



THE BULLETIN

Member information

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The Bulletin contains information about decisions by Cabinet Members and County Local Committees plus key officer decisions, topics to be discussed at virtual meetings in the next week and information about the County Council

Decisions

Decisions published in the last week

The following proposed decisions have been published in the last week and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period (date shown) unless the call-in procedure is activated

[New operating model for the Approved Mental Health Professional Service](#)
OKD35(20/21)

Urgent action

The following urgent action, taken by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Chairman of the County Council, the relevant Cabinet Member or officer and Scrutiny Committee Chairman or the Chairman of a non-Executive or County Local Committee as appropriate, has been approved in the last week

[North Mid Sussex Community Initiative Funding](#) NMS2(20/21)

Decisions confirmed

These decisions have been confirmed in the last week

[Horsham Fire Station and Fire & Rescue Service Training Centre](#) CAB7(20/21)

[Q1 Total Performance Monitor](#) CAB8(20/21)

[Appointments to Outside Bodies](#) CAB9(20/21)

[Award of Contract for Adults In-house Social Care Redevelopment](#) OKD34(20/21)

Announcements

Scrutiny Task and Finish Group

Scope of Services for a Proposed Children's Trust

The Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee has appointed a Task and Finish Group (TFG) to carry out pre-decision scrutiny of the Scope of Services for a Proposed Children's Trust decision which is due to be considered by the Cabinet on 20 October and is outlined in the [Forward Plan of Key Decisions](#). The TFG will hold a one-off, informal meeting on Friday 9 October with the outcomes being reported directly into Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 20 October.

The membership of the TFG is as follows: Cllr Bridges, Cllr Brunsdon, Cllr Hillier (Chairman), Cllr Lord, Cllr Pendleton and Cllr Wickremaratchi.

Committee News

Forthcoming virtual committee meetings

In accordance with regulations in response to the current public health emergency the County Council will, until further notice, hold virtual committee meetings for essential business only. Councillors will attend and participate remotely via conference calls and there will be press and public access via webcasting.

Meetings next week

8 October, 10.30 am - [West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board](#)

[Watch meetings online:](#) You can watch the meetings live online via our webcasting website. Our webcasts are also available in the webcast library for six years after the meeting.

Economy and Corporate Resources

Impact of Covid-19 on the West Sussex Economy

A 'snapshot' [report on the impact of Covid-19 on the West Sussex economy](#) (PDF, 1.53MB) for September has been produced by the Insight and Economy teams. As well as covering the latest figures for West Sussex, including business start-up rates, unemployment benefit claimants and vacancy figures, the report includes an overview of national economic data. The report is refreshed on a monthly basis, the next one due October.

Highways and Infrastructure

Response to Network Rail consultation

The County Council responded to the Network Rail 'Unblocking the Croydon bottleneck' Phase 2 consultation in September. Further information about the consultation is available on the [Network Rail website](#).

The County Council's response to consultation is available at the bottom of its ['Plan your train journey' webpage](#).

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Becoming a West Sussex County Councillor

Virtual 'Be a Councillor' event

Ahead of the next election in May 2021, the County Council is planning a series of events for people to find out more about the role of a county councillor and to hear from existing councillors. The next event will be taking place virtually on **21 October 2020 from 6 pm**. If you know someone who like to attend they will need to [register in advance](#). There is more information on our ['Be a Councillor'](#) website which includes films of our county councillors talking about what they do and why they stood for election.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Amanda Drinkwater in Democratic Services at amanda.drinkwater@westsussex.gov.uk.

Press releases

County Council press releases up to 30 September

24 September - [Firefighters conquer Three Peaks for The Fire Fighters Charity \(1\)](#)

24 September - [A259 major improvement scheme: first main phase of works starts soon](#)

25 September - [Temporary Household Waste Recycling Site to open in Crawley](#)

25 September - [New West Sussex Joint Dementia Strategy launched](#)

25 September - [Special Offer from Record Office for historical research](#)

29 September - [Crawley's trial pop-up cycleway is open: cycleways in Shoreham, East Grinstead and Horsham set to be finished soon](#)

29 September - [Winter opening hours to begin at Household Waste Recycling Sites](#)

Forward Plan

The County Council gives 28 days' notice of key decisions (those which involve expenditure or savings of £500,000 or more or which have a significant impact on communities in two or more electoral divisions). The current [Forward Plan](#) was published on 28 September.

Applications

Planning applications

[Applications](#) (PDF, 54KB) registered in the last week

Planning applications: highways

[Applications](#) (PDF, 248KB) received from borough and district councils where comments on highways, ecology, landscaping and archaeology have been requested

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