

Member Information Service

Decision made by Individual Cabinet Member

Call-in deadline – 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 7th February 2013.

The following decision has been made by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and will come into effect at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 7th February 2013, unless the call-in procedure is activated. If you wish to request that a proposed decision is called in, please contact Jo Harper on 01444 477421 (jo.harper@midsussex.gov.uk) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Parking Concessions for the Mid Sussex Marathon

The Cabinet Member for Economic Development agreed that free parking be offered after 12 noon on Saturday, 4th May 2013, in the Chequer Mead, Queensway and King Street car parks in East Grinstead for all participants of the Mid Sussex Marathon.

[Note: A copy of the report is available upon request from Sally Blades, Committee Co-Ordinator (PA to the Chairman of the Council). During the call in period reports are also available to Members on the intranet: <http://thewire/organisation/1613.htm>].

Committee Meetings

Please note that all meetings start at 7pm in the Council Chamber, unless otherwise stated.

Standards – 30th January.

Better Mid Sussex Advisory Group @ 10.00 a.m. – 31st January.

Special Scrutiny Committee for Leisure and Community – 5th February.

Cabinet – 12th February @ 4.00 p.m.(please note the change of date)

Scrutiny Committee for Leader and Service Delivery – 12th February.

Cabinet Grants Panel – 27th February @ 5.00 p.m.

Council – 27th February.

PLANNING COMMITTEES

North East Area Planning Committee – 14th February.

South West Area Planning Committee – 21st February.

PLEASE NOTE THAT:

- (1) the District Planning Committee programmed for 7th February will not now be held. However, a special meeting will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 19th March in addition to the meeting programmed for 7th March;

- (2) Because of County Council election purdah restrictions Council will now be held on 20th March and Standards Committee will be held on 27th March; and
- (3) a meeting of a Liquor Licensing Panel will be held on Monday, 4th February @ 9.30 a.m.

Agenda Items

Liquor Licensing Panel – 4th February 2013

Objection to Temporary Event Notice Licensing Act 2003 – Bluebell Café, 110 London Road, East Grinstead.

Scrutiny Committee for Leisure and Community – 5th February 2013

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29th November 2012.

Grounds Maintenance Contracts Re-Tender.

Single Equalities and Diversity Scheme 2013-16.

Proposed Response to the Consultation on Delivering the Government's Policies to Cut Alcohol Fuelled Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Work Programme 2012/13.

Member Training

Date and Time	Training Event
13th February 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.	<p>Safeguarding for Councillors</p> <p>Members that attended the last Safeguarding training session in October 2011 highlighted to the Member Development Working Group that this session should be mandatory for all Councillors.</p> <p>The workshop will improve Councillors' awareness of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in their role and equip them with guidance, support and advice.</p>
13 th March 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.	<p>Planning Update and the work of Building Control</p> <p>Further details to follow; this session will be split into two parts and will focus on section 106 contributions and the Council's Building Control work.</p>

For further details on any of the above training sessions please contact Joseph Pearson on 01444 477225 or e-mail joseph.pearson@midsussex.gov.uk.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING



Date & time	13 February 2013 (18.30 – 20.30)
Venue	Council Chamber
Tutor	Susannah Conway, Young Persons Development Officer
Introduction	<p>Safeguarding is about protecting children, young people and adults at risk from harm. The training will cover what is meant by 'safeguarding' exploring the different categories of abuse and thinking about the different ways that abuse comes to light or is detected. The training will provide you with up to date information on the Council's policy and procedures for dealing with a concern you may have about a resident. You should attend this training because along with protecting the vulnerable people we work with it is also about protecting you. As a Councillor you are in a position of authority and trust and with many of you meeting local residents as part of your work you could be 'at risk' from allegations of abuse. The training will outline how to keep yourself safe from allegations of abuse and outline ways of doing this while still maintaining your accessibility to the local residents you represent.</p>
Target Audience	All Members are advised to attend this training.
Learning Objectives	<p>By the end of the workshop participants will have learnt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the District Council's responsibilities in relation to safeguarding children and adults at risk;• what is meant by the terms "safeguarding" and "promoting the welfare" of children and adults at risk;• different types of abuse;• what to do if you have a concern;• procedures relating to how concerns are reported and managed in the council and how to find your Designated Officer;• Safer Working Practices- Keeping yourselves safe from allegations; and• where to access further training or information.
Other Details	<p>The safeguarding policy is in place to support staff and members as well as children, young people and adult at risk.</p> <p>Safeguarding is relevant though all areas of the councils work from agreeing contracts through to licensing, environmental health, recruitment, community safety and many more. During the training what the council has in place to reach their obligations under Section 11 of the Children's Act 2004 will be outlined.</p> <p>All members of staff have a Designated Safeguarding Officer so if you have any concerns about a child, young person or adult at risk then please contact them for advice and support. The procedures internally for dealing with any concern you have will be reviewed so</p>

you are clear on who you would talk to and what the following procedures would be.

All organisations have a duty of care for the children for whom they provide activities or services. (2004 section 11 of the Children Act). Mid Sussex District Council is committed to practices that protect children from harm and treat them with respect. At the same time the Council will protect its staff from the risk of unfounded allegations.

For more information on our policy and guidelines visit the Mid Sussex Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy web page at

www.midsussex.gov/safeguarding

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REPORT FROM SPECIAL HEALTH PANEL MEETING - 8 JANUARY 2013

Attendance : Cllrs Belsey, Jones, Landriani, Moore, Snowling, Webster

A special meeting of the Health Panel was held on the evening of 8th January 2013 to which all Members of the Council had been invited. The purpose of the meeting was to enable Dr Minesh Patel, Chair of the Horsham and Mid Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group, to set out the Clinical Commissioning Group's plans for the year ahead and to take questions from Members regarding the forthcoming changes in the organisation of the NHS.

