

Member Information Service

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

- ~~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 (Trinity Methodist Church)

APRIL 2022

- 11 April – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm
- 14 April – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- 21 April – District Planning Committee @ 2pm
- 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




District Planning Committee – 17 March 2022 @ 2pm

DM/21/2627 | Land At And Adjacent To The Former Sewage Treatment Works Fairbridge Way Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 8BF - Application for approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to the Outline Planning Permission reference DM/19/1895 for the approval of the access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale comprising 307 (Use Class C3) residential units, car and cycle parking, internal roads, a LEMP (400 sq.m) and associated boundary treatments. (Amended Information received 20th January 2022 showing layout amendments to the scheme) - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QWADVWKT0DA00>


DM/21/2628 | Land To The Rear Of Friars Oak London Road Hassocks West Sussex BN6 9NA - Reserved Matters Application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at land r/o Friars Oak pursuant to Outline Planning Permission DM/19/1897, comprising of a residential development of 130 dwellings and associated access together with change of use of part of the land to country open space, following the provision of a new pedestrian tunnel under the railway. (Additional Biodiversity Report and Energy Strategy Report received 31 January and 1 February.) - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QWAF6VKT04L00>

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>	



<p>This session has been postponed and a new date will be arranged in due course.</p>	<p>Planning Training: Planning Enforcement <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i></p>	
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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 risen to about 510 cases per 100,000 in the last week with the very infectious Omicron variant now accounting for almost all Covid cases. 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 steady 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 are about 13% 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 100 per day. Most adults in hospital are not fully vaccinated.

The average Covid rate across West Sussex has risen to about 540 cases per 100,000 with case numbers rising quickest among those 30+. Similarly, case numbers in the SE have risen to about 520 cases per 100,000. The average Covid figure in England is up to about 390 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 still have Covid case levels under 250 cases per 100,000. There are now more areas of England than last week with case numbers above 500 cases per 100,000 including a majority of areas in West Sussex. 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 many parts of Scotland case levels are 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.

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 2021 to help prevent Covid cases putting pressure on the NHS.

PREVENT Elected Members Handbook

Please find attached to this email a handbook is specifically designed for elected members on the Government's Prevent programme and safeguarding individuals against radicalisation.

WSCC Post-16 Transport Consultation

West Sussex County Council asks for views each year about the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement. The consultation aims to make sure the information in the Policy Statement is up to date and complete.



The Policy Statement sets out the help that is available through the council, schools, colleges and transport operators for young people of sixth-form age and those who are 19+ with an Education Health and Care Plan to get to school or college.

A consultation is now open and available [online here](#) and runs until Sunday 10 April 2022. All responses will be considered before the council's Post-16 Transport Policy statement is published at the end of May.

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.

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/>

08 March 2022 - [Council plants 250 trees in honour of The Queen](#)

08 March 2022 - [Council welcomes progress on new school](#)

07 March 2022 - [Council approves 2022/23 budget that protects services and supports economic recovery](#)

07 March 2022 - [Mid Sussex District Council allocates £1.5 million to improve local sports facilities](#)

