

## Member Information Service

### Cabinet Decisions – 21 November 2022

The following decisions have been made by Cabinet at their meeting held on Monday 21 November 2022 and will come into effect at 10:00a.m. on Thursday 1 December 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](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk)) in addition to making a written request to the Interim Monitoring Officer, Geoff Wild.

Budget Management 2022/23 - Progress Report April to September 2022 – **Recommendation Agreed.**

Performance Monitoring for the Second 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 come into effect at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 1 December 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 e-mail [committees@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk), in addition to making a written request to the Interim Monitoring Officer, Geoff Wild.

#### Prevention and Wellbeing Service 2021-27

The Cabinet Member for Community approved the decision that Prevention and Wellbeing Service funding be used to enter into a five-year contract with Pulse Healthcare Ltd (Xyla) to provide Mid Sussex Wellbeing Coaches service at a total cost of £200,000.

**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](#).**

### Officer Executive Decision

The following decision has been made by Stephen Fitzgerald, Interim Head of Corporate Resources, and will come into effect at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 1 December 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 e-mail [committees@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk), in addition to making a written request to the Interim Monitoring Officer, Geoff Wild.

## Treasury Management Shared Service Agreement

The Interim Head of Corporate Resources, authorised the delegated authority decision to extend the Shared Service Agreement with Adur and Worthing District Councils for the provision of Treasury Management services to Mid Sussex District Council.

**A copy of the report is attached to this email. In due course, the report will 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 December and January are listed below:

### 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

### JANUARY 2023

11 January – Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Deputy Leader and Housing and Customer Service @ 7pm

15 January – Planning Committee @ 4pm

18 January – Scrutiny Committee for Planning, Economic Growth and Net Zero @ 7pm


19 January – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

25 January – Charity Trustees & Council @ 7pm

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.

## 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](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk) by **noon Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, advising if you will be attending.

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
13 December 2022 @ 7pm	<b>Audit Training</b> <i>(Essential for Audit Committee Members)</i>	



## **Treasury Management Training for Audit Committee Members**

The session will cover the major issues associated with treasury management, including loans, investments and the responsibilities of Audit Committee members. The training will be delivered by Link Asset Services who are a leading advisory firm in the Local Authority treasury management market and, are the advisors to MSDC.

### **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**

### **District Plan – Exhibition Information and FAQs**

A series of public exhibitions are being held to publicise the draft District Plan. The exhibition display material is available to view on the web site at: [dpr-exhibition-panels.pdf \(midsussex.gov.uk\)](#)

The full schedule of exhibitions is as follows, all sessions 5pm – 7pm.

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Ansty (Village Hall)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Sayers Common (Village Hall)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Crawley Down (Haven Centre)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Burgess Hill (Cyprus Hall)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Haywards Heath (MSDC Council Chamber)

In addition as set of Frequently Asked Questions has been prepared and is available on the web site at: [faqs-14-11-22.pdf \(midsussex.gov.uk\)](#)



## **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 gradually fallen through most of November. The West Sussex rate now averages about 48 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](#).

## **Consultation on the extension of existing Public Spaces Protection Order**

MSDC, in partnership with Sussex Police, is consulting on the extension of our existing Public Spaces Protection Order to combat the anti-social use of vehicle activity in Burgess Hill. We are also proposing two new areas where there have been recent incidents of car cruising. The consultation is due to run until 22 December and full details are available at [Consultations - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

## **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](#)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!](#)

## **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/>

23 November 2022 - [Mid Sussex Applauds our amazing Community Champions](#)

22 November 2022 - [Free ice skating and festive family fun in Burgess Hill this Christmas](#)

22 November 2022 - [Park all day for £1.50 on Saturdays in December](#)

18 November 2022 - [Wellbeing service makes a huge difference in Mid Sussex](#)

17 November 2022 - [Public consultation on measures to curb car cruising](#)

