

## Member Information Service

### Cabinet Decisions – 14 February 2022

The following decisions have been made by Cabinet at their meeting held on Monday 14 February 2022 and will come into effect at 10:00a.m. on Thursday 24 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 email ([committees@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk)) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Draft Corporate Plan and Budget 2022/23 – **Recommendation Agreed.**

Budget Management 2021/22 - Progress Report April to December 2021 – **Recommendation Agreed.**

Clair Hall Site Update – **Recommendation Agreed.**

### Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decision has been made by the Cabinet Member for Community and will take effect at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 24 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](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk), in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

#### **Release Of S106 Contributions - Adastra Park Tennis Courts**

The Cabinet Member for Community approved the release of £45,000 to Hassocks Parish Council from S106 contributions arising from developments at Land at Hassocks Highway Depot, London Road (08/02181/OUT), Land at Weald Lawn Tennis & Squash Club (09/00952/FUL) and Land at rear of Stafford House (12/00637/FUL) to fund the improvement of the tennis courts in Adastra Park.

**A copy of the report is attached to this email. In due course, the report will be an Executive Decision 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 February and March are listed below:

### FEBRUARY 2022

~~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

### MARCH 2022

1 March – Audit Committee @ 5pm

2 March – Council @ 7pm

7 March – Standards Committee @ 6pm

7 March – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 10:30am – **Please note this is an additional meeting.**

~~9 March – Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance @ 6pm (virtual) – Please note this has been rescheduled to 22 March at 6pm (virtual) to allow the working group more time to complete their work.~~

10 March – Planning Committee @ 4pm

~~16 March – Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth @ 6pm (virtual) – Please note that this meeting has been postponed to allow more time to consider the District Plan in the light of the recommendations agreed by the Committee at the meeting in January.~~

17 March – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

21 March – Cabinet @ 4pm

22 March – Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance @ 6pm (virtual) – **Please note that this has been rescheduled from 9 March.**

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

30 March – 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

### Cabinet Grants Panel – 21 February @ 4pm

Corporate Grant Schemes - Community and Economic Development Grants.

Corporate Grant Schemes - Release of S106 Contributions.

Independent Retailers Grant Scheme - Proposed Grant Awards.



**District Planning Committee – 24 February @ 2pm**



**Recommend for Approval**

**DM/20/0886 | Persimmon Homes Phase 4, Land East Of Kings Way, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0SD** – Full planning application for 237 dwellings (30% affordable) with associated informal open space, SUDS attenuation features and a Locally Equipped Area of Play (Amended plans received 07.12.2021 which include additional visitor parking, additional footpaths, a new footpath link and minor changes to the layout) - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=Q6O1JFKT04L00>



**DM/21/4235 | Land Adj. To Balcombe House, London Road, Balcombe, West Sussex, RH17 6PB** – Residential development to provide 17 dwellings made up of 1 and 2 bedroom flats and 3 bedroom, detached and semi-detached, houses. Associated landscaping, parking, vehicular access and a village car park - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=R425YUKT04L00>

**Member Development Learning**

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

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

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

### 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.



### COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex have fallen 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 fall in cases is 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 are slowly falling across the whole of the UK and are about 35% less than where they were at the start of January 2022. Positivity rates among those tested remains at about 15% in Sussex which indicates a general lowering of community Covid infections from last month. Deaths nationally, within 28 days of a positive Covid test are now average under 200 per day. Most adults in hospital are not fully vaccinated.

The average Covid rate across West Sussex has fallen to about 900 cases per 100,000 and the SE rate is also down to about 800 cases per 100,000. The average Covid figure in England is down to about 600 cases per 100,000 with the more infectious Omicron variant now accounting for almost all Covid cases across the country. Almost all areas of England are now under 1000 cases per 100,000 with many now under 500 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.

Plan B restrictions were lifted from 27<sup>th</sup> 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 no longer required to pay for a Lateral Flow test within 2 days of your return.

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 7 days.

About 84% 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.

Booster vaccinations are being offered to everyone over 12 years of age 3 months after the second vaccination on the booking system. Walk in clinics have been 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 19<sup>th</sup> July to help prevent Covid cases putting pressure on the NHS.



## **ShopAppy.com is coming to Mid Sussex**

As part of a range of activity that Mid Sussex District Council is delivering across the District using funding from the Government's Welcome Back Fund, MSDC has partnered with ShopAppy.com to provide local businesses with access to the platform free of charge for the first 12 months.

The Government's Welcome Back Fund (WBF) provides Mid Sussex District Council with an allocation of funding against which it can claim for activity to further support the safe reopening of high streets and visitor economies. The WBF extends the previously received Reopening High Streets Safely Fund (RHSSF).

The ShopAppy platform combines both a local 'shopping guide' element with e-commerce functionality. The objective behind the platform is firmly rooted in a desire to support independent retailers and drive footfall to high streets.

Businesses are encouraged to take advantage of this support and sign up to ShopAppy.com.

Once a good representation of businesses have registered with ShopAppy promotion to local residents will begin to encourage people to visit the site and support our local independent businesses.

What is ShopAppy?



ShopAppy.com is a 'Shop and Support Local Business' website, making it easier than ever for people to browse, book and buy from their local businesses at their convenience.

ShopAppy believe that it shouldn't be easier to shop with a warehouse in the middle of nowhere, than it is to shop with the businesses on your doorstep. ShopAppy's mission isn't to create more online shoppers but to create a community of *local* shoppers that can opt to shop in the way *they* choose.

*Businesses who would like to find out more and sign up to the free 12-month ShopAppy Mid Sussex promotion can contact Jane Stewart at [shoplocal@shopappy.com](mailto:shoplocal@shopappy.com) or call her on 07770 655 302.*

## **Update on Southern, Great Northern and Thameslink services**

Please find an update on the latest changes to the timetable across Southern, Great Northern and Thameslink services [here](#).

## **South Downs News**

Please find the latest edition of the South Downs News [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/>

16 February 2022 - [£1.5 million commitment to parks improvement approved by Cabinet on Valentine's Day](#)

15 February 2022 - [Pump track celebration for Bolney children](#)

15 February 2022 - [New playground equipment for Burgess Hill and Turners Hill](#)

15 February 2022 - [Budget to protect services, support economic recovery and invest £1.5m in parks and playgrounds](#)

