

Member Information Service

Committee Meetings

Please note that all meetings are virtual meetings and start times vary, as detailed below.

The revised Programme of Meetings approved at Council on 30 September 2020, sets out the schedule of Council meetings for the remainder of the municipal year. Arrangements for November and December are listed below:

DECEMBER 2020

- 9 December – Council @ 6pm
- 10 December – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- 14 December – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm
- 17 December – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

JANUARY 2020

- 11 January – Cabinet @ 4pm – **This meeting has been cancelled**
- 13 January – Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance @ 5pm
- 14 January – District Planning Committee @ 2pm
- 18 January – Standards Committee @ 6pm
- 20 January – Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth @ 5pm
- 21 January – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- 27 January – Charity Trustees & Council @ 5:45pm

Public access to the meetings is via a live stream video through the Council's official [YouTube channel](#). A link to the live stream is also provided on the Council's Facebook page in advance of each meeting. Owing to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, regular updates on the status of meetings in the coming weeks will be provided to Members and the website will be continually updated.

Democratic Services has updated your O365 calendar with the revised dates and times, including the links to join the Zoom meetings.

Agendas – Items to be Considered

Council – 9 December 2020 @ 6pm

Review of Members Allowances - 2021-22.

Councillor Absence Due to Ill Health.

Parking Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2030.

Council Taxbase 2021/22.

Recommendations from Cabinet held on 23 November 2020.

Exempt Report - Transfer of Land at Haywards Heath.

Motions on Notice.

Planning Committee – 10 December 2020 @ 4pm

Recommended for Approval

DM/19/4077 | 60 - 64 Church Walk, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9AS - Change of use of first floor and erection of roof extension to create two additional storeys providing 15 residential (use class C3) apartments - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=PYOUSOKT0DH00>

Other Matters

TP/20/0002 | Ayrton House, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne, RH10 3LH

Cabinet Grants Panel – 14 December 2020 @ 4pm

Corporate Grant Schemes

Micro Business Grant Scheme

Covid-19 Recovery Grant Scheme - Business Grants

Recommended for Refusal

DM/20/2877 | Land North Of Turners Hill Road, Turners Hill, West Sussex - Outline application for single chapel crematorium with a single abated cremator and natural burial site with associated access, car parking, landscaping and drainage. All matters reserved apart from access. - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QEW2TNKT0DA00>

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:

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

If you have any problems with accessing the Learning Pool, please contact Member Services.

Information and News

Mid Sussex Covid Guidance – Tier 2 from Wed 2 December 2020

The latest public data for Covid rates in West Sussex can be found [here](#).

You will see the number of cases per 100.000 was still well above 50 in Mid Sussex at the end of November. A particular high rate had been detected in East Grinstead schools with rates rising in East Sussex where it borders Kent, now a Tier 3 area. There was particular messaging to East Grinstead over last weekend for people to be additionally cautious when going about their business.

The latest provisional data is indicating a levelling off of cases in most of West Sussex but with a rise in Horsham DC to reach levels similar to those in Mid Sussex DC.

Level 2 Tier is designed to keep the rate of infection level, but this does depend on everyone complying with the letter and spirit of the restrictions.

Parts of Surrey and London are at higher and rising rates per 100,000 and similar to those found now in much of Kent.

West Sussex remains below the SE average, but that average is rising quite quickly. There is a review of the Tiers on 16th December but that is not likely to result in places in the SE moving to Tier 1 but with the possibility that London may need to go to Tier 3.

With vaccinations starting this week it is still important we all remember Hands Face and Space as we move around with caution over the Winter when hospitals are very busy in any year.

The specific Tier 2 regulations are explained below:

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the ‘rule of 6’
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs
- pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals
- hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:
 - provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
 - close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)
 - stop taking orders after 10pm
- hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm
- public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to social contact rules and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stone settings.
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing

- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- if you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey
- for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office travel advice for your destination and the travel corridors list

Further details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert>

Cabinet Member for Economic Growth's Message to our Communities

On Monday morning Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Councillor Stephen Hillier, was filmed in East Grinstead High Street with a two-fold message for our communities. Whilst we must support our local businesses and shops we need to think carefully about how we do this. With coronavirus still active throughout Mid Sussex our residents should think about re-timing their shopping trips to avoid busier times and any potential crowding.

