

Member Information Service

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decision has been made by the Deputy Leader and will take effect at 10.00a.m. on Friday 4 June 2021, 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 477062 or e-mail committees@midsussex.gov.uk, in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Award of Contract for MSDC Asbestos Management Term Contract (EXEMPT)

The Deputy Leader authorised the acceptance of the most economically advantageous tender for the award of the contract for MSDC Asbestos Management Term Contract.

A copy of the report is attached to this email and will be Executive Decision which can be found [here](#).

Committee Meetings

The Programme of Meetings for 2021-22 was considered and approved at the Annual Council meeting. Please note that these are timings currently agreed by Council while Covid-19 restrictions are in place. Timings after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted will be the subject of discussions with Group Leaders.

Please note that meeting start times vary and may be held either via remote video link or in-person as detailed below.

Meetings for June and July are listed below:

JUNE 2021

- 7 June – Cabinet @ 4pm (remote video link)
- 7 June – Standards Committee @ 6pm (remote video link)
- 30 June – Council @ 6pm (In-person / venue to be confirmed)

JULY 2021

- 8 July – District Planning Committee @ 2pm (In-person)
- 15 July – Planning Committee @ 4pm (In-person)
- 21 July – Scrutiny Committee Housing, Planning and Economic Growth @ 5pm (remote video link)
- 26 July – Cabinet @ 4pm (TBC)
- 27 July – Audit Committee @ 5pm (In-person)

Democratic Services has updated your O365 calendar with the new dates and times. Regular updates on the status of meetings in the forthcoming period will be provided to Members and the website will be continually updated.




Agendas – Items to be Considered

Standards Committee – 7 June 2021 @ 6pm

Criteria for Assessing Code of Conduct Complaints.

Member Development Learning

Member Development Learning Sessions are held in the Council Chamber unless otherwise stated.

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
1 July 2021 @ 2pm (held virtually via Zoom)	Planning <i>(Essential for All Planning Members however All Members are welcome to Attend)</i>	

Planning – Learning Objectives

This virtual training session on Planning will cover the following topics:

- Predetermination
- Making decisions
- Planning policy as a whole including other material considerations
- Refusal reasons that show demonstrable harm
- The difference between a parish councillor providing a view on a planning application and a District councillor deciding a planning application.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing committees@midsussex.gov.uk or calling 01444 477 062.

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:

- Safeguarding Adults - **NEW**
- Safeguarding and Child Protection - **NEW**
- County Lines
- 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 email committees@midsussex.gov.uk or 01444 477 062.

New Module Available - Safeguarding Adults

This module will introduce you to the different types of abuse encountered by adults at risk, and what to do if you are worried about the safety of an adult.

For ease of reference, please find the link to Learning Pool [here](#).

New Module Available - Safeguarding and Child Protection

This module on safeguarding and child protection for non-children's service workers. Learn how to recognise when a child may be suffering from abuse and what you can do to keep children safe.

For ease of reference, please find the link to Learning Pool [here](#).

Information and News

COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex have fallen to under 5 cases per 100,000 and therefore Mid Sussex has a similar infection rate as it had in July 2020. Covid rates have generally fallen across Sussex in the last week with no areas having a rate higher than the England average of 22 cases per 100,000. The average Covid rate in West Sussex is well below the South East average of about 12 cases per 100,000.

Covid levels in the last week across England generally are steady but there are a few areas in the north, the midlands and in London where rates have gone up very quickly with the rapid rise attributed to the Indian variant. Covid rates are well above 100 cases per 100,000 in some of these areas. Extra efforts are being made to keep Covid levels down in these areas with surge testing and additional vaccinations for all adults in these vulnerable areas and people are asked not to move in and out of these areas.

The third stage of the roadmap started on Monday 17th May 2021 with gyms/leisure centres, hotels and guest houses fully reopening, limited indoor home mixing and overnight stays and indoor service in pubs and restaurants. A leaflet is attached below explaining the advice to be cautious about meetings in private homes. Lateral Flow Tests are being used to identify people who have Covid but have no symptoms to try to maintain the low Covid rates now found in much of England. These free tests are available from local collection areas that can be located online or by requesting a postal delivery.



The roadmap envisages most Covid restrictions being lifted from 21st June 2021 subject to the four data tests being met. It is unclear at the moment how the presence of the Indian variant will affect what is permitted from 21st June 2021. This will be confirmed by the 14th June based on the England data. It is important people remember Hands Face Space and Fresh Air as more people are out and about.

Both Covid hospitalisations and Covid death rates are now as low in Sussex as they were last Summer.

The continuing local Covid vaccination programme will assist in keeping hospitalisations and Covid deaths down but there is a risk that the further lifting of restrictions allowing for more indoor social mixing and new variants of the Covid virus will push these figures in the opposite direction. The South African variant was identified twice in South London last month and surge testing took place on each occasion to seek to contain the outbreak. The Indian variant has been responsible for a rapid rise in cases in some areas as noted above.

All people aged 32 and over are now eligible to book their first vaccination and will be invited to book an appointment through their GP or they can book their appointment themselves online. Anybody 32+ who has not come forward previously for their first vaccination is urged to do so and get an appointment. Those over 30 are likely to be invited to come forward for a first vaccination by the end of this month, vaccination supply permitting. Vaccinations take a couple of weeks to fully take effect.

The vaccination of more medically vulnerable people aged 16 to 31 alongside the second vaccination for those people first vaccinated in March/April 2021 will also continue in June 2021. The second vaccination for people 50+ or vulnerable or an unpaid carer is being brought forward by up to 4 weeks from the end of this month which should ensure this group have received their second vaccine before 21st June 2021.

Please see information on Covid-19 vaccination progress in West Sussex [here](#).

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

Please find advice on meeting friends and family safely [here](#).

South Downs News

Please find the latest edition of South Downs News [here](#).

MSVA Press Release - Volunteers Week 2021

Volunteers' Week takes place between 1st and 7th June 2021. This is a national initiative focussing on the amazing work of volunteers in communities across the country, and to raise awareness of the benefits of all types of volunteering activity – whether it be formal, long term, or informal, one-off or short-term activities.

The theme for this year's Volunteers' Week is "A Time To Say Thanks". Mid Sussex Voluntary Action will be focussing on this theme throughout the week and will be encouraging people to find ways to say thank you to those in their communities who have given their time freely to help others over the last year.

We will particularly be running a social media and online campaign, asking people to share pictures, stories and selfies saying thank you to people who have volunteered in various capacities over the last year. Volunteers' Week is also a chance to promote the value of volunteering and the difference it can make to the lives of everyone involved.



Visit our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts (@MidSussexVA) during the week to find out more and get involved.

For more information on volunteering, the support we can offer and to learn more about Volunteers' Week, see our website: <http://www.msva.org.uk>, or contact us at volunteering@msva.org.uk.

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/>

24 May 2021 - [Council supports Age UK Burgess Hill expansion](#)

20 May 2021 - [By-election called for Ardingly and Balcombe](#)

