

Member Information Service

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decisions have been made by the Cabinet Members and will take effect at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 30th September 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.

Asset of Community Value - Land at Courtmead Road, Cuckfield

The Cabinet Member for Community authorised the decision not to list the property known as Land at Courtmead Road, Cuckfield, West Sussex, RH17 5LP on the list of Assets of Community Value held by Mid Sussex District Council.

Proposed New Lease for Geodan Investments Limited (trading as Sussex Biltong), at Unit H, The Orchards, Haywards Heath (EXEMPT)

The Deputy Leader:

- (a) Authorised the grant of a lease renewal to Geodan Investments Limited (trading as Sussex Biltong), a food retailer, for the continued occupation to an existing tenant at Unit H 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.

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 September and October are listed below:

SEPTEMBER 2021

~~22 September – Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth @ 5pm (Virtual)~~
Please note this meeting has been deferred to when the review of the District Plan can be considered.

~~28 September – Audit Committee @ 5pm (Virtual) – Please note that this meeting has been cancelled and will be replaced with a Treasury Management Training session instead.~~



- 29 September – Charity Trustees @ 6:45pm (Trinity Methodist Church, **RH19 2HA**)
 29 September – Council @ 7pm (Trinity Methodist Church, **RH19 2HA**)
 30 September – Licensing Sub A Committee at 4pm (Virtual)

OCTOBER 2021

- 6 October – Scrutiny Committee Community, Customer Service and Service Delivery @ 5pm
 12 October – Licensing Committee @ 5pm (Virtual)
 14 October – Planning Committee @ 4pm (In-Person)
 18 October – Cabinet @ 4pm (Virtual)
 21 October – District Planning Committee @ 2pm (In-person)
 25 October – 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

Charity Trustees – 29 September 2021 @ 6:45pm

Appointment of Vice-Chairman.
Council Charitable Land - Annual Operational Report - 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, and approval of the accounts.

Council – 29 September 2021 @ 7.00pm

Appointment of Vice-Chairman.
Making of the Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan.
Report of the Returning Officer as to the person elected as District Councillor for the Ward of Ardingly & Balcombe on 8 July 2021.
To Receive the Report of the Monitoring Officer: Political Balance Section 15 Local Government and Housing Act 1989; The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
Mid Sussex District Council Governance Review Summary.
Recommendations from Cabinet held on 26 July and 13 September 2021.



Motions on Notice

Licensing Sub-Committee A – 30 September 2021 @ 7pm

Determination of Application for Renewal of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

Member Development Learning

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

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
28 September 2021 @ 5pm (held virtually via Teams)	Treasury Management (Scheduled for Audit Committee Members to replace the cancelled Audit Committee)	

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.



COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex continued to fall over the last week to about 140 cases per 100,000 which is around the level we had in late-June 2021 and therefore remain high and caution is still needed in indoor settings. Hospitalisations locally and nationally are higher than in June 2021 but have levelled off in the last week and deaths from Covid nationally still average over 100 per day. The highest rates of Covid are in the school age population where regular testing is happening.

Average Covid rates across West Sussex have fallen to about 180 cases per 100,000 with all areas of West Sussex are below 250 cases per 100,000. The average Covid figure in England is now below 280 cases per 100,000. The average Covid rate in the South East is now below 230 cases per 100,000.

In most areas of England Covid rates are below 400 cases per 100,000. Rates in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales have fallen in the past week, but most areas still have rates above 400 cases per 100,000 which is putting pressure on the NHS.

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 who are not double vaccinated are still required to self-isolate if they are asked to do so by Test and Trace or if they have been in recent close contact with someone who goes on to test positive for Covid. Those double vaccinated or under 18 are recommended to get a free PCR test in these circumstances but need only self-isolate if that test is positive.

About 82% of the population 16 and over in England and in Mid Sussex are now double vaccinated and about 88% of the population 16 and over have received a first vaccination.

All people 16 and over are still eligible for a Covid vaccination jab and encouraged to come forward with the second vaccinations being done after 8 weeks.

Covid vaccinations for all those aged between 12 and 15 are now available and contact is being made directly with those affected. These vaccinations are likely to be done in a school setting.

Booster vaccinations are now being offered to those in the first 9 groups previously getting their second vaccination between March and June 2021, with the booster vaccination to be given about 6 months after the second vaccination was given.

Annual flu vaccinations are now being offered through GP contact to the usual older and vulnerable groups.

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](#).



Charity Trustees & Council - 29 September 2021 ** CHANGE OF VENUE **

Members are notified that the previously advised venue for **Charity Trustees at 6.45pm & Council at 7pm** on Wednesday 29 September 2021 has unavoidably had to be changed. The venue now is: **Trinity Methodist Church, Lingfield Rd, East Grinstead, RH19 2HA.**

For those who use in-transit Satellite Navigation the postcode, emboldened above, is what you will need. Alternatively, for your convenience, a local map is attached to this email. Parking is available at the Church as well as on surrounding residential streets.

Though you are not strictly required to give apologies for absence at Council, for any Members who cannot attend, you are kindly asked to notify Democratic Services Cc'd to your group whip, if possible in advance of 29 September. Please email: committees@midsussex.gov.uk

New Political Map for Mid Sussex District Council

The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what residents, and other stakeholders think about the proposed new ward boundaries for Mid Sussex District Council. A 10-week consultation on the proposals will run until 8 November 2021.

The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Mid Sussex to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

The Commission has published proposed changes to Mid Sussex District Council. It is proposing that there should be 25 wards with five one-councillor wards, 17 two-councillor wards, and three three-councillor wards. 23 wards will have their boundaries changed, with three wards (Burgess Hill Franklands, Burgess Hill St Andrews and Copthorne) remaining the same. Members may wish to read [the Commission's full report](#).

The Commission has a dedicated section on its website where people can see the detail of the proposals and comment on the names of wards, their boundaries, and the number of councillors per ward: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/25848>

People can also give their views by e-mail at reviews@lgbce.org.uk, and by post: Review Officer (Mid Sussex), LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth NE24 9FE

Notes:

This consultation relates to the arrangements for local government elections. It is separate from consultations that are currently taking place across England on arrangements for parliamentary elections.

An interactive map is available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/25848>

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body accountable to Parliament. It recommends fair electoral and boundary arrangements for local authorities in England. In doing so, it aims to:

- Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities
- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views, and circumstances

South Downs News

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



Business Bulletin Autumn 2021

Please find the latest Economic Development Business Bulletin newsletter [here](#).

MSDC Response To Rampion 2 Consultation

Please find attached to this email Mid Sussex District Council's response to the Rampion 2 public consultation.

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/>

None.

