

Member Information Service

Cabinet Decisions – 26 July 2021

The following decisions have been made by Cabinet at their meeting held on 26 July 2021 and will come into effect at 10:00a.m. on Thursday 5 August 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 email (committees@midsussex.gov.uk) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Budget Management 2021/22 - Progress Report April to May 2021 – **Recommendation Agreed.**

Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan – **Recommendation Agreed.**

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

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Lease Renewal At (Unit G), The Orchards Shopping Centre, Haywards Heath (EXEMPT)

The Deputy Leader:

- (a) Authorised the grant of a new lease to Pro-Active Wellness Centre Ltd, trading as Switch Gyms, (a gym), at Unit G for a term of 2 year.
- (b) Authorised the Solicitor to the Council to conclude the transactions 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.

Proposal for a Rentplus (Rent to Buy) Pilot scheme

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning approved the decision that 8 affordable housing units on the Shirley Cottage, 17 Copthorne Road, Felbridge, East Grinstead site become a "Rent to Buy" project through Rentplus.

Proposed Grant of Lease of Lindfield Common Bowling Pavilion, Backwoods Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex

The Deputy Leader authorised the grant of a lease of the Lindfield Bowling Club Pavilion in Lindfield and on such other terms and conditions as the Solicitor and Head of Regulatory Services to the Council may recommend to protect the Council's position.

Lease Renewal of 23 St Wilfrid's Way, The Orchards Shopping Centre, Haywards Heath (EXEMPT)

The Deputy Leader:

- a) Authorised the grant of the lease to YMCA Downlink Group for a term of not more than 5 years on similar terms as the current leases at the Orchards
- b) Authorised the Solicitors acting for the Council, Messrs Russell Cooke, to conclude the transaction above on the terms outlined below, and on any such other terms and conditions as the Solicitor may recommend to protect the Council's position.

Release of Section 106 funds for playground improvement works at Turners Hill Recreation Ground

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Service Delivery authorised the release of £11,934 Section 106 Play and Kickabout Contributions to enable the full improvement of the playground at Turners Hill Recreation Ground to take place.

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:

AUGUST 2021

- 12 August – Planning Committee @ 4pm (In-person)
- 19 August – District Planning Committee @ 2pm (In-person)
- 23 August – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm (Virtual)

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 9 September – Planning Committee @ 4pm (In-Person)
- 13 September – Cabinet @ 4pm (Virtual)
- 15 September – Scrutiny Committee, Leader, Finance and Performance @ 6pm (Virtual)
- 16 September – District Planning Committee @ 2pm (In-person)
- 22 September – Scrutiny Committee Housing, Planning and Economic Growth @ 5pm (Virtual)
- 28 September – Audit Committee @ 5pm (Virtual)
- 29 September – Charity Trustees @ 6:45pm (TBC)
- 29 September – Council @ 7pm (TBC)



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.

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 or 01444 477062.

Information and News

COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex have fallen in the last week to about 350 cases per 100,000 which is around the level we had two weeks ago and therefore remains high and caution is still needed in indoor settings. 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 low.

Covid rates have generally fallen across West Sussex in the last week with an average Covid figure just below the England average of about 430 cases per 100,000. The average Covid rate in West Sussex remains above the South East average of about 350 cases per 100,000.

In many areas of the country Covid rates are still above 400 cases per 100,000 with the Delta variant now being dominant across all of England. That Covid level 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 are required to self-isolate if they have a positive test or are asked to do so by Test and Trace if they



have been in recent close contact with someone who goes on to test positive for Covid. There are now limited exceptions to this for designated essential workers.

The fourth stage of the roadmap started on Monday 19th July 2021. Most restrictions are lifted but the population is asked to remain cautious given the still high Covid rates. Advice has been issued for various settings and this guidance is similar to the previous restrictions. 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 require masks to still be used.

About 71% 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 still high Covid cases across most of England. First vaccinations per day have fallen this month across England and efforts are being made to get all unvaccinated adults to come forward for their first vaccination 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](#).

Mid Sussex Applauds Awards 2021 - Nominations close at the end of this week.

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? Please do submit any nominations to the Mid Sussex Applauds Awards by 31 July 2021. To make a nomination and to see the stories of our previous winners please visit www.midsussex.gov.uk/applauds.

A Councillor's Guide To Leading The Homelessness Sector

The LGA have launched a guide for members called [Leading the Homelessness Sector – a Councillor's Guide](#). This is aimed at all councillors with an interest in tackling homelessness whether at ward level, through scrutiny or as a Cabinet member or Committee chair. Please click the hyperlinked text to view this guide.

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.

Member Briefing – Burgess Hill Growth Programme Update

Further to a recent email from the Deputy Leader, please note that a briefing for Members will be held on **Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 5pm**. Details on how to join the meeting online will be shared in due course.



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 or contact MSVA by phoning 01444 258102 or emailing 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 20th 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](#).

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/>

23 July 2021 - [Homes England to oversee the delivery of new homes and infrastructure at Hurst Farm](#)

23 July 2021 - [Mid Sussex District Council shortlisted for national awards](#)

