

Member Information Service

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decisions have been made by Cabinet Members and will take effect at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 27 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 e-mail committees@midsussex.gov.uk, in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Release Of S.106 Local Community Infrastructure (LCI) Contributions – Bus Shelter, Old Brighton Road

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning approved the release of £11,118.75 from contributions arising from the development on land South West of Handcross Primary School (12/04032/OUT - PL3-000303) to fund a replacement bus shelter at the junction of Old Brighton Road and Horsham Road, Pease Pottage.

Inclusion of Additional Walking and Cycling Improvement Scheme in 2021/22 Capital Programme

The Deputy Leader approved the inclusion of the of £63,000 in the 2021/22 Capital Programme, to forward fund the accelerated delivery of walking and cycling improvements at St John's Park, Burgess Hill, to support the delivery of the Burgess Hill Growth Programme.

Release Of S106 Contributions – Improvements to The Ark, Turners Hill

The Cabinet Member for Community approved the release of £14,294.26 to Turners Hill Parish Council from S106 contributions arising from developments at Land at Clockfield (ref: 11/01332/OUT) and Land known as Sopers Ride (DM/18/4540) to fund further improvements to The Ark community building, Mount Lane, Turners Hill.

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 January and February are listed below:

JANUARY 2022

19 January – Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth



@ 6pm (virtual)

~~20 January – District Planning Committee @ 2pm – Cancelled due to lack of business~~

26 January – Charity Trustees @ 6:45pm & Council @ 7pm at Trinity Methodist Church

FEBRUARY 2022

2 February – Scrutiny Committee for Community, Customer Service and Service Delivery @ 6pm (virtual)

7 February – Licensing Sub Committee A @ 4pm - **Please note this is an additional meeting**

8 February – Licensing Committee @ 5pm

10 February – Planning Committee @ 4pm

14 February – Cabinet @ 4pm

~~17 February – District Planning Committee @ 2pm – Postponed until 24 February~~

21 February – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm

24 February – District Planning Committee @ 2pm – **Rescheduled from 17 February**

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

Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth – 19 January 2022 @ 6pm

District Plan Review and Update.

Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth Work Programme 2021/22.

Charity Trustees – 26 January 2022 @ 6:45pm

Beech Hurst Gardens Charitable Trust, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, Charity No: 305202.

Council – 26 January 2022 @ 7pm

Political Balance: Section 15 Local Government and Housing Act 1989; The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.


Report to Council Recommending the LGA Code of Conduct for Mid Sussex District Council from 1st March 2022.

Member Development Learning

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

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
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<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>This session has been postponed and a new date will be arranged in due course.</p>	<p>Planning Training: Highways Matters & S106 <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i></p>	
<p>3 February 2022 @ 3pm</p>	<p>Planning Training: Design & Heritage Assets <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i></p>	
<p>22 February 2022 @ 3pm</p>	<p>Planning Training: Planning Enforcement <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i></p>	

Planning Training – Topics

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

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

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 have fallen significantly to about 800 cases per 100,000 in the last week with the very infectious Omicron variant now accounting for almost all Covid cases. The cases are across all age groups. Covid case levels remain high which means caution is needed in indoor settings which should be well ventilated. Hospitalisations of people testing positive for Covid locally and nationally have steadied in the last week across the whole of the UK and remain about half of where they were in January 2021 but still well above the levels in the second half of 2021 prior to the Omicron variant. Positivity rates among those tested have now fallen below 25% in Sussex which indicates a general lowering of community Covid infections. Deaths nationally, within 28 days of a positive Covid test, now average over 200 per day and is about double the number there were per week in the second half of 2021. Most people in hospital are not fully vaccinated.

The average Covid rate across West Sussex have fallen significantly in the last week at about 800 cases per 100,000 and remains just below the SE rate of about 870 cases per 100,000. The average Covid figure in England have fallen significantly in the last week to about 1000 cases per 100,000 with the more infectious Omicron variant now accounting for almost all Covid cases across the country. The NE and NW of England have the highest infection levels in England with many areas there still above 1000 cases per 100,000. People are recommended to be very cautious in all indoor settings where there is household mixing.

