

Member Information Service

Decisions Made By an Individual Cabinet Member

Call-in deadline – 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 25th April 2013.

The following decision has been made by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration and will come into effect at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 25th April 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.

Release of Section 106 Contribution to Fund Refurbishment of Public Conveniences in the Broad Street Car Park

The Cabinet Member authorised the release of £24,500 to Cuckfield Parish Council from the Local Community Infrastructure fund.

[**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.

Liquor Licensing Panel – 22nd April @ 10.00 a.m.
Council – 24th April.

Liquor Licensing Panel – 7th May @ 2.00 p.m.
Annual Council – 8th May.

CenSus Joint Committee – 9th May @ 9.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Adur Civic Centre, Shoreham-by-Sea.

PLANNING COMMITTEES

South West Area Planning Committee – 18th April.
District Planning Committee – 25th April.
North East Area Planning Committee – 23rd May.
South West Area Planning Committee – 30th May.

PLEASE NOTE that the next meeting of the Cabinet Grants Panel will be held on Thursday, 30th May 2013 @ 4.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Agenda Items

District Planning Committee – 25th April 2013

N.B. Please note that Members can click on the link shown under the application to view all the documents relating to this matter.

PART II - RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL

12/04032/OUT Land South West Of Handcross Primary School, London Road, Handcross, West Sussex.
<http://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=relatedCases&keyVal=MDXWD8KT04L00>

12/04033/OUT Parish Hall, High Street And Land South West Of Handcross Primary School, London Road, Handcross, West Sussex.
<http://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=relatedCases&keyVal=MDXXEJKT04L00>

Member Training

Please note the timetable for Member Development for 2013/14. Details for individual sessions will follow.

Date and Time	Training Event
21st May 2013 @ 6:30pm	Planning and CIL Update
9th July 2013 @ 6:30pm	Scrutiny Process and Skills and Procedure Rules
1st October 2013 @ 6:30pm	Licensing
26th November 2013 @ 6:30pm	Local Government Finance
4th February 2014 @ 6:30pm	Anti Social Behaviour: New Powers and Tools
11th March 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.	tbc

For further details on any of the above training sessions please contact Emma Balmforth on 01444 477225 or e-mail emma.balmforth@midsussex.gov.uk.

Information and News

Summary of the Emergency Planning Liaison Group Meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2013 at Mid Sussex District Council Offices

Author: As Chair of meeting, Cllr Christopher Snowling (Cabinet Member for Health & Community)

The District Council has a duty under the Civil Contingencies Act to provide assistance to the emergency services, should a major incident be declared in Mid Sussex. A major incident is defined as an event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare or the environment or war, or terrorism, which threatens serious damage to the security of the United Kingdom.

The EPLG is made up of representatives of the Town and Parish Councils, various MSDC officers, the Council's Corporate & Public Safety Consultant and other officers from the Sussex Resilience Forum Partners including WSCC, Sussex Police, West Sussex Fire & Rescue, the Environment Agency, Brighton &

Sussex University NHS Hospital Trust, Sussex Community NHS Trust and the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB).

The EPLG meet once a quarter to provide updates from the area and discuss any matters that have occurred or may cause a major incident.

During the latest meeting MSDC reported a water main burst at a recreation ground in Burgess Hill on 6th December 2012 causing flooding to neighbouring properties and 5000 homes without water but the matter was repaired swiftly. There was a fire at a thatched property in Warninglid and very wet weather between the 21st and 27th December caused flooding to properties in Balcombe, Hurstpierpoint and the Hickstead Hotel. A large number of the public contacted the Fire and Rescue Service with their concerns about gas leaks, until it was confirmed that there was in fact a gas release from Normandy! Then of course there was the snow in January and again on the 10th and 11th March.

Other colleagues from the Sussex Resilience Forum Partners also provided updates:

Justin Cuckow (West Sussex County Council) provided some notes for the group about the **Fire & Rescue Resilience Team merger** which is forming a Resilience and Emergencies Team on 1st April, to be based in Chichester FRS Headquarters. The notes also referred to **Community Emergency Plans**, which will provide a structure for emergency planning of all hazards and will have annexes for winter maintenance, flooding and other risks. Additionally, a winter management template is being reviewed for which comments are being collated.

Rob Johnson (West Sussex Fire & Rescue) spoke of the recent snow that caused very heavy traffic congestion and major problems on A23, M23 & A27. Crews were out all night trying to clear a route for ploughs and gritters and also checking the welfare of the public.

Ben Toogood (MSDC) highlighted the close relationship between the **Fire Service and the Red Cross, known as the Fire & Emergency Support Service (FESS)**. This is run by volunteers on call to the Fire Service (24/7 365 days a year), who have access to insurance companies, cover fire fighter welfare when working for extreme periods of time and also assist with the welfare of people isolated during matters like large powercuts.

Natasza Lentner (NHS) confirmed huge pressures within the NHS but they are currently trying to promote a new campaign for a new emergency number 111 (TBC).

The Severe Weather Plan was tested again during the recent snow.

Town & Parish Councils made good use of the 100 snow kits that MSDC issued.

Town & Parish representatives expressed their disappointment with WSCC, considering the amount of advance warning of heavy snow, with regards to delivery of hippo bags, no snow ploughs or gritters were seen and insufficient grit was laid.

Justin Cuckow provided a statement to confirm that WSCC gritted the streets on the Sunday night, twice during the day on Monday, commenced a third run at 7pm and had planned another for 2am.

Dry snow and strong winds caused drifting, which led to cars going off the road, people abandoning cars and a number of trees were down on A283 and elsewhere, causing traffic jams. This meant timings were dropped, gritters operated on a back to back basis for 24 hours but could not complete their routes.

A Sussex Resilience Forum debrief will look at this snow incident in detail to ensure lessons are learnt.

MSDC's Wellbeing Manager, Elizabeth Carter explained how the Wellbeing Group have been working with residents to prevent ill health. They provide free lifestyle advice to stop smoking, lose weight, eat well, exercise, reduce stress levels and help with alcohol and substance misuse.

The Group would like to reach further into communities with the help of Town & Parish Councils in spreading the word about this service and have offered to attend their meetings.

MSDC Member Information Service – 17th April 2013

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Traveller Incursions is the most recent addition to the EPLG agenda. MSDC officers have been looking at ways to improve and agree written procedures to be followed for traveller incursions and have created a new flow chart to assist in this process.

The Council's Communications team is now responsible for dealing with the public and communication to Members through the Customer Services team and use a new standard form to log each occurrence of traveller incursion. A new dedicated traveller line 01444 477254 is to be communicated to the public, along with the email address travellers@midsussex.gov.uk and these will also be updated to the Council's website.

The Group discussed what actions are taken during various issues that may occur during an incursion and the role of Town and Parish Councils in dealing with incursions on their land.

Dates of Next Meetings: 26th June, 25th September and 4th December 2013

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 1694 - Is there a new location for your polling station?
- PR 1695 - New equipment for play - time to have your say.
- PR 1696 - Residents even closer to community pavilion goal.