

Member Information Service

Decisions made by Cabinet Members

The following decision has been made by the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and is protected from call-in so will take effect immediately.

Response to Department for Transport consultation on Night Flight Restrictions and Future Night Flight Policy

The Cabinet Member for Economic Growth authorised the Council's response to the Department for Transport's consultation on Night Flight Restrictions and Future Night Flight Policy.

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

Please note that all meetings are virtual meetings and start times vary, as detailed below.

The revised Programme of Meetings approved at Council on 30 September 2020, sets out the schedule of Council meetings for the remainder of the municipal year. Meetings for March and April are listed below:

MARCH 2021

- 3 March – Council (Budget) @ 6pm
- ~~8 March – Cabinet @ 4pm - **Please note this meeting has been cancelled.**~~
- 8 March – Standards Committee @ 6pm
- 10 March – Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance @ 5pm
- 11 March – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- 15 March – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4pm
- 17 March – Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth @ 5 pm
- 18 March – District Planning Committee @ 2pm
- 24 March – Scrutiny Committee for Community, Customer Services and Service Delivery @ 5pm
- 31 March – Council @ 6pm

APRIL 2021

- 8 April – Planning Committee @ 4pm
- 15 April – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

Public access to the meetings is via a live stream video through the Council's official [YouTube channel](#). A link to the live stream is also provided on the Council's Facebook page in advance of each meeting. Owing to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, regular updates on the status of meetings in the forthcoming period will be provided to Members and the website will be continually updated.

Democratic Services has updated your O365 calendar with the revised dates and times, including the links to join the Zoom meetings.

We have also sent you tentative outlook calendar placeholders for the Programme of Meetings 2021 – 2022. The Programme of Meetings is still subject to change and is due to be presented to Council on 31 March following the outcome of the Governance Review.

In the meantime, these placeholders will allow you to see when we are planning to hold these meetings.

Agendas – Items to be Considered

Council – 3 March 2021 @ 6pm

Recommendations from Cabinet held on 8 February 2021.

Corporate Plan and Budget For 2021/22.

Standards Committee – 8 March 2021 @ 6pm

Standards Committee Annual Report 2020.

Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance – 10 March 2021 @ 5pm

Sustainability Strategy Progress Report.

Performance Monitoring for the Third Quarter of 2020/21.

Planning Committee – 11 March 2021 @ 4pm

Recommended for Approval

DM/20/1503 | Oakwood, Amberley Close, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 4BZ - Partial demolition of existing southern wing and construction of a part two-storey/part three-storey extension to existing care home to provide 31no. bedrooms and communal/ancillary facilities, with associated parking and landscaping. (Amended plans received, including reduction in the size of the extension) - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=Q9UZWSKT0CP00>

DM/20/4426 | Little Torch, 4 Hassocks Road, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 9QN - Change the use from Class C2 to Class C3 to form 8no. Residential flats, 2no. Dwelling houses, car parking and associated development - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QKM4UVKT0CP00>

Other Matters

DM/20/3832 | Evergreen Farm, West Hoathly Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4NE - A planning obligation attached to planning permission reference 11/01105/EOT controls occupancy of the property to agricultural and equestrian workers only. Request discharge of this occupancy requirement as no longer relevant - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QIACRVKT0CP00>

Member Development Learning

All Member Development Learning Sessions are held virtually via Zoom.

Date & Time	Training Event	Indicator
9 March 2021 @ 10am	Mid Sussex Design Guide <i>(Essential for Planning Members however all Members are welcome)</i>	

Mid Sussex Design Guide

Design Guide Training for Members will take place on the morning of **Tuesday 9th March** starting at **10am** and ending by 1pm. MSDC consultant Hugo Nowell of Urban Initiatives Studio will be presenting the guide and this will be followed by questions and answers. Councillor MacNaughton has advised that this is mandatory training for all planning committee members.

To confirm your attendance at the session, please email committees@midsussex.gov.uk by **noon** on **Thursday 4 March 2020**.

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:

- County Lines – **NEW!**
- What is GDPR?

- Getting Started with Social Media.
- Business Continuity Management.
- Annotating and Editing Documents.
- Planning Application Decision Making for Members

If you have any problems with accessing the Learning Pool, please contact Member Services.

New Module Available - County Lines

Can you recognise county lines activities? Do you know what to do if someone is at risk of exploitation? In the module, you will explore the ways children, young people and vulnerable adults are exploited by criminal activity and be provided with mechanisms to safeguard and take action when someone is at risk.

For ease of reference, please find the link to Learning Pool [here](#).

The deadline to complete this module is **5pm on Wednesday 31 March 2021**.

Information and News

COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex have dropped from their peak shortly after Christmas and are now about 50 cases per 100,000 and therefore after 8 weeks of lockdown Mid Sussex has a similar infection rate as it had in September 2020. Covid rates have continued to fall in other Sussex authorities in the past week save for Worthing and Hastings where they have gone up.

This rapid fall from very high Covid levels at the start of 2021 is reflected across England. A majority of authorities in Sussex and the South East now have Covid rates below 50 cases per 100,000 which means the South East average is below the England average of about 75 cases per 100,000 . Worthing, Crawley and Arun still have Covid levels above the England average and therefore overall West Sussex remains above the South East Covid average but below the England Covid average. Both hospitalisations and Covid death rates continue to fall in Sussex from the very high levels seen in late January and are now similar to those seen last October.

The expanding local Covid vaccination programme will assist in bringing hospitalisations and Covid deaths down but there is a risk that new variants and the “Kent” variant of the Covid virus will push these figures in the opposite direction when restrictions start to be lifted from 8th March 2021 with schools reopening.

Most people aged 64 and over will have received their first vaccination. The vaccination of more vulnerable people aged 16 to 64 will continue into March alongside the second vaccination for those people vaccinated at the beginning of the vaccination programme in December 2020/ January 2021 and the vaccination of people aged 60 to 64.

Please see information on Covid-19 vaccination progress in West Sussex [here](#).

The latest public data for Covid rates in West Sussex can be found [here](#). Further advice and information on the current restrictions from West Sussex County Council can be found [here](#).

Guidance on Census Field Operation for Police forces and for Trading Standards

Please find the link [here](#) to the guidance on Census Field Operation for Police forces and for Trading Standards, relating to the Census 2021.

Question arising from Cabinet 8 February 2021

At this meeting Officers were asked whether there had been a positive financial impact from the acquisition of the Council's own Temporary Accommodation. Analysis of the last year's figures show that the total cost of temporary accommodation has been reduced by £55K for the 10 month position to date, extrapolated to be £67K by year end, reducing a forecast deficit of £163K to £97K. This arises from owning our own properties as an alternative to bed and breakfast and hotel accommodation.

Peter Stuart, FCPFA
Head of Corporate Resources
S.151 Officer

Complaints and Compliments

For January 2021 the following Compliments and Complaints were received by this Council

14 complaints:

6 for Waste and Outdoor Services
4 for Revenues
1 for Recovery
1 for Democratic Services
1 for Elections
1 for parking

53 Compliments:

18 for Waste and Outdoor Services
15 for Customer Services
11 for Planning (Dev Management)
6 for Revenues
2 for Parking
1 for Elections

Each Complaint and Compliment is shared with the relevant Business Unit Leader on receipt to embed best practise. Should you wish to see details of any of these compliments or complaints please contact Karen Spiers in the first instance.

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/>

02 March 2021 - [New food businesses encouraged to register](#)

26 February 2021 - [Three ways voters can cast their vote in May](#)