

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. 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 (virtual)
- 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.

Recommended for Permission




DM/21/2841 | Land North Of Clayton Mills, Hassocks, West Sussex - Approval of reserved matters (appearance, layout, landscape and scale), for 500 dwellings, (Class C3), with associated infrastructure, open space and landscaping, pursuant to outline planning permission DM/18/4979. (Amended plans received 4th November relating to the design and layout of the scheme, including the submission of a sustainability statement) - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QX9JNGKT0FX00>

Other Matters


EF/17/0248 | 145 High Street, Hurstpierpoint, BN6 9PU

Member Development Learning

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

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



<p>22 February 2021</p> <p>@</p> <p>3pm</p>	<p>Planning Training:</p> <p>Planning Enforcement</p> <p><i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i></p>	
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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 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 or 01444 477062.

Information and News

COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex remain high at about 820 cases per 100,000 following outbreaks in some schools. 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 and remain steady in early December 2021. Deaths nationally within 28 days of a positive Covid test still average over 100 per day but have also fallen back in the last few weeks. The highest rates of Covid remain in the school age population where regular testing is happening.

The average Covid rate across West Sussex have remained steady at about 650 cases per 100,000 which keeps West Sussex among the highest rates in England.

The average Covid figure in England have increased in the last week to about 490 cases per 100,000.

The average Covid rate in the South East also increased in the last week to about 630 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 more infectious Omicron variant of Covid and the unknown 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 Lateral Flow or PCR test up to 48 hours before returning and 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 restrictions are due to be reviewed on 21st 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 with now about 40% of adults having received their booster vaccination in Mid Sussex and England more generally. 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 19th July to help prevent Covid cases putting pressure on the NHS.

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>

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.

