

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 3 February 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.

Proposed Fees and Charges in Environment Health 2022/2023

The Cabinet Member for Community approved the schedule of fees and charges from the 1st April 2022 as set out in Appendix 1 of the Report.

Proposed New Lease – Land at Royal George Recreation Ground, Burgess Hill.

The Deputy Leader:

1. authorised the grant of a lease to the 8th Burgess Hill Scout Group, to continue their occupation of the building for a term of 28 years at the rent of £450.00 per annum;
2. authorised the Solicitor to the Council to conclude the transaction above on the terms outlined below, and on any such other terms and conditions as the Solicitor to the Council may recommend to protect the Council's position.

Establishment of a Platinum Jubilee Community Grants Programme for 2022

The Cabinet Member for Community approved the decision that, as part of the Council's participation in the Jubilee celebrations, a specific grant fund should be established, from within the Council's Community Grant Programme as outlined in the Report, to facilitate and enable community celebrations within the District.

Summary of Responses for the Notice of Amendment of the Off Street Parking Places Order Consultation

The Cabinet Member for Economic Growth approved the decision to:

1. consider the consultation responses in respect of the introduction of a new range of flexible season tickets and to proceed with those proposed changes from 28 March 2022.
2. proceed with the introduction of Pay and Display tariff increases and the introduction of a new range of flexible season tickets from 28 March 2022.

Application for Discretionary Rate Relief under The Localism Act 2011

The Cabinet Member for Customer Services:

- i) approved the award of 100% Discretionary Rate Relief to Alliance for Better Care Ltd for the period 11th January 2021 to the 31st March 2022; and,
- ii) approved the award of 100% Discretionary Rate Relief to Alliance for Better Services based on any business rates liability for the financial year from the 1st April 2022 to the 31st March 2023.

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

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

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.

Scrutiny Committee for Community, Customer Service and Service Delivery – 2 February 2022 @ 6pm

Air Quality.



Overview of Complaints – 2020/2021.

Draft Terms of Reference for forthcoming Community Governance Reviews.



Scrutiny Committee for Community, Customer Services and Service Delivery Work Programme 2021/22.

Member Development Learning

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

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
This session has been postponed and a new date will be arranged in due course.	Planning Training: Decision making & Other material considerations <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	
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<p>This session has been postponed and a new date will be arranged in due course.</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.



COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex have risen to about 1100 cases per 100,000 in the last week with the very infectious Omicron variant now accounting for almost all Covid cases. The rise in cases is in school age children with those under 12 unvaccinated. 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 remain steady 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 20% in Sussex which indicates a general lowering of community Covid infections. Deaths nationally, within 28 days of a positive Covid test, still average over 200 per day and is about double the number there were per week in the second half of 2021. Most adults in hospital are not fully vaccinated.

The average Covid rate across West Sussex have also risen in the last week at about 1000 cases per 100,000 and the SE rate is also 1000 cases per 100,000. The average Covid figure in England has remained at about 1000 cases per 100,000 with the more infectious Omicron variant now accounting for almost all Covid cases across the country. Areas with higher Covid levels can now be found right across England.

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.

Plan B restrictions are lifted from 27th January 2022 but with mask wearing still advised in shops, theatres, indoor halls, churches and museums and public transport which includes taxis and private hire vehicles.

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. For those fully vaccinated a lateral flow test will not be required when returning from abroad from 11th February 2022.

About 83% of the population 12 and over in England and in Mid Sussex are now double vaccinated and about 89% 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 or being hospitalised.

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.

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

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>

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.

