

## 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 29 July 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](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk), in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

#### **Re-Allocation of S.106 Total Access Demand (TAD) Contributions**

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning authorised the release of £67,076.35, previously committed to West Sussex County Council, to Mid Sussex District Council from Total Access Demand (TAD) contributions arising from developments at Land at 86 Junction Road, Land at Kings Head Public House, Land at Summerfold House, Land at 67 Victoria Road, Land at 107 Fairfield Road and Land at 71 Victoria Road to facilitate the delivery of agreed projects within the Burgess Hill Place and Connectivity Programme.

#### **Proposed New Lease – Units 1-2, Orchards Shopping Centre, Haywards Heath (EXEMPT)**

The Deputy Leader:

- (a) Authorised the grant of a new reversionary lease to Superdrug Stores Plc (trading as Superdrug), a health and beauty retailer, for the continued occupation to an existing tenant at the retail centre in Unit 1-2 for a term of 5 years.
- (b) Authorised the Solicitor to the Council to conclude the transaction above on the terms outlined below, and on any such other terms and conditions as the Solicitor to the Council may recommend to protect the Council's position.

**Copies of the reports are attached to this email. In due course, the reports will be Executive Decisions 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 meeting start times vary and may be held either via remote video link or in-person as detailed below.**

Meetings for July and August are listed below:

#### **JULY 2021**

21 July – Scrutiny Committee Housing, Planning and Economic Growth @ 5pm – **Cancelled due to lack of business**

26 July – Cabinet @ 4pm (Virtual)



27 July – Audit Committee @ 5pm (Virtual)

## **AUGUST 2021**

12 August – Planning Committee @ 4pm (In-person)

19 August – District Planning Committee @ 2pm (In-person)

23 August – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm (Virtual)

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 Council's public facing website will be continually updated.

## **Agendas – Items to be Considered**

### **Cabinet – 26 July 2021 @ 4pm**

Budget Management 2021/22 - Progress Report April to May 2021.

Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Audit Committee – 27 July 2021 @ 5pm**

Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.

Internal Audit Annual Report 2020/2021.

Review of Treasury Management Activity 2020/21.

External Audit Plan.

New Internal Auditor Provider: Draft Charter.

Committee Work Programme 2021/22.

## **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:

- 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](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk) or 01444 477062.

## Information and News

### COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex have risen further in the last week to about 440 cases per 100,000 from the very low levels we had in the middle of May 2021. The increase in case levels in Mid Sussex is likely to continue over the next few weeks and are highest in younger age groups who have not yet been fully vaccinated but significant increases are now being seen in older fully vaccinated age groups. Hospitalisations locally are rising slowly given the most vulnerable groups are now fully vaccinated and the vaccines prevent serious illness with the current Covid variants. Covid deaths locally remain very low.

Covid rates have generally risen across West Sussex in the last week but with most areas having a rate around the England average of about 470 cases per 100,000. The average Covid rate in West Sussex is now above the increased South East average of about 370 cases per 100,000.

In most areas of England Covid rates are above 400 cases per 100,000 with the Delta variant now being dominant across all of England. Brighton and Hove now has a case level at about 500 cases per 100,000 and is a South East Covid hotspot. That Covid level and above is found commonly in the NE, NW and parts of the Midlands.

Lateral flow tests are available free to collect locally or request online by post so everyone can check their Covid status and take a PCR test if the lateral flow test indicates a Covid positive result. People must self-isolate if they have a positive test or are asked to do so by Track and Trace if they have been in recent close contact with someone who goes on to test positive for Covid

The fourth stage of the roadmap started on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Most restrictions are lifted but the population is asked to remain cautious given we are now in a further wave of increasing Covid rates. Advice has been issued for various settings and this guidance is similar to the previous restrictions and an LGA update is attached. People are advised to use face masks in crowded indoor settings



which includes busy trains and buses and shops. Some transport operators and some supermarkets expect masks to still be worn.

