

Member Information Service

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decision has been made by the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning and will come into effect at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 31 January 2019, 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 477062 or e-mail committees@midsussex.gov.uk, in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

Release of S.106 Contributions for Local Community Infrastructure – Pedestrian Crossing on Church Road, Haywards Heath

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning authorised the release of £12,850.00 from the Local Community Infrastructure fund to West Sussex County Council to install a pedestrian crossing on Church Road, Haywards Heath.

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

Committee Meetings

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

JANUARY 2019

- 23 January – Scrutiny Committee for Customer Services and Service Delivery
- 29 January – Scrutiny Committee for Community, Housing and Planning
- 30 January – Council

FEBRUARY 2019

- 11 February – Cabinet @ 4pm
- 13 February – Licensing Committee
- 25 February – Audit Committee
- 26 February – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4:30pm
- 27 February – Council

PLANNING COMMITTEES

JANUARY 2019

- ~~24 January – District Planning Committee @ 2pm - Meeting cancelled due to lack of business~~
- 31 January – Planning Committee B

FEBRUARY 2019

- 14 February – Planning Committee A
- 21 February – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

Agendas – Items to be considered

Scrutiny Committee for Customer Services and Service Delivery – 23 January 2019

Future Proposed Approach for the Collection of Textiles and Small Waste Electricals and Electronic Equipment

Review of Customer Services across the Council

Scrutiny Committee for Customer Services and Service Delivery Work Programme 2018/19

Scrutiny Committee for Community, Housing and Planning – 29 January 2019

Expansion of Use of Powers contained within the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Scrutiny Committee for Community, Housing and Planning Work Programme

Council – 31 January 2019

Report of the Constitutional Review Group 2018/19.

The Mid-Sussex District Council (Identification in Polling Stations) Pilot Order 2019.

Polling Places and Polling Scheme for 2019.

Appointment of Representatives to the Independent Remuneration Panel from 1 July 2019.

Hackney and Private Hire Driver Code of Conduct.


Planning Committee B – 31 January 2019

Recommended for Approval

DM/18/4540 | Sopers Ride, Selsfield Road, Turners Hill, RH10 4PP - Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding for the construction of nine residential dwellings with parking and associated landscaping - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=PHVNPOKT0DH00>

Member Development Learning

All Member Development Learning Sessions are held in the Council Chamber unless otherwise stated.

| Date & Time | Training Event | Indicator |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 5 March 2019 @ 6:30pm | Overview of Parking Services |  |

An update for Members on the District Council's housing role and responsibilities including the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017

The Member Learning Session, Tuesday 22 January 2019, provided an update to Members regarding the Council's statutory housing responsibilities, The Homelessness Reduction Act and the Council's Temporary Accommodation project.

The presentation is now available for Members to view and is attached to this email.

Information and News

MSVA

Please find the latest edition of the Mid Sussex Voluntary Action E-Bulletin [here](#).

Unblocking the Croydon Bottleneck - Response by Mid Sussex District Council

Please find below Mid Sussex District Council's response to the Croydon Bottleneck Consultation.

Dear Sirs

“Unblocking the Croydon Bottleneck”
Response by Mid Sussex District Council

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Network Rail's engagement on initial proposals to upgrade the Brighton Main Line (BML) and particularly on the principle of measures to unblock the "Croydon Bottleneck". Any comments made here are in the context that formal consultation on detailed proposals will be carried out in 2019.

The BML is significantly important to Mid Sussex with five BML stations in the District at Balcombe, Haywards Heath, Wivelsfield, Burgess Hill and Hassocks which serve the needs of Mid Sussex's existing local communities.

Mid Sussex has an ambitious growth programme, the largest in the South East, and the BML is critical to underpinning the success of this growth programme.

The adopted Mid Sussex District Plan identifies the need for 16,390 additional homes between 2014 and 2031. The District Plan was adopted in 2018 and at that stage 13,890 homes had either already had been completed, had the benefit of planning permissions or had been allocated as either Strategic or Neighbourhood Plan Allocations to be built over the Plan period. This leaves a residual requirement of nearly 2,500 homes to be planned for by 2031 and work is advanced on identifying the remaining sites to meet this need. In line with government guidance, the Spatial Strategy of the District Plan is based on securing significant growth in the most accessible locations. As this is largely a rural District this means growth must be focussed at the three main towns which are served by the BML - Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill, and Hassocks.