It is only in Northern Ireland and the north of England where Covid rates are still mainly above 1000 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 isolate if they get a positive test. If going to crowded indoor settings you are advised to do a lateral flow test.

With the more infectious Omicron variant of Covid, mask wearing is compulsory in shops ,theatres, indoor halls, churches and museums and public transport which includes taxis and private hire vehicles and in secondary schools but these and other Plan B restrictions are likely to be relaxed next week following the fall in daily Covid cases and the levelling off of Covid cases in hospital.

If returning from abroad fully vaccinated you are required to pay for a Lateral Flow test within 2 days of your return and if positive isolate until you get a negative lateral flow result for two successive days. If you are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for the Omicron variant you are required to do a lateral flow tests daily for 5 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 PCR test. These rules may also change next week.

About 83% 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. There are a significant number of people still being encouraged to come forward for their 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 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 are being done again in some secondary schools.

Booster vaccinations are being offered to everyone over 12 years of age 3 months after the second vaccination on the booking system with slots now available. New walk-in clinics are being opened where an appointment is not necessary. About 70% of the population 12 and over have now 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.

A message from the Chief Fire Officer of West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, Sabrina Cohen-Hatton:

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has launched a public consultation around our proposals for our Community Risk Management Plan 2022 – 2026.

This document sets out the direction of the service over the next four years, and as part of this we have six proposals that we are seeking feedback on.

I would like to invite you to view these proposals and take part in our public consultation.

You can find these proposals, along with the survey to take part, on our dedicated Community Risk Management Plan website [here](#).

These are also available on the website in an Easy Read format.

The proposals include:

- Enhancing our retained (on-call) operating model
- Weekend protection, prevention and response improvements



- Improving protection, prevention and response performance in rural areas
- How WSFRS should deal with false alarms from automatic fire systems
- When we should review our Emergency Response Standards
- How WSFRS proposes to undertake a review of our specialist appliance requirements to consider current and future risks to firefighter and public safety

This is a key opportunity for our communities and all partners to have their say on our proposals, and we will assess all of the responses and use to inform our final CRMP which we intend to publish in spring 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to visit the consultation homepage and take part in our consultation.

The closing date for responses is Friday 21 January 2022.

You can find more information on the six proposals and take part in the consultation [here](#).

Hear more about West Sussex Chargepoint Network at Community Landowner's event 27th January 2022

In November, WSCC announced its ambitious West Sussex Chargepoint Network and asked for residents to register their interest providing a local view on where charge points should be located in the county <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/ev-chargepoint-roll-out-in-west-sussex/>

WSCC are now interested in hearing from Town & Parish Councils and Village Hall Trusts who own land for community use.

The contract is a concession contract, meaning that Connected Kerb will incur all the costs for installing, maintaining, and running the network. The way our contract is structured will give community landowners the opportunity to use it, meaning that Parish, Town and Neighbourhood Councils, or any third sector organisation in the county has the potential to benefit from a chargepoint installation at zero cost.

WSCC and its partner Connected Kerb are hosting a special free online event via Zoom on 27th January 2022 as part of the Village Hall Week and a more sustainable future.

You will be able to hear about:

- The County Councils commitment to EV charging,
- Detail on the opportunity for community landowners,
- Connected Kerb & the Chargepoints
- Delivery timescales and
- Registration & assessment

As this is only open to Town & Parish and Neighbourhood Councils and Village Hall Trusts in West Sussex you will need to register for the event using the link provided.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-sussex-chargepoint-network-opportunities-for-community-landowners-tickets-241304075987>

Complaints and Compliments - December 2021



Complaints – 11

Waste & Outdoor Services = 6

Revenues = 2

Planning = 1

Community Services, Policy and Performance = 1

Planning and Building Control Support = 1

Compliments – 23

Waste & Outdoor Services = 10

Customer Services = 6

Democratic Services = 2

Dev Management (Planning) = 2

Environmental Health = 1

Housing Needs = 1

Wellbeing = 1

South Downs News

Please find the link to the latest edition of the South Downs News below:

[Beat the January blues with South Downs News](#)

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.

