

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 October and November are listed below:

OCTOBER 2021

- ~~14 October – Planning Committee @ 4pm (In-Person) – Cancelled due to a lack of business~~
- 18 October – Cabinet @ 4pm (Virtual)
- 21 October – District Planning Committee @ 2pm (In-person)
- 25 October – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm (Virtual)

NOVEMBER 2021

- 3 November – Charity Trustees @ 6.45pm and Council @ 7pm (Hurstpierpoint College) – **Please note that the Charity Trustees meeting is an additional meeting.**
- 10 November – Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance @ 6pm (Virtual)
- 11 November – Planning Committee @ 4pm (In-person)
- 16 November – Audit Committee @ 5pm (Virtual)
- 17 November – Scrutiny Committee for Community, Customer Service and Service Delivery @ 6pm (Virtual) – **Please note this is an additional meeting.**
- 18 November – District Planning Committee @ 2pm (In-person)
- 22 November – Standards Committee @ 6pm (Virtual)
- 29 November – Cabinet @ 4pm (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

Cabinet – 18 October 2021 @ 4pm

Performance Monitoring for the First Quarter of 2021/22.

Recommended for Approval

DM/21/1118 | East Lodge Farm, Malthouse Lane, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex, BN6 9LA - Erection of Class E(g) building to include a mix of office, research and development and industrial processes with carpark, new vehicle access onto Malthouse Lane and associated landscaping. 'Corrected Preliminary Ecological Appraisal received 2 September 2021 and corrected Sustainability Statement received 8 September.' - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QQFD4BKT0DH00>

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 240 cases per 100,000 which is around the level we had in early July and therefore remain high, and caution is still needed in indoor settings. Hospitalisations locally and nationally are higher than in June 2021 but have been steady over the last week but deaths nationally within 28 days of a positive Covid test still average over 100 per



day. The highest rates of Covid and increase in Covid levels remain in the school age population where regular testing is happening.

Average Covid rates across West Sussex have also fallen in the last week to about 275 cases per 100,000 with rates in Adur having fallen rapidly to well below 400 cases per 100,000. The average Covid figure in England is up slightly to about 355 cases per 100,000. The average Covid rate in the South East is now up to about 335 cases per 100,000.

In more areas of England Covid rates are now back above 400 cases per 100,000 but this is not now the case anywhere in Sussex.

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 79% of the population 12 and over in England and in Mid Sussex are now double vaccinated and about 84% of the population 12 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. Vaccinations can now be booked online for anyone 16 or over.

Covid vaccinations for all those aged between 12 and 15 are underway in secondary schools.

Booster vaccinations are 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. This means all those who had a second vaccination before May 2021 are now being called forward.

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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](#).

Strategic Intelligence Assessment and Data Pack 2021

The Mid Sussex Partnership (MSP) annually considers a Strategic Intelligence Assessment to inform its priorities for the year ahead. This provides an analysis of information about the District, including data on crime, health, vulnerable groups and demographics. The 2021 Strategic Intelligence Assessment and supporting Data Pack are attached. These were discussed as part of the MSP Annual Report considered by the Scrutiny Committee for Community, Customer Services and Service Delivery on 6th October and are also available on the Mid Sussex Partnership [page](#) of the Council's website.



Retail Study Launched – NEMS Market Research telephone survey

The Planning Policy and Economic Development Teams have jointly commissioned Nexus Planning to undertake a Retail Survey to inform the District Plan Review. From an Economic Development perspective, the Retail Study will provide important insight to the current use and role of our retail centres which will be particularly valuable as we consider the future of our high streets and how best MSDC, working with others, can best support them to flourish, in light of current economic pressures and changing consumer behaviour.

Part of the work will involve a telephone survey about shopping habits involving c.1000 residents in and around Mid Sussex which will be carried out by NEMS Market Research, which will start in the next couple of weeks (October) and we would welcome people taking part in this survey if they are contacted.

We will shortly be issuing communications on social media regarding the survey.

Mid Sussex Older People's Council – Newsletter

Please find the latest newsletter from Mid Sussex Older People's Council [here](#).

Council Policy On Safeguarding When Working With The Voluntary Sector

MSDC now has a policy on safeguarding when working with the voluntary and community sector. This is to ensure a consistent approach is taken to mitigate and any safeguarding risk and we have adopted a tiered approach depending on the nature and level of involvement.

Please find the policy as a PDF that is attached to this email.

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/>

12 October 2021 - [Council takes over Kings Weald community building](#)

08 October 2021 - [By-election called for Ardingly Parish Council](#)

