



THE BULLETIN

Member information

Issue 42 | 28 October 2020

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

2 November - [Award of Contract: Real Time Passenger Information](#)
OKD38(20/21)

3 November - [Proposed Modifications to the Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan](#) ENV2(20/21)

3 November - [Emergency Active Travel Fund Cycle Lane - A286 Chichester ring-road](#) HI10(20/21)

4 November - [Endorsement: Council Building Accessibility Improvements](#) FIN4(20/21)

5 November - [Award of Contract: Enabling Works Contract, Horsham Enterprise Park](#) OKD39(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

[Financial Support to the Care Sector Infection Control Grant Round 2](#)
OKD40(20/21)

[Central and South Mid Sussex Community Initiative Funding](#) CSMS3(20/21)

Decisions confirmed

These decisions have been confirmed in the last week

[Review of on-street Parking Charges 2020/21](#) HI9(20/21)

Announcements

Executive Task and Finish Group

West Sussex Transport Plan

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure has appointed an Executive Task and Finish Group (TFG) to provide advice during the review of the West Sussex Transport Plan. The TFG will advise the Cabinet Member and members of the County Council on the strategic approach to tackling key transport and related economic, environmental and social issues and the arrangements for stakeholder engagement and consultation.

[Terms of reference](#) (PDF, 72KB) are available and the TFG is expected to meet every two months beginning in September for approximately nine months. The first meeting was held on 21 September. The membership of the TFG is as follows:

Cllr Wickremaratchi (Chairman), Cllr Joy Dennis, Cllr Michael Jones, Cllr Kitchen, Cllr Magill, Cllr Montyn and Cllr O'Kelly.

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

2 November, 2.15 pm - [Standards Committee](#)

3 November, 2.15 pm - [Rights of Way Committee](#)

5 November, 10.30 am - [Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee](#)

6 November, 10.30 am - [County Council](#)

[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.

Change of start time

Later start time for Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 11 November

With the agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the meeting of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 11 November will start at the later time of 11.15 am, to give members and officers the opportunity to observe the two minutes' silence at 11.00 am, as the meeting date falls on Armistice Day.

News

Fire & Rescue and Communities

New Library opening hours

From Monday, 26 October we will be introducing revised winter opening hours in West Sussex libraries. This will see an extension of the current opening hours offering more opportunities for browsing, using computers and study space (where available).

The new timetable will mean that **from week beginning Monday, 2 November** libraries in our largest communities will be open throughout the day, including over lunchtime for working customers. Families will also be able to visit after school and every library will be open on a Saturday for part or all of the day. The revised winter opening hours will also provide an opportunity for us to work safely with our partners and local organisations who provide vital support in our local communities. Each library will set time aside for 'services by appointment' so that we can continue to respond to local needs and work with key partners who may require a face to face venue in their local community.

The safety of our staff, customers and volunteers remains a priority and the revised hours will enable us to maintain a COVID-secure environment in all our library buildings. Although library customers will have more flexibility to

spread their visits across the day, we will continue to limit numbers of people in the library and social distancing guidelines will remain in place in line with [government advice](#).

Partnerships and Communities

Health and Wellbeing Newsletter

The Partnership and Communities team's health and wellbeing updates to West Sussex County Council colleagues and partners are being produced in a new format. The [October edition](#) is now available.

Highways and Infrastructure

Rail line closures - August 2021

The County Council has received notification that Network Rail intends to close railway lines around Horsham for engineering work for nine days from Saturday, 14 August to Sunday, 22 August 2021 (inclusive), and on two additional weekends on 24 and 25 July and 31 July and 1 August 2021.

Network Rail engineers will use the time to invest £8.5m to replace 1980s' track and infrastructure, with new, more reliable equipment. Further information is available on the [Network Rail website](#).

Contact: Jamie Dallen

Email: jamie.dallen@westsussex.gov.uk

Phone: 033 022 26468

Press releases

County Council press releases up to 28 October

21 October - [Major refurbishment of three children's homes begins](#)

22 October - [New footpath will improve pedestrian access to playing field](#)

22 October - [County Council sets out approach to financial challenges](#)

23 October - [Chichester's Government-funded, temporary cycleway scheme to be removed](#)

23 October - [Fire service honours staff at online awards ceremony](#)

23 October - [Fake Coronavirus protection products found on sale by Trading Standards officers](#)

26 October - [Fire service pays tribute to fallen heroes](#)

27 October - [Support continues to be available for West Sussex families in need](#)

27 October - [COVID-19 impact on schools in the spotlight](#)

27 October - [Care leavers share their success stories](#)

28 October - [Trick or treat! Firefighters seek out safety-conscious pumpkins this Hallowe'en!](#)

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 22 October.

Applications

Planning applications

[Applications](#) (PDF, 29KB) registered in the last week

Planning applications: highways

[Applications](#) (PDF, 284KB) received from borough and district councils where comments on highways, ecology, landscaping and archaeology have been requested

Contact: Steven Shaw

Email: su.local.development@westsussex.gov.uk

Phone: 033 022 24674

For further information about The Bulletin please contact Clare Jones on 033 022 22526 or email clare.jones@westsussex.gov.uk