

Member Information Service

Cabinet Decisions – 17 October 2022

The following decisions have been made by Cabinet at their meeting held on Monday 17 October 2022 and will come into effect at 10:00a.m. on Thursday 27 October 2022, unless the call-in procedure is activated. If you wish to request that a proposed decision is called in please contact Member Services on 01444 477222 (Option 2) or email (committees@midsussex.gov.uk) in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Clair Hall: Report of Investigation of Investment Options for the Site – **Recommendation Agreed.**

Performance Monitoring for the First Quarter of 2022/23 – **Recommendation Agreed.**

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decision has been made by the Cabinet Member for Community and will take effect at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 27 October 2022, unless the call-in procedure is activated. If you wish to request that a proposed decision is called in, please contact Member Services on 01444 477222 or e-mail committees@midsussex.gov.uk, in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy

The Cabinet Member for Community approved the revised Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy contained in Appendix 1 of the Report to commence on the 1st December 2022.

A copy of the report is attached to this email. In due course, the report will be an Executive Decision which can be found [here](#).

Committee Meetings

The Programme of Meetings for 2022-23 was agreed at Annual Council.

Please note that meeting start times vary.

All meetings are IN-PERSON in the COUNCIL CHAMBER unless otherwise stated.

Meetings for October and November are listed below:

OCTOBER 2022

20 October – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

24 October – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm

NOVEMBER 2022

2 November – Council @ 7pm

9 November – Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Deputy Leader and Housing and Customer Service @ 7pm

10 November – Planning Committee @ 4pm

15 November – Audit Committee @ 7pm

16 November – Scrutiny Committee for Community, Leisure, and Parking @ 7pm

17 November – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

21 November – Cabinet @ 4pm

21 November – Standards Committee @ 6pm

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

District Planning Committee – 20 October 2022 @ 2pm

Recommended for Approval

DM/21/1653 | Byanda, Brighton Road, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 9LX - Demolition of Byanda (a single residential property and ancillary buildings) and the erection of a 60 bedroom residential care facility, with associated access, ground works, car parking, servicing, private amenity space, landscaping, construction of substation unit and boundary treatment. (Amended plans submitted including reduction in bedrooms from 66 to 60 and changes to design, received 23/06/2022) - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QSBL0OKT04L00>

Cabinet Grants Panel – 24 October 2022 @ 4pm

Microbusiness Grant Scheme 2022/23.

Corporate Grant Schemes - Community Grants & COVID-19 Grants Review.


Corporate Grant Schemes - Community Grants.



Corporate Grant Schemes - Release of S106 Contributions.

Member Development Learning

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

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
1 November 2022 @ 10am	Licensing Training <i>(Essential for Licensing Members)</i>	

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 and across the UK are rising significantly. The West Sussex rate now averages about 110 cases per 100,000.



People are advised to remain cautious in busy indoor areas where ventilation is important. Mask wearing in busy indoor settings is also still advised (and now mandatory again in all NHS settings) together with regular handwashing.

The number of people in hospital positive for Covid in the UK is now above 11,000 again. Deaths within 28 days of a positive Covid test are steady at about 50 cases per day in the UK.

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.

The best way to avoid serious illness from a Covid infection is to maintain the benefits of vaccination. Everyone aged 5 and over is eligible for a Covid vaccination. Booster vaccinations are available for all those aged 50 years plus or otherwise vulnerable. These booster vaccinations are now being done at Clair Hall and across West Sussex. They can be booked online or at some places a walk-in service is available. Flu vaccinations are also underway.

In West Sussex about 6% of the population aged 12 and over remain without any Covid vaccinations and those people continue to be encouraged to come forward to get their first vaccination.

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Please see the latest public data from West Sussex [here](#).

Chairman's Live Music Night - Swing Ninjas

The Chairman is delighted to be supporting [Kangaroos](#) - a local charity delivering fun and social activities to children and young adults with learning disabilities. For more information on this fantastic organisation, [please see their website here](#).

In support of Kangaroos, the Chairman will be hosting an evening of music with The Swing Ninjas at Chequer Mead Theatre on **Thursday 20 October 2022, 7pm**.

