

Member Information Service

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

28 April – Annual Council at 6pm (followed by individual meetings of Committees) – **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

Annual Council – 28 April 2021 @ 6pm

To elect the Chairman of the Council.

To appoint the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

To confirm Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 31 March 2021.

To note the Members appointed to the Cabinet and for the Leader to appoint those Members.

To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer: Political Balance Section 15 Local Government and Housing Act 1989; The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

To receive and note the nominations to the following Committees for 2021-22:

Audit Committee

Licensing Committee

Licensing Sub-Committee A

Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth

Scrutiny Committee for Community, Customer Services and Service Delivery

Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance

District Planning Committee

Planning Committee

Standards Committee

Council Meetings in 2021/22 in the light of the COVID Pandemic.

Meetings of the following committees: Audit Committee, District Planning Committee, Licensing Committee, Planning Committee, Scrutiny Committee for Community, Customer Service and Service Delivery, Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth and Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance.

Confirmation of Members on the Committee.

Election of Chairman.

Appointment of Vice Chairman.

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 around 15 cases per 100,000 and therefore Mid Sussex has a similar infection rate as it had in September 2020. Covid rates have generally been steady across Sussex in the last week and the only area with a rate higher than 20 cases per 100,000 is Crawley. The average Covid rate in West Sussex is still below the South East average of about 18 cases per 100,000.

Covid levels in the last week across England are steady with currently no areas of the north and the East Midlands still having Covid rates above 100 cases per 100,000. The England average is about 30 cases per 100,000. Extra efforts are being made to keep Covid down in areas that have had higher Covid rates for the past year with local interventions as restrictions are further lifted across England

The second stage of the roadmap started on Monday 12th 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 17th 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 if 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 from last 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 took place to seek to contain the outbreak.

All people aged 45 and over are now eligible for their first vaccination and have been 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](#).

Rewilding Britain Initiative

At Council on 31 March, Councillor J Belsey committed to sending some information on the Rewilding Britain initiative to all Members. Please find it attached to this email.

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/>

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