



COUNCIL

2 NOVEMBER 2022



25 October 2022

Unless a majority of the Council resolve to extend the meeting before 10.00 pm it will automatically end at 10.00 pm in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.2.

NOTE: There will be limited public access to observe the meeting. Those wishing to do so must reserve a seat by completing a [Registration Form](#) by 4pm on the working day prior to the meeting. Access is also available via a live stream through the [Mid Sussex District Council's YouTube channel](#).

To all Members of the Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL** to be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER** on **WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2022** at 7.00 pm to transact the following business:

Yours sincerely,

KATHRYN HALL
Chief Executive

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| 1. | Opening Prayer. | |
| 2. | To receive questions from members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 9. | |
| 3. | To confirm Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 12 October 2022. | 5 - 16 |
| 4. | To receive declarations of Interest from Members in respect of any matter on the Agenda | |
| 5. | To consider any items that the Chairman of the Council agrees to take as urgent business. | |
| 6. | Chairman's Announcements. | |
| 7. | Consultation Draft District Plan - Regulation 18. | 17 - 776 |

8. Mid Sussex Net Zero Targets.
9. To receive the Leader's Report.
10. Report of Cabinet Members, including questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.1.
11. Motions on Notice.

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MOTION A: FRACKING

Proposed by: Cllr Alison Bennett
Seconded by: Cllr Benedict Dempsey

This Council notes that:

- The government has lifted the moratorium on shale gas production ("Fracking") in England, and confirmed its support for a new oil and gas licensing round
- The government has stated that fracking will only take place where there is local support, and therefore the public position of this Council is important.
- The Weald Basin is known to hold shale gas deposits and 45% of Mid Sussex (constituency) is already licensed for oil and gas exploration
- The economic benefits of Fracking in the UK is uncertain, but that there are clear environmental concerns which have been well documented.
- Whilst exploitable reserves in the Weald Basin may not be economically viable to extract, the lifting of the moratorium poses a risk to the environment of Mid Sussex.

Accordingly, this Council resolves to oppose any oil and gas exploration, including fracking, in the District of Mid Sussex.

12. Questions from Members pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.2.

To: **Members of Council:** Councillors M Belsey (Chairman), P Coote (Vice-Chair), K Adams, G Allen, J Ash-Edwards, R Bates, J Belsey, A Bennett, L Bennett, A Boutrup, P Bradbury, P Brown, H Brunsdon, R Cartwright, P Chapman, R Clarke, E Coe-Gunnell White, M Cornish, R Cromie, J Dabell, R de Mierre, B Dempsey, J Edwards, S Ellis, R Eggleston, A Eves, B Forbes, L Gibbs, I Gibson, S Hatton, J Henwood, S Hicks, S Hillier, T Hussain, R Jackson, J Knight, C Laband, Andrew Lea, Anthea Lea, G Marsh, J Mockford, A Peacock, C Phillips, M Pulfer, R Salisbury, S Smith, A Sparasci, L Stockwell, D Sweatman, C Trumble, N Walker, R Webb, N Webster and R Whittaker