Dr Patel explained the changes that were taking place within the NHS, with Primary Care Trusts being replaced with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) led by General Practitioners, and the Public Health function moving to County Councils. He explained that this change would take place from April 2013, but that a great deal of work has already been undertaken to prepare. Three Clinical Commissioning Groups will cover West Sussex – Coastal CCG, Crawley CCG and Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG. It was noted that the local CCG would be a small organisation with only around 50 employees.

He then presented the CCG's priorities and plans for this area in the coming years and heard questions and views from Members about this.

Dr Patel explained that the draft local priorities for the coming year had been developed with input from a range of local stakeholders over recent months and Members' views were sought.

Local priorities

Frail elderly

- Pro-active care for people with long term conditions
- Dementia
- End of Life Care
- Stroke care

Cancer outcomes

Mental Health

Childrens' services

Prevention

- Strokes, heart attacks
- Alcohol, obesity, smoking

Dr Patel then went on to explain the CCG's commissioning plans for each of these priority areas in more detail and took questions from Members. Discussion covered the following areas:-

- Deficiencies in some aspects of children's community services, particularly children's mental health services
- Importance of close working with WSCC and the Joint Commissioning Unit whose focus will continue to be on mental health, substance misuse, frail elderly and learning disabilities
- Importance of getting joined up ICT solutions in place for the efficient sharing and recall of data

- That preventative work has a key role to play and that the CCG will need to work in partnership with this Council's Health and Wellbeing service, social care, Prevention and Assessment Teams, the voluntary sector and carers' support organisations in this area.
- That 'supported self-care' would be an important model, particularly when working with people with long term conditions (such as diabetes, arthritis etc)
- That there are considerable challenges associated with the expanding population which will need to be addressed by the CCG in conjunction with the Surrey and Sussex NHS Commissioning Board which will be responsible for commissioning future GP services.
- That support for carers was crucial and that all GPs are encouraged to establish and maintain a carers' register.

BRIGHTON AND SUSSEX UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST – NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Following the departure of Duncan Selbie as Chief Executive last year, the post has been filled on an interim basis by Chris Adcock. However, it has recently been announced that Matthew Kershaw has now been appointed as the new Chief Executive. Representatives from the Council will be arranging to have an initial meeting with him in the near future.

For further information please contact Jo Harper, Business Unit Leader - Performance and Partnerships 01444 477421 or e-mail jo.harper@midsussex.gov.uk

HELPING ROUGH SLEEPERS

Following on from Councillor Snowling's reference at Council on 23rd January, this note is to advise Members of what help is available to rough sleepers, particularly in extreme weather conditions, and to provide you with contact details should you wish to report someone sleeping rough.

We are required by the DCLG to consult with stakeholders each year and provide the Government with an estimate of rough sleepers. This exercise has to be done for a particular night and was last carried out for the night of 22/11/12 and a figure of 6 was provided (as against 5 last year). We consulted, in writing, with 23 agencies including the Police who actually carried out a count for us and found 1 person that night. This is a modest number compared to many areas, but nevertheless it is important that we have help on hand for those affected, particularly in such cold weather.

All the agencies we consult with have been made aware of the help the Council's Housing Needs Team can give to rough sleepers, particularly in emergencies when the weather is expected to be below freezing on 3 consecutive nights. This help is set out on our website through a link on our www.midsussex.gov.uk/housingadvice page which takes you to www.midsussex.gov.uk/media/MSDC_leaflet_on_help_for_rough_sleepers_Sep12.pdf .

In extreme cases, where the weather is expected to be below freezing on 3 consecutive night, the Housing Needs Team will arrange B&B, or a place in a Direct Access hostel such as Crawley Open House, on a night by night basis using the discretionary powers contained in the legislation for non-priority homeless people (non-priority homeless people are generally single people or couples without children, whom we would not normally have a duty to rehouse if they became homeless). Although this is a power and not a duty, we will always find somewhere for non-priority rough sleepers in extreme weather. So far this winter, we have placed 2 single people into guest houses using these powers. We would then work with the rough sleeper to find a longer term solution - as we do with all homeless people.

We subscribe to a government funded service called Streetlink www.streetlink.org.uk where members of the public can report rough sleepers online which are then advised direct to the Housing Needs Team for assistance. The Streetlink link is on the www.midsussex.gov.uk/housingadvice page of our website. Members can also contact Streetlink by telephone on 0300 500 914.

We are currently working with a Government funded initiative hosted by Eastbourne covering all 13 East & West Sussex Local Authorities which is called 'Sussex Homeless Outreach Reconnection Engagement' (SHORE) which

provides an outreach service to rough sleepers. The Housing Needs Team refer cases to this initiative and work closely with the outreach worker who covers Mid Sussex.

If you are concerned about someone sleeping rough, please contact the Housing Needs Team or Streetlink.

For further information please contact Lynne Standing, Lynne Standing, Head of Housing, Environmental Health and Building Control, on 01444 477411 or e-mail: lynnes@midsussex.gov.uk

News Releases

For further information on or copies of the press releases listed below, please contact the Press Office on 01444 477387 or use the following link:

<http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/8485.htm>

PR 1661 - Counterweight - back by popular demand with a new evening session.

PR 1662 - Heating oil - buy together, save together!

PR 1663 - Council shortlisted for Land Charges award.

PR 1664 - Local business expansion creates new jobs.