

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 10 March 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 New Lease – Warninglid Pavilion, Warninglid Recreation Ground, Warninglid

The Leader:

1. Authorised the grant of a lease to Warninglid Residents' Society, to continue their occupation of the building for a term of 28 years at the rent of £100.00 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.

Adjustment of Local Land Charges Official Search Fee

The Cabinet Member for Community authorised the decision to apply an increase of 5% to all Con29 Official Search questions.

Proposed Extension of the Licence for use as a Covid-19 Vaccination Centre to Alliance for Better Care CIC

The Leader authorised the decision to grant an extension to the licence to Alliance for Better Care CIC (ABC).

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 March and April are listed below:

MARCH 2022

2 March – Council @ 7pm (Trinity Methodist Church)



- 7 March – Standards Committee @ 6pm
~~7 March – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 10:30am – Please note this meeting has been postponed to 11 April (time to be confirmed)~~
~~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 – Please note this meeting has been cancelled due to lack of business~~
~~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)
 24 March – Film Licensing Panel @ 10am
 30 March – Council @ 7pm (Venue TBC)

APRIL 2022

- 11 April – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm
 14 April – Planning Committee @ 4pm
 21 April – District Planning Committee @ 4pm
 27 April – Council at 7pm (Venue TBC) – **Please note that this is an additional meeting for Council to approve the Sustainable Economy Strategy**

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 – 2 March 2022 @ 7pm

Appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council.

Recommendations from Cabinet held on 14 February 2022.

Corporate Plan and Budget for 2022/23.





Standards Committee – 7 March 2022 @ 6pm

Standards Committee Annual Report 2021.



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>	
This session has been postponed and a new date will be arranged in due course.	Planning Training: Highways Matters & S106 <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	
This session has been postponed and a new date will be arranged in due course.	Planning Training: Design & Heritage Assets <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	
This session has been postponed and a new date will be arranged in due course.	Planning Training: Planning Enforcement <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	

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 or 01444 477062.

Information and News

COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex have fallen to about 450 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 now about 45% less than where they were at the start of January 2022. Positivity rates among those tested remain at about 15% in Sussex which indicates a lowering of community Covid infections from January 2022. Deaths nationally, within 28 days of a positive Covid test have fallen in the last few weeks and now average about 120 per day. Most adults in hospital are not fully vaccinated.

The average Covid rate across West Sussex has fallen to about 500 cases per 100,000 and the SE rate is also down to about 400 cases per 100,000. The average Covid figure in England is down to about 325 cases per 100,000 with the more infectious Omicron variant now accounting for almost all Covid cases across the country. Many areas in the Midlands and the north of England now have Covid case levels under 250 cases per 100,000. There are now few areas of England above 500 cases per 100,000 but some of these are in West Sussex where case levels remain higher than the England average. Case levels in Wales are all below 250 cases per 100,000 but in Scotland and Northern Ireland they are all above 500 cases per 100,000 and in parts of Scotland case levels are now rising.

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.

All Covid restrictions were lifted on 24th February 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 and self- isolation if you test positive for Covid or have cold symptoms.



About 85% 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. Covid vaccinations are being planned for the 5 to 11 age group.

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 71% 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. Second booster vaccinations are being planned for older people and those more vulnerable to Covid this Spring.

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.

Bystander to Upstander Training

The Survivor's Network are running a number of free 90 minute training sessions to enable people to recognise and challenge misogynistic behaviour and sexual harassment. There are a number of sessions to choose from which can be accessed via the link in the attached. There is also a shorter webinar available with pre-recorded content should anyone wish to utilise this instead – again this can be accessed via the link in the attached document.

Opportunity Mid Sussex Investment Prospectus

The Economic Development Team is pleased to share the recently launched Opportunity Mid Sussex Investment Prospectus. This interactive prospectus promotes Mid Sussex and all that it offers in terms of a place to live, work and invest.

[Opportunity Mid Sussex – Investment Prospectus](#)

This investment prospectus will be used to showcase Mid Sussex and the benefits of locating here, to encourage businesses, developers and investors to take a 'fresh look' at Mid Sussex.

The investment prospectus underpins our Opportunity Mid Sussex inward investment platform with the full website launching in the Spring.

Please do contact us if you would like to find out more and follow us and share via our social media links and webpage <https://www.opportunitymidsussex.co.uk/>

Complaints and Compliments - January 22

Complaints = 13

Waste & Outdoor Services = 6

Revenues = 3

Planning = 2



Building Control = 1
Parking = 1

Compliments = 22

Waste & Outdoor Services = 8
Customer Services = 6
Dev Management (Planning) = 5
Environmental Health = 1
Community Services, Policy & Performance = 1
Revenues = 1

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.

