

## Member Information Service

### Cabinet Decisions – 20 December 2021

The following decisions have been made by Cabinet at their meeting held on Monday 20 December 2021 and will come into effect at 10:00a.m. on Monday 11th January 2022, 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.

Clair Hall Site – **Recommendation Agreed.**

### 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 January and February are listed below:

#### JANUARY 2022

- 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 at Trinity Methodist Church

#### FEBRUARY 2022

- 2 February – Scrutiny Committee Community, Customer Service and Service Delivery @ 6pm(virtual)
- 8 February – Licensing Committee @ 5pm
- 10 February – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- 14 February – Cabinet @ 4pm
- 17 February – District Planning Committee @ 2pm
- 21 February – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm

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.

### 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><b>Planning Training:</b> Decision making &amp; Other material considerations <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i></p>	
<p>11 January 2022 @ 3pm</p>	<p><b>Planning Training:</b> Highways Matters &amp; S106 <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i></p>	
<p>3 February 2022 @ 3pm</p>	<p><b>Planning Training:</b> Design &amp; Heritage Assets <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i></p>	
<p>22 February 2022 @ 3pm</p>	<p><b>Planning Training:</b> Planning Enforcement <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i></p>	

### 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 have risen rapidly to about 900 cases per 100,000 in the last week with the very infectious Omicron variant now being dominant. This is the peak level of Covid cases we have had and therefore caution is needed in indoor settings which should be well ventilated. Hospitalisations locally and nationally are higher than in June 2021 and have continued to rise slowly in the last week but much quicker in Greater London where Covid rates are well over 1000 cases per 100,000 and vaccination levels are lower. Most people hospitalised with Covid are unvaccinated. Deaths nationally, within 28 days of a positive Covid test, still average over 100 per day but have remained steady in the last week with more vaccinations and better treatments.

The average Covid rate across West Sussex has increased in the last week to about 800 cases per 100,000 but is still below the increasing rate in the SE of about 900 cases per 100,000. Most commuter areas around Greater London now have Covid rates above 1000 cases per 100,000. The full effects of the Omicron variant are now showing in the Greater London figures where it is responsible for almost all positive cases.

The average Covid figure in England has increased in the last week to about 800 cases per 100,000 with the more infectious Omicron variant now being dominant across the country. People are recommended to be cautious in all indoor settings where there is household mixing.

In most areas of the UK Covid rates are now above 500 cases per 100,000.

Lateral flow tests are available free to collect locally or request on-line by post so everyone can check their Covid status and take a PCR test if the lateral flow test indicates a Covid positive result. Demand for these tests is high at the moment. 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 ,theatres, indoor halls, churches and museums 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 Covid you are required to do a lateral flow test daily for 7 days if you have had at least 2 vaccinations for Covid. Those that are not double vaccinated still have to isolate for 10 days and get a negative PCR test close to the end of the isolation period.

If you test positive for Covid you should isolate for 10 days but if you have a lateral flow test on day 6 which is negative and a further lateral flow test at least 24 hours later on day 7 which is also negative you can end the period of isolation at day 7.

About 82% of the population 12 and over in England and in Mid Sussex are now double vaccinated and about 88% 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 on-line for anyone 16 or over.

There is a separate online booking system for those aged between 12 and 15 to get their first or second vaccinations outside a school setting at some vaccination locations .Second vaccinations are 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 on the booking system. New walk-in clinics are being opened where an appointment is not necessary. It is hoped to do 7 million booster vaccinations a week up to the New Year with now about 54% 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 19<sup>th</sup> July to help prevent Covid cases putting pressure on the NHS.

## **Complaints and Compliments – November**

### **Complaints (November) – 10**

Waste & Outdoor Services = 4

2 each for Parking and Revenues

1 each for Planning and Community Services, Policy & Performance

### **Compliments (November) – 28**



Customer Services = 11

Waste & Outdoor Services = 6

Dev Management (Planning) = 4

Planning Policy & Economy = 2

1 each for Benefits, Environmental Health, Parking, Planning & Building Control Support and Democratic Services

### **South Downs News**

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

### **Business Bulletin Winter 2021**

Please find the latest Business Bulletin Newsletter [here](#).

## **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/>

21 December 2021 – [Christmas rubbish and recycling collections](#)

21 December 2021 – [MSDC to investigate options to provide modern, fit for purpose Community Facilities on Clair Hall Site](#)

21 December 2021 – [MSDC offices closed this Christmas](#)

22 December 2021 – [Santa's Secret Mission delivers](#)

