

Member Information Service

Committee Meetings

The Programme of Meetings for 2022-23 was agreed at the last meeting of Council.

Please note that meeting start times vary. All meetings are in-person unless otherwise stated.

Meetings for April and May are listed below:

APRIL 2022

~~21 April – District Planning Committee @ 2pm~~ – **Please note this meeting has been cancelled due to lack of business.**

27 April – Special Council @ 7pm (Trinity Methodist Church) – **Please note that this is an additional meeting for Council to approve the Sustainable Economy Strategy.**

MAY 2022

11 May – Annual Council @ 7pm (Venue TBC)

12 May – Planning Committee @ 4pm

18 May – Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance @ 6pm (Virtual)

19 May – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

25 May – Scrutiny Committee for Community, Customer Service and Service Delivery @ 6pm (Virtual)

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 – 27 April 2022 @ 7pm

Sustainable Economy Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025.

Member Development Learning

All Member Development Learning Sessions are held in the Council Chamber unless otherwise stated. **Please confirm your attendance** to the below training sessions by emailing committees@midsussex.gov.uk or by calling 01444 477062.

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
28 April 2022 @ 3pm	Planning Training: Decision making & Other material considerations <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	
10 May 2022 @ 3pm	Planning Training: Highways Matters & S106 <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	
30 May 2022 @ 3pm	Planning Training: Design & Heritage Assets <i>(Essential for Planning Members)</i>	
21 June 2022 @ 3pm	Planning Training: Planning Enforcement <i>(Essential for Planning Members but all Members welcome)</i>	

Planning Training

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

Information and News

COVID-19 News

Covid is now endemic, and we are working to live with it. Covid rates in West Sussex have come down in the last week and now average about 330 cases per 100,000. The fall in cases is slowest among older age groups who are more likely to get seriously ill with Covid. With Covid rates still relatively high and the number of people in hospital with Covid only just starting to come down from the high levels at the start of the month everyone is asked to remain cautious in busy indoor areas where ventilation is important. Mask wearing in busy indoor settings is still advised.

Those with Covid symptoms are asked to self-isolate until those symptoms have passed to safeguard others. Covid deaths within 28 days of a positive Covid test are steady at about 215 per day. Lateral Flow tests will indicate when you are most infectious with Covid and remain free in medical and care home settings.

The best way to avoid serious illness from a Covid infection is to maintain the benefits of vaccination. Those over 75 and Covid vulnerable adults are now being called forward for a second booster vaccination 6 months after their first booster vaccination with online bookings and some drop in centres including at Clair Hall. Covid vaccinations are also now available for 5 to 11 year olds to help reduce the spread of Covid in the community. In West Sussex about 10% of the population 12 and over remains without any Covid vaccinations and those people continue to be encouraged to come forward given they make up a large % of the people in hospital seriously ill with Covid. Being fully vaccinated makes overseas travel more straightforward and reduces the need for privately sourced Covid tests as part of the travel requirements.

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.



Northern Arc Briefing

A Northern Arc Briefing is being arranged for all members for 5pm on Tuesday 3rd May. This will provide an update on progress at the Northern Arc and there will be the opportunity for members to ask questions of Homes England.

It is likely that this will be a virtual or hybrid meeting, but confirmation of the location will be provided closer to the time.

Staff Directory on the Intranet

A number of Members have asked recently about an up-to-date staff directory. With apologies, it appears that the link circulated in MIS Bulletin No.15 is not currently accessible outside of the Council's network. The Digital Services team has been informed.

A hard copy version of the Staff Directory is in the process of being updated and will be available for circulation in coming weeks. In the meantime, should you wish to check any staff contact information please email committees@midsussex.gov.uk and a member of the Democratic Services team will be glad to assist you.

South Downs News

Please find the link to the latest version of the South Downs News below:

[South Downs News April 2022](#)

Quarterly Business Newsletter

Please find below the link to the latest Economic Development newsletter:

[Business Bulletin - Spring 2022](#)

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/>

19 April 2022 - [MSDC appoints globally recognised cultural and creative consultancy to advise on Clair Hall site](#)

