

# Member Information Service

## Cabinet Grants Decisions – 21 February 2022

The following decisions have been made by the Cabinet Grants Panel at their meeting held on Monday 21 February 2022 and will come into effect at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 3 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 email ([committees@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk)) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

### Corporate Grant Schemes - Community and Economic Development Grants

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

- i. That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £4,984 be released to Citizens Advice in West Sussex (North, South, East) to fund language café sessions for diverse communities.
- ii. That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £500 be released to Hassocks & Hurst Little Bees to fund venue hire to extend sports activities for 2–4-year-olds.
- iii. That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £2,545 be released to IMPACT Foundation to fund the support of 30 families in need with individual and group cooking sessions.
- iv. That a Community and Economic Development Grant is **not** released to Disability Access East Grinstead as their application did not meet the criteria of grant scheme.
- v. That a Community and Economic Development Grant is **not** released to E Jeavans Associates Ltd as their application did not meet the criteria of grant scheme.
- vi. That a Community and Economic Development Grant is **not** released to Handcross Rosemary Club as their application did not meet the criteria of grant scheme.
- vii. That a Community and Economic Development Grant is **not** released to Sussex Green Living as their application did not meet the criteria of grant scheme.
- viii. That a Community and Economic Development Grant is **not** released to TS Resolution NTC as their application did not meet the criteria of grant scheme.

### Corporate Grant Schemes - Release of S106 Contributions

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

- i. That £8,250 of S106 Contributions be released to Burgess Hill Bowls Club to fund the installation of bi-fold doors.

- ii. That £100,028.93 of S106 Contributions be released to Crawley Down Gatwick Football Club to fund the upgrade the facilities, the Club intends to replace and move the team dugouts, install a new mains connection, LED floodlighting and ball stop fencing.
- iii. That £1,450,147 of S106 Contributions be released to Colwell Ground CIC to fund a capital project to deliver three new all-weather sports pitches suitable for hockey and football and a community building with ancillary facilities at the St Francis Sports Ground, Haywards Heath.

### **Independent Retailers Grant Scheme**

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

- i. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £1,300 be released to Baan Thai 2 Ltd to fund the renovation of the storefront and purchase of new computer system and printer equipment.
- ii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £1,704 be released to Ounce Stores Ltd to fund interior and exterior improvements to the store alongside the development of a website, e-commerce and delivery.
- iii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £2,475 be released to Lindfield Iyecare Ltd to fund the repair and replacement of their window display and surrounding fascia.
- iv. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £2,212.45 be released to Dudley House Trust to fund the interior and exterior renovation of store unit for 'Handcross Hardware and Craft' alongside purchase of two iPads for use as Point-of-Sale devices.
- v. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £2,058 be released to The Rocking Horse Emporium to fund a range of store improvements that cover a new point of sale card machine, a heater and air purifier, lighting improvements, a new website and physical advertising boards.
- vi. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £2,852 be released to Fun Pots Ltd to fund the replacement of interior flooring to fit with new website branding and visual appeal.
- vii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £2,800 be released to Sweetsk8 to fund the redecoration of the interior and exterior of the store alongside the development of a pop-up shop within the local community.
- viii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £3,750 be released to Digital Café to fund the repair of the storefront window and interior flooring.
- ix. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £3,000 be released to The Ashman Hairdressing Company Ltd to fund improvements to store lighting and replacements to fixtures/fittings and furniture.
- x. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £4,000 be released to Bella June flowers to fund the improvements to the storefront and window display, installation of a hot water tap for staff and client use.
- xi. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £3,423.69 be released to Moreno & Young to fund the purchase of a new commercial dishwasher and point of sale equipment, for the restaurant 'La Campana'.



- xii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £3,870 be released to The Mercantile Adventurers to fund the renovation of the storefront and purchase of new computer system and printer equipment.
- xiii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £4,000 be released to Lost Pier Brewing Ltd to fund the purchase of a branded shelter outside the business unit to promote retail sale.
- xiv. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £4,000 be released to Reflex @42 to fund the replacement and repair of shop front.
- xv. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £4,000 be released to Pictures prints framing (PPF Art) Ltd to fund a range of internal and external store improvements that include signage, lighting and a new point of sale system.
- xvi. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £4,000 be released to Acorn Sales and Lettings to fund the refurbishment of the unit which includes creating a new meeting room, flooring, heating and new digital equipment.
- xvii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £4,000 be released to Couture & Tiaras to fund the renovation of storefront and development of a new in-store display.
- xviii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £1,925 be released to Soror to fund the purchase and fitting of new sign for the unit.
- xix. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £2,812.50 be released to Lindfield Coffee Works to fund the purchase of seating, tables and a heater/cooler unit.
- xx. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £4,000 be released to My Inhance Ltd to fund the repair and redecoration of the exterior of their unit alongside new logo and branding.
- xxi. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £1,500 be released to A-L Nails Salon to fund the purchase and fitting of new sign for the unit.
- xxii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £3,000 be released to Aroma Cafe & Kitchen to fund the repair and reframe storefront windows.
- xxiii. That an Independent Retailers Grant of £2,370 be released to Mia Hara Ltd to fund the installation of new exterior signage alongside new instore fittings, lighting and Point of Sale improvements.

## 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**

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



## MARCH 2022

- 1 March – Audit Committee @ 5pm  
2 March – Council @ 7pm (Trinity Methodist Church)  
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 (TBC)

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 – 24 February 2022 @ 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>



## Audit Committee – 1 March 2022 @ 5pm


Internal Audit Progress Report.
External Audit - Audit Results Report 2020-21.
Financial Statements 2020-21.
Capital Strategy 2022-23 to 2025-26.
Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2022-23 to 2024-25.
Procurement of an External Auditor.
Creditors System Update (EXEMPT)

## 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.

## Member Development Learning

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

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



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

## Information and News

### COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex have fallen to about 600 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 40% 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 now average under 150 per day. Most adults in hospital are not fully vaccinated.

The average Covid rate across West Sussex has fallen to about 750 cases per 100,000 and the SE rate is also down to about 550 cases per 100,000. The average Covid figure in England is down to about 450 cases per 100,000 with the more infectious Omicron variant now accounting for almost all Covid cases across the country. Most areas of England are now under 500 cases per 100,000 but not in West Sussex where case levels remain higher.

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 are being lifted from 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.

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 advised to do a lateral flow test daily for 5 days if you have had at least 2 vaccinations for Covid. Those that are not double vaccinated still advised to isolate for 7 days but this is no longer a legal requirement from 24th February 2022.

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 16 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 planning 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 19<sup>th</sup> July to help prevent Covid cases putting pressure on the NHS.

### **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.

