

## Member Information Service

### Cabinet Decisions – 29 November 2021

The following decisions have been made by Cabinet at their meeting held on Monday 29 November 2021 and will come into effect at 10:00a.m. on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 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](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk)) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Performance Monitoring for the Second Quarter of 2021/22 – **Recommendation Agreed.**

Food Waste Collection – **Recommendation Agreed.**

### Decisions made by Cabinet Members

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#### **Building Control fees from 3 January 2022**

The Cabinet Member for Community approved the fees for building control services set out in Appendix 1 of the report to be applied from 3rd January 2022.

#### **Release of S106 Community Buildings Contributions arising from development at Land at Little Park Farm**

The Cabinet Member for Community approved the release of £5,151 to Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Parish Council from S106 contributions arising from development at Land at Little Park Farm.

#### **Asset Of Community Value - The Park Centre, Burgess Hill**

The Deputy Leader authorised the decision to list the property known as The Park Centre, 60 Park Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 8ET on the list of Assets of Community Value held by Mid Sussex District Council.

The following decision has been made by the Leader of the Council and will take effect immediately as urgent matters and therefore not subject to call in.

### **Mid Sussex District Council Response to Northern Runway Consultation**

The Leader approved the Council's consultation response to the Northern Runway Consultation ahead of its submission to GAL on 1 December 2021.

**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. All meetings are in-person unless otherwise stated.**

Meetings for November and December are listed below:

### **DECEMBER 2021**

- 8 December – Council @ 7pm at Trinity Methodist Church – **Please note the change of date.**
- ~~9 December – Planning Committee @ 4pm – Canceled due to lack of business~~
- ~~13 December – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm – Canceled due to lack of business~~
- 16 December – District Planning Committee @ 2pm
- 20 December – Cabinet @ 4pm – **Please note this is an additional meeting.**

### **JANUARY 2021**

- 12 January – Scrutiny Committee Leader, Finance and Performance @ 6pm (virtual)
- 13 January – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- 19 January – Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth @ 6pm
- 20 January – District Planning Committee @ 2pm
- 26 January – Charity Trustees @ 6:45pm & Council @ 7pm

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**

### **Council – 8 December 2021 @ 7pm**

Review of Members' Allowances for 2022/2023.




Council Taxbase 2022/23.

Recommendations from Cabinet held on 18 and 29 November 2021.



## Member Development Learning

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

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
<b>This session has been postponed and a new date will be arranged in due course.</b>	<b>Planning Training:</b> Decision making & Other material considerations <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	
<b>11 January 2021</b> @ <b>3pm</b>	<b>Planning Training:</b> Highways Matters & S106 <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	
<b>3 February 2021</b> @ <b>3pm</b>	<b>Planning Training:</b> Design & Heritage Assets <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	

### Planning Training – Topics

The Planning Training will cover the following topics over the course of three training sessions:

- Highways
- Heritage Assets
- Design case study
- Decision making
- Other material considerations,
- S106

Please confirm your attendance to the above training sessions by emailing [committees@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk) or by calling 01444 477062.

### 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 remain high at about 850 cases per 100,000 following outbreaks in some schools with some areas of the District having Covid rates well above 1000 cases per 100,000. This is above the peak level of Covid cases we had in mid-July 2021 and therefore caution is still needed in indoor settings which should be well ventilated. Hospitalisations locally and nationally are higher than in June 2021 and had been rising slowly in October 2021 but have fallen back slowly in November 2021. Deaths nationally within 28 days of a positive Covid test still average over 100 per day but have also fallen back in November 2021. The highest rates of Covid remain in the school age population where regular testing is happening. Covid rates are down slightly in the 60+ population possibly as a result of the additional protection provided by booster vaccinations.

The average Covid rate across West Sussex has risen to about 650 cases per 100,000 which keeps West Sussex among the highest rates in England. The increase in infection rates is among the younger population with small decreases in the older population.

The average Covid figure in England have also increased slowly in the last week to about 440 cases per 100,000.

The average Covid rate in the South East increased in the last week to about 550 cases per 100,000 giving the SE the highest average Covid figure in the English regions.