The Mid Sussex growth programme supports central government's well-rehearsed ambition to build over 300,000 homes a year in order to meet the housing shortage. Indeed, Mid Sussex's housing growth is supported by central government with Homes England having acquired 200 hectares of land at Burgess Hill (the Northern Arc) to accelerate the delivery of approximately 3,500 new homes and associated infrastructure. This is seen by Homes England as a flagship project and is cited in Homes England's Strategic Plan 2018/19 to 2022/23 as a Case Study in how to unlock development. It is interesting to note that in a recent consultation conducted by Homes England about the Northern Arc, 49% of responses identified that transport was a key issue and many responses cited concerns about the capacity of trains at Wivelsfield Station.

Mid Sussex housing growth programme is supported by an ambitious plan to provide local employment opportunities in the District in order ensure residents have opportunities to both live and work locally. The District Plan, supported by the Mid Sussex Economic Development Strategy (approved earlier this year), sets out a range of employment growth proposals. Planning permissions have recently been granted for a 15ha employment site at Burgess Hill (the Hub) offering 50,000 sqm of employment space; a site of over 8ha at Handcross; and a significant speculative new office development in Haywards Heath. Employment land has also been allocated as part of the Homes England Northern Arc development and over 60ha of land has been promoted to the Council at Burgess Hill. In addition, the Coast to Capital LEP and Mid Sussex District Council support the development of a Science and Technology Park at Burgess Hill to meet the sub-regional need to provide for the development of innovation-led, high-growth, knowledge-based businesses. Two sites (each of nearly 50has) have been promoted to the Council for consideration as possible allocations for the Science and Technology Park and the Council is working closely with key partners including Sussex University and the Department of International Trade to ensure successful delivery of this proposal.

Developers report that their continued decisions to invest in Mid Sussex depend significantly on excellent transport infrastructure. Therefore, improvements in the BML are of significant importance in ensuring the attractiveness of the District as a location for investment.

Highways infrastructure is under pressure in the South East. Although the Smart Motorway works and other infrastructure improvements to M23 are welcomed pressures on the capacity of highways will continue with the planned housing and employment growth. Mid Sussex therefore supports proposals to improve public transport as it recognises that there is a need to ensure modal shift from car to train to ensure sufficient capacity on the road network.

Despite the District Plan and Economic Development Strategy ensuring continued investment and development of employment opportunities in the District there are and will continue to be significant levels of in and out commuting. The 2011 Census recorded that nearly 45% of workers (31,745 people) commute out of this District every day with 30% of these people travelling to Crawley, 19% to London stations including Croydon and 11% to Brighton and Hove. 20,000 people commute into the District daily with 24% of these travelling from Brighton and Hove and 16% from Crawley. A significant number of these commuters travel on the BML. The reliability and frequency of the service is of critical importance to them.

The draft Gatwick Airport Masterplan anticipates a growth in the number of flights from the airport and with it a corresponding increase in numbers of travellers. The Masterplan anticipates that a significant number of travellers will travel to and from the airport on the BML. Investment in unlocking the Croydon Bottleneck will play an important role in ensuring the frequency and reliability of the train service in encouraging travellers out of their cars and onto the BML.

Finally, Mid Sussex has been working closely with your colleagues at Network Rail to improve the infrastructure at the stations along the BML in Mid Sussex. The redevelopment of the Station Quarter at Haywards Heath was completed last year unlocking retail development including a Waitrose store and improving station car parking capacity and accessibility. Work is ongoing to secure public realm, car parking and transport interchange improvements at Wivelsfield and Burgess Hill Stations and £10.9 million of Local Growth Fund monies have been secured at from the Coast to Capital LEP which will contribute to delivery of these improvements. A One Public Estate Bid has been submitted to the Government to secure £90k viability and feasibility work to identify the scope for unlocking residential led redevelopment at Burgess Hill station. These initiatives are of key importance to this area as the stations accessibility and capacity are currently challenged and this will be worsened by the significant housing growth planned, particularly at Burgess Hill.

Given the aspirations of Mid Sussex to promote sustainable growth, the Council welcomes and supports the principle of improving the Croydon Bottleneck and understand that this will improve reliability of train services and will lead to an increase in frequency of trains along the BML (up to 6-8 additional trains an hour). The Council looks forward to seeing the detailed proposals in the New Year.

Cllr Garry Wall
Leader
Mid Sussex District Council

Technical Consultation on Updates to National Planning Policy and Guidance (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government)

The Government held a consultation on updates to the National Planning Policy Framework and accompanying guidance between 26th October – 7th December 2018, seeking views on proposed changes to the standard method for assessing local housing need. The Council's submitted response can be found [here](#). The West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board, of which Mid Sussex is a member, also submitted a response which was agreed by all constituent authorities. The covering letter and response can be found [here](#).

News Releases

For further information or copies of the press 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/>

None.