

Member Information Service

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

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

~~17 November – District Planning Committee @ 2pm~~ – **Please note that this meeting has been cancelled due to lack of business.**

21 November – Cabinet @ 4pm

~~21 November – Standards Committee @ 6pm~~ – **Please note that this meeting has been cancelled due to lack of business.**

DECEMBER 2022

7 December – Council @ 7pm

8 December – Planning Committee 4pm

12 December – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm

~~13 December – Audit Committee @ 7pm~~ – **Please note that this meeting has been cancelled and replaced with a Member Training session.**

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

Scrutiny Committee for Community, Leisure, and Parking – 16 November 2022 @ 7pm

Mid Sussex Wellbeing Annual Report.

Leisure Contract Update.

Scrutiny Committee for Community, Leisure and Parking Work Programme 2022/23.


Cabinet – 21 November 2022 @ 4pm

Budget Management 2022/23 - Progress Report April to September 2022.

Performance Monitoring for the Second Quarter of 2022/23.

Member Development Learning

All Member Development Learning Sessions are held in the Council Chamber unless otherwise stated. **Please confirm your attendance** to December session by emailing committees@midsussex.gov.uk by **noon Friday 9th December**, advising if you will be attending.

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
13 December 2022 @ 7pm	Audit Training <i>(Essential for Audit 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



District Plan – Exhibition Schedule

As part of the District Plan consultation engagement, and as set out in the Community Involvement Plan, the Council have arranged a series of exhibitions so that members of the public can speak to planning officers about the content of the Plan.

The content of the exhibitions will be the same, so that those unable to attend their local exhibition can receive the same information by attending another.

The schedule is as follows, all sessions 5pm – 7pm:

Monday 21 st November	Bolney (Rawson Hall)
Tuesday 22 nd November	Hurstpierpoint (Holy Trinity Church)
Wednesday 23 rd November	Ansty (Village Hall)
Thursday 24 th November	Sayers Common (Village Hall)
Monday 28 th November	Crawley Down (Haven Centre)
Wednesday 30 th November	Burgess Hill (Cyprus Hall)
Tuesday 6 th December	Haywards Heath (MSDC Council Chamber)

We are also arranging an exhibition in Hurstpierpoint however are waiting for confirmation of the date. Once confirmed date will be published on a future MIS.

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 fallen after rising through most of October. The West Sussex rate now averages about 67 cases per 100,000.

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 many pharmacies.

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

Warm Home Discount Scheme Reopened

On 14 November, the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy announced the reopening of the Warm Home Discount scheme which will provide a discount of £150 off electricity bills for three million low-income households this winter. Most households will receive the discount automatically.

The government has launched a new online tool, to make it easier for the public to check if they are eligible for the discount. The online tool will guide customers through the eligibility criteria in England



and Wales, asking questions about electricity supply, the benefits they receive and characteristics of their property.

All customers will receive a letter between this month (November) and mid-January 2023 confirming their eligibility and the payment will be made automatically through energy suppliers by March 2023.

The government is also writing to customers who may be eligible, advising them to use the tool linked below to check eligibility, as well as to use the helpline for particularly complex cases.

Councils are encouraged to share this information as appropriate.

Warm Home Discount Scheme:

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

Tool:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-eligible-for-warm-home-discount>.

‘Stand Up Against Street Harassment’ Bystander Webinar

Last month, the Suzy Lamplugh Trust ran a campaign encouraging bystanders, when it is safe to do so, to ask ‘are you okay?’ to the victim when they witness street harassment in public spaces. The campaign received a lot of support, and many people have been in touch, wanting to know more about when it is safe to intervene and how to safely intervene when they witness street harassment.

Although the ‘National Personal Safety Day’ has passed the dates for the webinars are still available and the content remains ever relevant.

This training is highly relevant as a bystander response to all forms of street harassment, including sexual harassment, disability harassment, harassment against men, ethnic minority, marginalised groups, and all forms of hate crime, empowering the learner to know how to support someone who is being victimised.

There is a selection of dates and times to choose from and the training is only one hour long. If you would like to attend this free training, please sign up through the link below:

[Suzy Lamplugh Trust Events tickets](#)

Turning Tides – Mobile Community Hub

The Communications Department has requested that Members please help the Council with sharing the news of weekly visits by the Turning Tides community bus to Mid Sussex. Please share the below message on your own social media channels, along with the attached poster:

The Turning Tides community hub bus visits Mid Sussex every Wednesday. On board advisors provide essential advice and guidance to those who may be experiencing homelessness.

Please see the poster for locations every Wednesday across the District

<https://www.turning-tides.org.uk/>



Veterans' Survey Launched

On 10 November, the government launched the Veterans' Survey, for veterans and their families.

This is the first-ever exercise to collect feedback from the veteran community across the UK, coordinated by the Office for Veterans' Affairs and the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Responses to the survey will help the government better understand the experiences, needs and wellbeing of the veteran community.

The Cabinet Office is encouraging councils to promote the survey and encourage and support veterans to take part. They would like to encourage as many ex-UK Armed Forces veterans and their families to share feedback as possible.

Councils can find a stakeholder toolkit of resources on the ONS website. This includes digital posters; social media assets; FAQs; survey links and suggested social media, newsletter and promotional copy for use on your communications channels. These can be adapted as needed for your audience and channel requirements.

The Veterans' Survey will be available for 12 weeks from 10 November. If you have questions about how the survey will run, please veterans.survey@ons.gov.uk

If you have a different query or would like to get in touch about communicating the survey to veterans, please contact: veterans@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Survey:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/veteranssurvey>

Toolkit:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/surveys/informationforhouseholdsandindividuals/householdandindividualsurveys/theveteranssurveycommunicationtoolkit>

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-veterans-get-their-say>

Local Authority Capital Expenditure, Receipts and Financing Update

On 10 November, DLUHC has published statistics on the final outturn figures of local authority capital expenditure and receipts in the financial year 2021 to 2022.

It has also published final outturn figures of local authority capital expenditure and financing for 2021 to 2022.

The release shows how councils spent their money over the last financial year.

Statistics:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-authority-capital-expenditure-and-receipts-in-england-2021-to-2022-individual-local-authority-data>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-authority-capital-expenditure-and-receipts-in-england-2021-to-2022-final-outturn>

Collection:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-capital-expenditure-receipts-and-financing>



South Downs News

Please find the latest edition of the South Downs News below:

[Read November South Downs News!](#)

Business Bulletin – Autumn 2022

Please find the latest edition of the Economic Development newsletter through the link below:

[Business Bulletin – Autumn 2022](#)

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/>

10 November 2022 - [Final consultation on revised proposals now open: Last chance to help reshape constituencies](#)

