

Member Information Service

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 August and September are listed below:

AUGUST 2021

- 12 August – Planning Committee @ 4pm (In-person)
- ~~19 August – District Planning Committee @ 2pm – Cancelled due to lack of business~~
- 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.

Agendas – Items to be Considered

Planning – 12 August 2021 @ 4pm

Recommended for Approval

DM/21/1441 | Kemps House, London Road, Balcombe, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 6JH - Temporary retention of two marquees for two years - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QRK18UKT0DH00>

DM/21/1758 | Willow Tree Pre School, Barn Cottage Pavilion, Barn Cottage Lane, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3QW - New mixed use purpose-built community centre with use by day nursery together with joining tunnel to existing pavilion - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QSY66DKT04L00>

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 risen in the last week and are now about 280 cases per 100,000 which is around the level we had in early July and therefore remains high and caution is still needed in indoor settings. Hospitalisations locally are falling very slowly given the most vulnerable groups are now fully vaccinated and the vaccines usually prevent serious illness with the current Covid variants. Covid deaths locally remain very low.

Covid rates are up across West Sussex in the last week with an average Covid figure close to the unchanged England average of about 290 cases per 100,000. The average Covid rate in West Sussex is above the South East average which has stayed level at about 240 cases per 100,000.

In most areas of England Covid rates are now below 400 cases per 100,000 but still remain higher than they were in June 2021. Brighton and Hove Covid rates have risen back above 400 cases per 100,000. The same is true of many popular holiday destinations.



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 who are already double vaccinated, and this is due to become a general exception for all those double vaccinated from 16th August 2021.

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 75% of the adult population in England and in Mid Sussex are now double vaccinated and about 89% 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 for under 30's are still proportionately low 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 with no appointment necessary.

Vaccinations for 16 and 17 year olds are due to start later this month.

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](#).

Cabinet Member Update – Engagement And Consultation In Respect Of The Future Of The Clair Hall Site

Please find attached a report that provides an update to the Cabinet Member for Community on the progress to date of the public engagement and consultation exercise on the future of the Clair Hall site.

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/>

09 August 2021 - [The Annual Electoral Canvass has commenced](#)

05 August 2021 - [Covid-19 business grant funding tops £48 million](#)

