

# Member Information Service

## 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 22 April 2021, 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](mailto:committees@midsussex.gov.uk), in addition to making a written request to the Monitoring Officer, Tom Clark.

### **Rent Concessions for Pure Gym at 1 London Road Retail Park, Burgess Hill (EXEMPT)**

The Deputy Leader:

- a) authorised a rental suspension for November 2020.
- 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.

### **Variation of Lease Terms in Conjunction with a Rent Concession – Unit E, Orchards Shopping Centre, Haywards Heath (EXEMPT)**

The Deputy Leader:

- (a) authorised a rent concession.
- (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.

### **Extension of Term Contract for Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance and Reactive Repairs**

The Deputy Leader authorised the extension of the existing Mechanical and Electrical Maintenance and Reactive Repairs contract for a further and final year to end of March 2022 and apply an increase of 2.37% on current costs.

### **Release of S106 Local Community Infrastructure (LCI) contributions - Purchase of Velocity Speed Gun**

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning authorised the release of £300.00 from the Local Community Infrastructure (LCI) fund to purchase a Velocity Speed Gun (also known as a radar gun & speed gun).

**Copy of the reports are attached to this email and will be Executive Decisions 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:

### APRIL 2021

15 April – District Planning Committee @ 2pm

28 April – Annual Council at 6pm – **Please note that this meeting has been brought forward from 12 May.**

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.

## Agendas – Items to be Considered

### **District Planning Committee – 15 April 2021 @ 2pm**

**DM/20/2640 | Marylands Nursery Site, Cowfold Road, Bolney, West Sussex** - Demolition of single dwelling and outbuildings and erection of B8 floorspace (including ancillary office space) across 3 buildings, with hard and soft landscaping, parking and servicing. Altered access to be provided from A272/A23 Western Roundabout with existing Cowfold Road vehicular access closed. REVISED PLANS received 16/12/2020 showing revised position and height of Unit 1, joining Units 2 and 3 together and additional planting to southern boundary. ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY INFORMATION received 03/03/2021 including updated Noise Assessment - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QDYTYFKT04L00>

**DM/20/3516 | Maxwellton House, 41 - 43 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex** - Demolition of existing office building and provision of 54 apartments with associated parking and landscaping. AMENDED PLANS received 22nd February 2021 reducing the number of flats to 54, addressing comments from the Design Review Panel including revising the scale of the building and the parking layout, the submission of a Daylight/Sunlight Report and a revised Sustainability Report - <https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QH2AN7KT07Z00>

## Member Development Learning

### 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
- 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.

## Information and News

### COVID-19 News

Covid levels in Mid Sussex are now under 10 cases per 100,000 and therefore Mid Sussex has a similar infection rate as it had in August 2020. Covid rates have generally fallen across Sussex in the last week and the only area with a rate higher than 20 cases per 100,000 is Arun. The average Covid rate in West Sussex is below the South East average of about 18 cases per 100,000.

This fall in Covid levels in the last week is reflected across England with few areas of the north and the East Midlands still having Covid rates above 100 cases per 100,000. The England average is now about 30 cases per 100,000. Extra efforts are being made to bring these higher levels of Covid down with local interventions as restrictions are further lifted across England.

The second stage of the roadmap started on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 with non- essential shops, gyms/leisure centres, hairdressers and outdoor service in pubs and restaurants all re-opening.

Lateral Flow Tests are being used to identify people who have Covid but have no symptoms to try to maintain the low Covid rates now found in much of England. These free tests are available from local collection areas that can be located online or by requesting a postal delivery.

The roadmap envisages more indoor activities being permitted from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 subject to the four data tests being met. It is important people remember Hands Face Space and Fresh Air as more people are out and about so this further third stage relaxation is to be confirmed early next month.

Both hospitalisations and Covid death rates continue to fall in Sussex from the very high levels seen in late January and are now at the low levels seen last September.

The continuing local Covid vaccination programme will assist in bringing hospitalisations and Covid deaths down further but there is a risk that the further lifting of restrictions allowing for more social

mixing this week and new variants of the Covid virus will push these figures in the opposite direction. The South African variant was identified in South London this month and surge testing is taking place to seek to contain the outbreak.

All people aged 45 and over are now eligible for their first vaccination and are being invited to book an appointment.

The vaccination of more medically vulnerable people aged 16 to 44 alongside the second vaccination for those people first vaccinated in January/February 2021 will continue in April.

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](#).

### **South Downs News**

Please find the link to the latest edition of the South Downs News [here](#).

## **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/>

12 April 2021 - [Business Rate bills contain important information](#)

12 April 2021 - [Mid Sussex mourns the loss of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh](#)