Flu vaccination: who should have it this winter and why update

The UK Health Security Agency has today (18 October) updated guidance that explains the importance of the influenza (flu) vaccination this winter: 2022 to 2023. The update includes order links to the English, Braille and large print versions of guidance, which explains to patients how they can help protect themselves and their children against flu this winter.

The document also has information for children, eligible adults and pregnant women, and details why it's important that people at increased risk from flu, or who care for someone vulnerable, to have their free vaccination every year.

Councils are encouraged to share these materials as appropriate in their local area.

Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-this-winter-and-why>



Veterans' Survey

The Office for Veterans' Affairs and the Office for National Statistics will be launching the Veterans' Survey this Autumn. This is the first ever exercise to collect feedback from the veteran's community across the UK.

The online survey will be launched in November and will be live for 12 weeks, giving ex-UK Armed Forces personnel and their families the opportunity to provide direct feedback to the government on their experiences, access to and use of services for veterans.

Responses to the survey will help the government better understand the experiences, needs and wellbeing of the veteran community, and to guide future action.

The government is looking for a wide range of views and would like to encourage as many ex-UK Armed Forces veterans and their families to share feedback.

Councils are encouraged to share the link below as appropriate; this will allow the public to enter their contact details to be notified when the survey goes live.

Link: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKONS/subscriber/new?topic_id=ONSPPA_Veterans

Strike Dates Affecting Royal Mail Services

The Communication Workers Union (CWU) has issued formal notification to Royal Mail of network-wide industrial action on Thursday 20th and Tuesday 25th October 2022. Members who are registered to receive Council and Committee papers in hard copy can therefore expect that delivery of these mailings will be severely delayed.

The papers for Council (2 November) are lengthy and will be published online on Tuesday 25th October. You can read them at the Council's website – the link is provided within the publication email that you receive – and the papers may also be accessed via the Mod.Gov App for those who are using that system.

Hard copy Council papers will be dispatched first class on Wednesday 26th October, that being the earliest date that we can receive these large bundles from our printer. Clearly, we cannot assume that these will be delivered in a timely manner owing to potential backlogs that might exist in the Royal Mail network. Any member who wishes to collect Council papers from the afternoon of Wednesday 26th October, should please arrange this via email to:

committees@midsussex.gov.uk

Further dates for similar industrial action are planned in the period 2 November – 2 December, and we will provide further information about these in future MIS bulletins.

Information on Building Control Services

This month a link to a website called Front Door has been added to colleagues' signatures in development management and building control. The website is for homeowners, providing practical guidance on all sorts of home improvements and renovations as well as technical advice on obtaining building control and planning approvals. Front door is a Local Authority Building Control (LABC) website, who are a not-for-profit membership organisation that represents all local authority building control teams in England and Wales.



Low Carbon Business Videos

The West Sussex local authorities are progressing a joint programme to support businesses to lower their carbon footprint, with funding agreed from the pooled business rates Economic Recovery Fund.

A key part of the programme is the delivery of a 'Low Carbon Business' video series, telling the story of exemplary businesses from across the county who have embraced sustainability to realise tangible business benefits. Businesses from across sectors, and representing each District and Borough feature in the series, hosted on the [WSCC YouTube channel](#).

The series recognises that with raised awareness on climate change, there's an increased need for businesses to act if they are to remain competitive as the economy shifts to low carbon. Smaller businesses have a vital role to play in reducing collective carbon emissions. 99.6% of West Sussex business are micro, small or medium sized enterprises (MSMEs), however recent research has found that more than 75% of UK MSMEs do not yet have carbon reduction plans in place.

The low carbon video series can be found through the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHySOrqNym2znyXr3Edxp4o_GbeDhrttD

National Design Training Programme Events

The Planning Department at Mid Sussex District Council has signed up to the Planning Advisory Service and Urban Design Learning 2022/23 National Design Training Programme with two events specifically aimed at Members on Tuesday 10th November and Tuesday 21st Feb 2023.

Members are able to self-book onto the [National Programme](#) events using their work email. Bookings can be made by clicking the 'Book Now' button and filling in the required information. Once booked, confirmation emails will be sent out automatically. Please note that delegates will receive a calendar invite with confirmed agendas and timings, within a week of the event date.

South Downs News

Please find the latest edition of South Downs News below:

[Read South Downs News - October edition](#)

