

Member Information Service

Cabinet Grants Decisions – 24 October 2022

The following decisions have been made by the Cabinet Grants Panel at their meeting held on Monday 24 October 2022 and will come into effect at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 3 November 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.

Corporate Grants Scheme - Release of S106 contributions

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

1. That £10,863 of S106 Contributions be released to Ashenground Community Centre to fund the purchase and installation of an Audio-Visual System to provide a low-cost Community Cinema.
2. That an additional £10,000 of S106 Contributions be released to Haywards Heath Tennis Club to enable the organization to deal with inflationary pressures and ensure delivery of their project to refurbish their clubhouse.

Corporate Grants Scheme - Community Grants

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

1. That £1,716.22 from the Community Grants Fund be released to 4Sight Vision Support to fund the production of newsletters in accessible format.
2. That £9,500 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Carers Support West Sussex to fund a project to identify and engage with male carers in Mid Sussex.
3. That £820 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Family Support Work to fund the setup of an informal, drop-in group for isolated parents and carers of children at the Bentswood Hub.

Microbusiness Grant Scheme

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

1. That a Microbusiness Grant of £1,500 be awarded to Angie's Nails and Beauty to fund the purchase of cleaning equipment.

2. That a Microbusiness Grant of £2,000 be awarded to Men do Pilates to support the development of new products.
3. That a Microbusiness Grant of £908 be awarded to Sussex Facilities Management Ltd to fund the purchase of a new heat sealer for product packaging.
4. That a Microbusiness Grant of £1,833 be awarded to Cerowski Architects Ltd to fund the purchase of staff training and registration for solar panel installations.
5. That a Microbusiness Grant of £1,360 be awarded to Seasons Art Class Haywards Heath to fund the hire of an apprentice.
6. That a Microbusiness Grant of £2,000 be awarded to Ouh La La to fund the hire of an apprentice.
7. That a Microbusiness Grant of £499 be awarded to Clearthink Counselling to fund the hire of an apprentice.
8. That **no** Microbusiness Grant be awarded to Pera Midtown as they had not submitted the required information in time for the Panel.

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decisions have been made by the Deputy Leader and will take effect at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 3 November 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.

Proposed Lease Renewal – Unit E, Orchards Shopping Centre, Haywards Heath (EXEMPT)

The Deputy Leader:

- a) Authorised the grant the renewal of a lease to Next Holdings Limited to continue to occupy the unit and continuing the diversity to the retail centre at Unit E for a term of 3 years.
- b) Authorised the Solicitor to the Council to conclude the transaction above on the terms outlined below, and on any such other terms and conditions as the Solicitor to the Council may recommend to protect the Council's position.

Proposed Lease Renewal – Unit 26/27, Orchards Shopping Centre, Haywards Heath (EXEMPT)

The Deputy Leader:

- a) Authorised the grant the renewal of a lease to Leightons Holdings Limited to continue to occupy the unit and continuing the diversity to the retail centre at Unit 26/27 for a term of 5 years.
- b) Authorised the Solicitor to the Council to conclude the transaction above on the terms outlined below, and on any such other terms and conditions as the Solicitor to the Council may recommend to protect the Council's position.

Copies of the reports are attached to this email. In due course, the reports be Executive Decisions 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 November and December are listed below:

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

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- 7 December – Council @ 7pm
- 8 December – Planning Committee 4pm
- 12 December – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm
- 13 December – Audit Committee @ 7pm
- 15 December – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

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 – 2 November 2022 @ 7pm

Consultation Draft District Plan - Regulation 18.


Mid Sussex Net Zero Targets.

Motions on Notice.



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 have steadied after rising through most of October. 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 about 10,000 and therefore slightly down from the peak this month. Deaths within 28 days of a positive Covid test are now about 60 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 well underway with walk ins at Clair Hall and at many pharmacies.

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.

Being fully vaccinated makes overseas travel more straightforward and reduces the need for privately sourced Covid tests as part of some overseas travel requirements.

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

GATCOM Update – Report from Cllr Stephen Hillier

GATCOM met recently and the following is a brief synopsis of substantive matters:

- Most members of GATCOM had sympathy with claims that GAL (Gatwick Airport Ltd) has not provided all of the data that had been requested in relation to proposed noise envelope work. A letter detailing concerns from the "Environmental and Amenity Groups" is going to be circulated to GATCOM members along with a response from GAL, and from there a decision will be made about whether this is something that should be submitted into the Northern Runway expansion planning (DCO) process with the government
- Concern was also raised about the number of dispensations granted for night-flights. We heard that actually they are lower this year than pre-covid numbers and only 1:8 requests are agreed to and are often reacting to weather conditions or variations happening in the European Airspace area. This matter is monitored by NaTMAG (Noise & Tracking Monitoring Advisory Group).
- The Department of Transport gave a presentation of their "JetZero" programme which seeks to make the UK aviation industry Net Zero by 2050. CO2 emissions more than doubled between 1990 - 2019 reaching 38.2MtCO2e. Aviation is expected to become one of the largest residual emitting sectors by 2050. Key problems are the still-early stages of the needed technology and the global nature of the industry, with different nations taking different approaches. We are setting an earlier target of 2040 for UK domestic flights to reach Net Zero. They are at early stages in the consideration of non-CO2 emissions strategy. Progress towards stated target trajectories will commence being monitored annually from 2025
- GAL are still aiming to make their DCO submission Q1 2023. They recently concluded their transport consultation and again there was mention of concerns over the quality of the information and WSCC advised that they had been unable to support the expansion in relation to the traffic study. MSDC's own strong response reflected concerns over the adequacy of their modelling for roads, public transport and parking



- Members may wish to note Gatwick's support for community projects and events, details of which can be found here: <https://www.gatwickairport.com/business-community/community/our-support/>

Those members wishing to view the papers etc for GATCOM can find them at <https://www.gatcom.org.uk/agendas-and-minutes/>. This link also includes the GAL CEO's report which details how Gatwick is recovering post-covid along with many other operational updates.

Kangaroos Coffee Club

The Chairman's Charity, Kangaroos has invited all Members to join their Coffee Club for the price one cup of coffee a week.

With your monthly donation, you can make a difference to the lives of people with learning disabilities!

You can get more information, and sign up here: <https://www.kangaroos.org.uk/coffee-club>

Please also see the poster attached to this email.

Winter Support Guide

Please find attached to this email the Winter Support Guide that was circulated at the most recent meeting of Mid Sussex District Council.

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

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 [WSSCC 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.



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/>

24 October 2022 - [Mid Sussex District Council to seek investment partner and cultural anchor tenant for modern venue on Clair Hall site](#)