To view the video click, <https://youtu.be/5oe8hURFikA>

Economic Recovery Plan

The Covid 19 pandemic has had a significant impact. Throughout the pandemic the Council has rolled out immediate support and advice to businesses and residents including: issuing over £26.4 million in business grants to nearly 2,065 businesses and organisations, regularly liaising with businesses including the three Business Associations and the Chamber of Commerce; delivering a package of measures to ensure the re-opening of our High Streets safely; providing advice and assistance to food businesses, pubs, restaurants, social clubs and other licenced premises to open safely; and supporting the development industry (a key employment sector and provider of new homes including affordable homes) to continue to operate in a Covid-19 secure way.

In September 2020, the Council agreed to prepare an interim Economic Recovery Plan to highlight the Council's response to supporting Covid recovery for the remainder of this financial year. This includes a Covid 19 Recovery Grant which offers £300k to provide grants support to communities and businesses support.

The Economic Recovery Plan builds on the Government's pillars to support economic recovery: Backing Business, Increasing Opportunities, Securing High Value Inward Investment, Accelerating Innovation, and, Encouraging a Green Recovery.

Recognising the long term implications of Covid 19 the Council also agreed that in the next financial year it will agree a new Sustainable Economic Strategy fit to support Covid recovery. The Economic Recovery Plan is attached to this email.

Response to ICCAN survey on the future of aviation noise management

Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN) are consulting on its proposal for aviation noise management and what role it will play in ensuring a sustainable recovery for the industry in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. Please find attached a note setting out further information and the response from Mid Sussex District Council.

MSVA Press Release

The Trustee Board of our charity, which supports the not-for-profit sector in Mid Sussex, has just changed its leader, and is now ready to go full steam ahead in steering the organisation on its mission of assisting local charities and community groups.

Attached to this email is a short Press Release and photographs of our old Chairman (Dave Wellbelove) as well as the new one (James Baldwin).

Reminder: Nature's Recovery and Net Gain in Sussex Webinar

East Sussex County Council has invited Elected Members of Mid Sussex District Council to join them for this webinar exploring Nature's Recovery and Biodiversity Net Gain in Sussex.

Please note that registration for this event ends on the **11th December at 12:00**. Therefore, if there are any councillors who are interested in attending the event and have not yet acquired a ticket, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Please see the attached invitation, within which is an Eventbrite link to book a ticket to the event.

If you have any questions about this webinar, please contact committees@midsussex.gov.uk.

South Downs News

Please find this month's edition of South Downs News [here](#).

Chairman's Fundraising:

Name a Star for Someone Special

To help raise funds for the Chairman's Charity we are joining in with a project run annually by The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. The project "I've named a star for someone special" is the opportunity to celebrate the life of someone dear to you. Every December thousands of gold stars are displayed on the Christmas trees outside the hospitals in Chelsea and Sutton, each one with the name of someone special handwritten in the centre.

Some stars are named in memory of a special person who lost their battle with cancer, whilst survivors of cancer celebrate their successful treatment. A survivor said "the whole event is about celebrating a life so I name a star for myself to celebrate the fact that I'm still here, I'm still fighting and I'm so grateful to The Royal Marsden for everything they've done for me".

Every named star will help the Royal Marsden to continue to make a vital difference to the lives of cancer patients by ensuring their nurses, doctors and research teams can provide the very best care and develop life-saving treatments used across the UK and around the world.

Please contact Democratic Services on 7227 if you would like to name a star for £1.00. (Your name will not appear on the star.)

Raffle

The Christmas Raffle has been now launched to support the work of Woodlands Meed School and tickets are available online to MSDC Officers and Members.

To purchase tickets, please go to www.justgiving.com and [click Donate](#). Tickets are £1 each. JustGiving sends your donation straight to the charities, so it's a quick and safe way to donate. Please do make sure you include your full name.

We would still welcome additional prizes, if possible, so we can make this year's raffle a great success. Any donations would be most welcome at Reception, marked for Democratic Services attention, and very much appreciated.

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: <http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/my-council/council-magazine-and-press-releases/press-releases/>

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