

Member Information Service

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decisions have been made by Cabinet Members and will take effect at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 24 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.

Mid Sussex Wellbeing Report June 2021

The Cabinet Member for Community:

- i. Noted the performance of the Wellbeing Service in 2020/21
- ii. Considered and endorsed the proposed approach for the continued delivery of the Wellbeing Service for 2021/22

Authorisation of revisions to Enforcement Charter and Planning Enforcement Policies and Procedures document

The Leader authorised the publication and use of the revised Enforcement Charter and the Planning Enforcement Policies and Procedures document for the purposes of planning enforcement in Mid Sussex from the 1st June 2021.

Copies of the reports are attached to this email. In due course, the report will be an 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

- 28 June – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm (remote video link) – **Please note this additional meeting**
30 June – Charity Trustees @ 6:45pm (remote video link)
30 June – Council @ 7pm (remote video link)

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 (remote video link)

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.

Member Development Learning

Member Development Learning Sessions are held virtually unless otherwise stated.

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
14 July 2021* @ 2pm (remote video link)	Planning (Essential for All Planning Members however All Members are welcome to Attend)	

***Please note the change of date**

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
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- 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.

Information and News

COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex have stayed at about 50 cases per 100,000 in the last week from very low levels we had in the middle of May 2021. The increase case levels in Mid Sussex are concentrated in younger age groups with indications these cases are starting to fall.

Covid rates have generally risen across West Sussex in the last week but with no areas having a rate higher than the increased England average of about 70 cases per 100,000. The average Covid rate in West Sussex is still below the South East average of about 40 cases per 100,000. Case levels in England and the South East have generally continued to rise in the last week but currently East Sussex has maintained low Covid levels.

In most parts of Greater Manchester and Lancashire and other hotspots Covid rates are well above 100 cases per 100,000 with the Delta variant being dominant, as it now is across England.

Extra efforts have been made to keep Covid levels down in hotspot 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. These efforts have resulted in the case levels dropping in some of these areas with high levels of Covid

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. Additional indoor mixing over the past four weeks and the emergence of the Delta variant do seem to have resulted in an increase in Covid levels generally in England from late May.

The roadmap envisaged most Covid restrictions being lifted from 21st June 2021 subject to the four data tests being met. Due to the rapid rise in cases and the greater dangers of the Delta variant most of the relaxations proposed for 21st June will now be delayed for 4 weeks to 19th July 2021 with a further review ahead of this date. The additional 4 weeks will allow more people to get their second vaccination does which is required to protect against the more infectious Delta variant. It is important people remember Hands Face Space and Fresh Air as more people are mixing.

Both Covid hospitalisations and Covid death rates remain low in Sussex with no significant increase to date. There have however been increased hospitalisations in hotspot areas.



The continuing local Covid vaccination programme will assist in keeping hospitalisations and Covid deaths down but indoor social mixing, the Delta variant and possible new variants of the Covid virus may continue to push the Covid figures up.

All people aged 23 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 23+ who has not come forward previously for their first vaccination is urged to do so and get an appointment. People that have had a first vaccination at least 8 weeks ago are also asked to enquire about their second vaccination if they have not got an appointment yet.

All those aged 18+ are likely to be invited to come forward for a first vaccination this month, vaccination supply permitting. Vaccinations take a couple of weeks to fully take effect and two doses are required. The vaccination of more medically vulnerable people aged 16 to 22 alongside the second vaccination for those people first vaccinated in April/May 2021 will also continue in June 2021. The second vaccination for people 50+ or vulnerable or an unpaid carer should be completed before 21st June 2021.

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

Please find the latest update from the Sussex Health and Care Partnership [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](#).

2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is the independent organisation responsible for reviewing **Parliamentary** constituency boundaries in England.

On 8th June the BCE published its proposals for new parliamentary boundaries at its website. The current review will conclude with their formal report and recommendations in June 2023, so it is referred to as the '2023 Review'. You can see a summary of the process by clicking on the 'Review process' link at the top of their web page or read a more detailed description in their [Guide to the 2023 Review](#)([external link opens in a new tab](#)). Recent changes to the law make it very likely that recommendations from this review will be implemented, so you are encouraged to participate in the process by giving your views through the BCE website.

You can use this website to:

- view current constituency and local authority boundaries.
- view BCE proposals for new constituency boundaries; and
- submit a response directly about the proposals (during a defined consultation period).

From the second consultation period onwards, you will also be able to:

- view the responses submitted by others; and
- submit a comment directly, supporting or contesting a response from somebody else.

To help you use the website effectively, BCE has produced a short and simple step by step guide: just click on the 'How to' link at the top of their web page.



Consultation is currently open until Tuesday 2nd August 2021 - please make sure to respond by that date at the latest.

This is separate to and therefore not to be confused with the current Electoral Review of Mid Sussex District Council being conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission (England).

2023 Review of Parliamentary Boundaries Slides

For your reference, please attached to the email presentation slides that were delivered at a recent meeting of the Association of Electoral Administrators.

Business Bulletin - Summer 2021

Please find the Summer 2021 edition of the Mid Sussex District Council Bulletin [here](#).

Mid Sussex Applauds Awards 2021 - It's time to nominate your community champion

Do you know of a person, group or organisation that goes above and beyond in the local community? Would you like to see their efforts recognised? Our annual community awards programme – 'Mid Sussex Applauds' is now open for nominations through June and July. To make a nomination and to see the stories of our previous winners please visit www.midsussex.gov.uk/applauds.

South Downs News

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

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/>

15 June 2021 - [Council Tax Support for those most in need](#)

15 June 2021 - [Candidates announced for Ardingly and Balcombe by-election](#)

