

Member Information Service

Decision Made by an Individual Cabinet Member

None.

Committee Meetings

Please note that all meetings start at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, unless otherwise stated.

September 2013

3rd September - Scrutiny Committee for Planning and Economic Development.

11th September - Cabinet @ 4.00 p.m.

11th September - Scrutiny Committee for Leisure and Community.

12th September – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4.00 p.m.

18th September - Licensing Committee.

24th September - Audit Committee.

25th September - Charity Trustees @ 6.45 p.m.

25th September - Council.

27th September - CenSus Partnership @ Horsham DC offices, time to be confirmed.

PLANNING COMMITTEES

September 2013

12th September – Planning Committee A

19th September – Planning Committee B

PLEASE NOTE THAT a Liquor Licensing hearing will take place at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 16th September. This meeting will consider a licensing application for Kingscote Vineyard, East Grinstead.

Agenda Items

Scrutiny Committee for Planning and Economic Development – 3rd September 2013

Town Centre Work Update.

Scrutiny Committee For Planning and Economic Development Work Programme.

Member Training

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

Date and Time	Training Event
26th September 2013 @ 6.30 p.m.	Workshop on Benefit Reform
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.	To be confirmed

Handouts from the previous training sessions on the CIL Update, Planning and Code of Conduct, Scrutiny Process and Skills and Procedure Rules are available from Member Services.

Computer Skills Training

The recent Members' training needs analysis identified a requirement for Computer Skills training. Due to the diverse needs of Members, training on basic computer skills will be offered to small groups or on a one-to-one basis as requested.

For further details on any of the above training events and to arrange a training session on Computer Skills, please contact Emma Balmforth on 01444 477225 or e-mail emma.balmforth@midsussex.gov.uk.

Information and News

OPEN4BUSINESS

Members may wish to note that the Open4Business event is being held on Wednesday, 18th September from 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath. Free refreshments will be available.

This year's event will be focussing on 'Helping Mid Sussex businesses grow through efficient local procurement'. Speakers will include Liz Townsend, Head of Procurement at Gatwick Airport Ltd. And Maureen Scholefield, Chairman of Haywards Heath and District Business Association.

For further information please contact open4business@midsussex.gov.uk or telephone 01444 477007.

OIL EXPLORATION AT BALCOMBE: CONSULTATION ON CUADRILLA'S APPLICATION FOR A RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES PERMIT

The Environment Agency consulted the Council about Cuadrilla's application for a permit to deal with naturally occurring radioactive waste resulting from their current exploratory activities. Councillor Snowling responded on behalf of the Council and his letter is reproduced below for members' information.

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

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Our Ref: CS/RS

Date:

27 August 2013

Mr Wick
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Dear Mr Wick

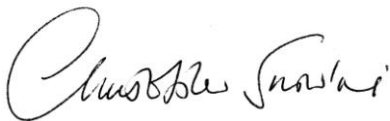
Extended consultation for a radioactive substances activity permit for Cuadrilla at Balcombe

The Council is very aware of the concerns of local residents and the wider community about the potential impact of Cuadrilla's proposals for exploratory drilling for oil or gas at Balcombe. We understand from you that fracking is not part of the current proposal, and so we have not addressed this in our response. Should, at a later stage, there be a proposal for fracking we would, of course, wish to comment on that proposal.

Our concern is to make sure that local residents and the local environment are fully protected from any risks arising from the proposed operation. With that in mind we would appreciate your reassurance that you will strictly apply and enforce any conditions in the radioactive substances activity permit, in order to ensure that any naturally occurring radioactive material is handled, transported and disposed of in accordance with all the applicable legislation and guidance.

We look forward to receiving your reassurances regarding these comments, and to receiving a copy of the permit. We are aware that you will be monitoring this operation, and would ask that you inform us promptly should any difficulties arise.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Christopher Snowling
Cabinet Member for Health and Community

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