About 69% of the adult population in England and in Mid Sussex are now double vaccinated and about 88% have received a first vaccination and all adults are now eligible to book a vaccination jab with the second vaccinations being done after 8 weeks. This vaccination programme is being relied on to keep hospitalisations and deaths down despite the continuing increase in Covid cases across most of England. Vaccinations per day have fallen this month across England and efforts are being made to get all adults to come forward for both first vaccinations and second vaccinations as appropriate with a lot of convenient local pop up vaccination points.

Please see the latest public data for Covid rates in West Sussex [here](#).

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

### **Member Briefing - District Plan and Site Allocations DPD**

Further to a recent email from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, please note that a briefing for Members will be held on **Monday 2 August 2021 at 5.30pm**. Details on how to join the meeting online will be shared in due course.

### **Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - Local Government Bulletin**

Please find attached to this email the regular bulletin from the MHCLG, providing the latest government guidance, advice, communications products and other useful information about coronavirus (COVID-19), EU transition and other topics of interest for local government.

### **MSVA Press Release - The Changing Landscape of Volunteering**

#### The Changing Landscape of Volunteering

The Covid pandemic has clearly shown people's willingness to help each other and the impact that volunteering makes to our communities, it has also made organisations rethink the way they use volunteers and the roles they offer.

But some things never change – volunteering continues to make a real difference to volunteers and those around them, it tackles loneliness and social isolation, helps to improve employment prospects and benefits volunteers' mental health and wellbeing.

Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (MSVA) supports local not-for-profit groups and promotes their volunteering opportunities. If you want to know what roles are out there, go to [www.msva.org.uk/opportunities](http://www.msva.org.uk/opportunities) or contact MSVA by phoning 01444 258102 or emailing [volunteering@msva.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@msva.org.uk).

There are many roles to choose from - from home-based ones, such as updating social media or phoning clients for a chat, through one-off volunteering, such as helping at events, to longer term commitments, such as assisting at Youth Clubs and Foodbanks.

There are roles for gardeners, drivers, counsellors, administrators, refugee supporters, cooks, fundraisers, receptionists, radio presenters and many others. And if you have experience in HR, marketing, business, safeguarding or accounting, most charities would love you to join them as a Trustee.



This is what MSVA placed volunteers have to say:

*"The best thing about volunteering is being able to use my skills to help an organisation whose values align with my own and learn new things in the process!"*

*"Volunteering's had a positive impact on my life, it helped to improve my communication skills and gave me confidence."*

MSVA also connects businesses, which are increasingly looking to give something back through encouraging their staff to volunteer, with projects such as decorating charity's premises or offering professional advice.

Most recently, MSVA has been helping organisations restart safe post-pandemic recruitment and is now focusing its attention on making volunteering more inclusive and accessible so that everyone in Mid Sussex can get involved.

So remember, if you want to get into volunteering, or if your group is looking for volunteers, MSVA is here to help you!

### **NHS Celebration Concert**

Do you want to thank NHS Staff and Health and Care workers working and/or living in Mid Sussex?

To thank NHS Staff and Health and Care workers for looking after the residents of Mid Sussex during the Covid pandemic, Coro Nuovo, the leading not-for-profit Mid Sussex choir is staging a NHS Celebration Concert on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 7.00 to 9.00 pm at the New Bury Theatre, Hurstpierpoint College. They will be performing a wide range of music, something for everyone!

NHS Staff and Health and Care workers who are working and/or living in the Mid Sussex are eligible for FREE tickets (2 per person). The free tickets for NHS Staff and Health and Care workers can be booked now. The sale of general public tickets is from the 1st September 2021 and any concert profits will go to the local NHS and Mid Sussex charities who are helping those affected by Covid.

This event has been sponsored by Mid Sussex District Council through a Covid-19 Recovery Grant. Please click [here](#) to get tickets. You can also obtain tickets through the [Eventbrite website](#).

Please find the link to the flyer [here](#).

### **Mid Sussex Applauds Awards 2021 - Nominations close at the end of July**

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 until the end of July. To make a nomination and to see the stories of our previous winners please visit [www.midsussex.gov.uk/applauds](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/applauds).

### **South Downs News**

Please find the latest edition of 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/>

20 July 2021 - [Summer fun as Play Days on Tour and Skatefests return](#)

15 July 2021 - [Cuckfield paddling pool repairs completed](#)

