

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

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

16 May – Cabinet @ 4pm – **Please note that this has been rescheduled from 9 May 2022.**

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 220 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 average death rate of those testing positive for Covid within 28 days of death still above 200 per day, people are still advised to remain cautious in busy indoor areas where ventilation is important. Mask wearing in busy indoor settings is still advised. The number of people in hospital with Covid has fallen by about 1/3 over the last 2 weeks and the number of Covid tests proving positive has fallen from about 25% at the end of March to about 10% at the end of April.

Those with Covid symptoms are asked to self-isolate until those symptoms have passed to safeguard others. 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.

Platinum Jubilee Competition - Help design a royal woodland seat

Children and young people across Mid Sussex are invited to join in the Jubilee celebrations by getting creative! Please help share the attached poster and template as widely as possible within your wards.

As part of our commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we are asking young people up to the age of 16 to design a 'woodland seat' which will be placed near to 250 new trees planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, Volunteers at Burgess Hill Shed will use the winning design to create a beautiful bench in remembrance of the occasion. Designs should consider the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and try to reflect the themes of the celebration in their design.

Competition entries should be emailed to jubilee2022@midsussex.gov.uk or sent to MSDC offices quoting 'Woodland seat competition'. Entries must be received by Tuesday 7th of June.

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.

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/>

26 April 2022 - [Mid Sussex District Council lights the way for Jubilee celebrations](#)

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