In most areas of SE and SW England, Wales and Northern Ireland Covid rates remain above 400 cases per 100,000 but in other areas of England and Scotland where Covid rates were higher in earlier months of the pandemic they are mainly below 400 cases per 100,000.

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. If going to crowded indoor settings you are advised to do a lateral flow test.

With the identification of the Omicron variant of Covid and its currently unknown implications for infection rates and level of ill health for those affected, mask wearing is now compulsory in shops and public transport which includes taxis and private hire vehicles. If returning from abroad you are required to get a PCR test within 2 days of your return and isolate until you get a negative result. If you are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for the Omicron variant you are required to self-isolate for 10 days even if your PCR test continues to show a negative result. These new mask restrictions are due to be reviewed on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021.



About 81% of the population 12 and over in England and in Mid Sussex are now double vaccinated and about 87% 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.

There is a separate online booking system for those aged between 12 and 15 to get their first vaccination outside a school setting at some vaccination locations with second vaccinations now advised after 3 months from the first vaccination. Otherwise Covid vaccinations for all those aged between 12 and 15 have been done in some secondary schools.

Booster vaccinations are being offered to all adults 3 months after the second vaccination currently with priority for those 40+ on the booking system. It is hoped to do 3.5 million booster vaccinations a week which would mean over 60% of the adult population will have had a booster vaccination by Christmas. Having the booster vaccination is thought to provide greater protection against all the Covid variants and to reduce the chance of spreading the virus.

Annual flu vaccinations continue to be offered through GP contact to older adults and vulnerable groups.

Please see the latest information on Covid vaccination progress and other health matters in West Sussex [here](#).

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

Please note the guidance to remain cautious after 19<sup>th</sup> July to help prevent Covid cases putting pressure on the NHS.

### **COVID-19 and Vaccines Resources**

New communications materials about vaccination have been added to Public Health England's Campaign Resource Centre (CRC).

BOOST DAY will take place on 2 December to promote the uptake of vaccines to boost immunity ahead of the festive season. Messaging encourages those eligible to book their flu and COVID-19 booster vaccines as soon as possible. There are a range of resources to support this on the CRC.

Councils are encouraged to get involved and use the BOOST DAY materials to promote the day in their area.

Campaign Resource Centre:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/34-winter-vaccinations-public-facing-campaign/resources>

### **National Lottery funding to help communities celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Earlier this month, the National Lottery Community Fund launched the £3.5million Platinum Jubilee Fund, which will provide grants of up to £50,000 to 70 community projects across the UK, celebrating Her Majesty's The Queen's 70 years of public service in June 2022.



In addition to The Platinum Jubilee Fund, grants of up to £10,000 from The National Lottery Awards For All programme will be available for community-led events throughout 2022.

Arts Council England is also launching the Let's Create Jubilee Fund, a £5million programme that will support voluntary and community organisations in England to develop creative and cultural activities as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations with grants of up to £10,000.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund will also invest £5million in supporting communities across the UK to take action to help natural green spaces flourish, from wilding verges and sowing meadows, to digging ponds and creating highways for nature.

Sport England will commit up to £5million towards a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund, which will open at the beginning of 2022 and focus on the role of sport and physical activity in tackling inequalities and building stronger communities.

Councils are encouraged to promote the new funds and programmes to help communities celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

Announcement:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/news/press-releases/2021-11-17/over-22million-the-queens-platinum-jubilee>

### **LGA webinar on Personal Safety for Councillors - 8 December 2021**

The LGA has launched a series of webinars to help to support councillors' personal safety. These events are UK Government funded and will therefore be open to councillors from all councils, including community, town and parish councils.

The aim of the session will be to equip councillors with the best tools to help them be and feel safe while carrying out their duties as a councillor. The sessions will cover principles of personal safety, risk assessment, use of technology, safe approaches to canvassing, visits, surgeries and travelling, alongside how to manage harassment and stalking incidents. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about their specific circumstances.

To join the webinar, please click the link below:

[Personal Safety for Councillors](#)

## **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/>

29 November 2021 - [Mid Sussex approves food waste collection trial](#)

