engage online, including how to use platform features to report abuse and how to set out rules of healthy debate and engagement online.

- [Debate Not Hate: Ending abuse in public life report](#): sets out good practice principles for councils to prevent abuse and intimidation of councillors and deal with incidents when they occur, including appropriate risk assessment, security support and engagement with the police.
- [Online training events for councillors](#): councils or groups of councils may request personal safety training for elected members through our Civility training offer.
- [Call for evidence of abuse and intimidation](#): councillors who have experienced abuse and intimidation can share their experiences through our call for evidence, which remains open for councillors (this is not a crime or incident reporting mechanism and the LGA is not able to respond to individual incidents, but supports the LGA in maintaining an evidence base of existing issues). If councillors have been the victim of a crime or are concerned about their safety, you should report this to the police and their council.
- The LGA will also be holding a free Personal safety for councillors webinar on 30 November; further details and a booking form will be available on the [LGA events page](#) shortly, and you can sign up to the [LGA Democracy, Civility and Voluntary Sector bulletin](#) to receive updates when new events are launched.

## News Releases

For further information or copies of the news releases listed below, please use the following link: <http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/my-council/council-magazine-and-press-releases/press-releases/>

1 November 2023 – [Secret Garden opens at Sheddingdean Community Primary School](#)