



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

16 November - [Allocation of Section 106 Funding towards Education Infrastructure Capital Projects and Design Fees](#) ES10(20/21)

18 November - [Supported Living Contracts Extension](#) OKD42(20/21)

19 November - [Award: Agency Workers Recruitment Contract](#) OKD43(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

[South Chichester Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders](#) SC4(20/21)

[South Chichester Community Initiative Funding](#) SC5(20/21)

Decisions confirmed

These decisions have been confirmed in the last week

[Phase 2 Special Support Centre Programme - Allocation of Design Fees](#) ES9(20/21)

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

[Award of Contract: Enabling Works Contract, Horsham Enterprise Park](#) OKD39(20/21)

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

13 November, 9.30 am - [Pension Advisory Board](#)

17 November, 11.00 am - [Pensions Committee](#)

18 November, 10.30 am - [Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee](#)

[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.

Committee merger

New Planning and Rights of Way Committee

The meeting of the County Council on [6 November](#) approved proposals to merge the Planning Committee and the Rights of Way Committee to create a new [Planning and Rights of Way Committee](#) as they share a similar quasi-judicial process and approach to decision-making. The new committee, which came into effect on 6 November, has taken the dates of the former Planning Committee.

News

Environment

Modifications to the Soft Sand Review of the Joint Minerals Local Plan

In April, the statutory Soft Sand Review of the adopted West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (JMLP) was submitted to the Government for examination. The Review, prepared jointly by the County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority, includes a revised strategy for the supply of soft sand, changes to two policies, and the allocation of three sites: extensions to existing sites at West Heath Common, Rogate and Chantry Lane, Storrington (both within the South Downs National Park), and a new site at Ham Farm near Steyning.

Following hearing sessions in August, the Government-appointed Inspector has indicated that the submitted changes need to be modified to make them 'sound' and suitable for adoption. The proposed modifications do not include any changes to the strategy, the policies, or the principle of allocating the three sites. The only changes that are required are relatively minor ones to the development principles for each site.

The Proposed Modifications have been published for a period of public consultation from 9 November to 8 January. Upon close of the consultation, the Proposed Modifications and any representations received will be submitted to the Inspector. The Inspector will consider the representations before reporting whether the proposed changes (as modified) are 'sound' and issue his report. If the Soft Sand Review is considered 'sound', it will be adopted by both Authorities as formal changes to the JMLP. Stakeholders and interested third parties will receive a letter or email and all documents will be available on the County Council's [website](#).

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Extension to Rampion Offshore Wind Farm

The Crown Estate confirmed in 2019 that an application by Rampion Extension Development Limited (REDL) for an extension to the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm could go ahead on their land. The proposal, Rampion 2, is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) requiring a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State (rather than planning permission from the local planning authority). The County Council is a statutory consultee in the DCO process.

Rampion 2 will have a generating capacity of up to 1,200MW, compared with 400MW for Rampion 1. The offshore element of Rampion 2 will be located within an area of search to the west and south east of the existing wind farm together with a small link or 'bridge' area between the two areas for cabling. The onshore elements of the scheme include a buried transmission cable running for approximately 36km between a landfall at Climping Beach, near Littlehampton, and a 'satellite' project substation located within a 5km radius of the Bolney National Grid Substation.

The scheme is currently at the pre-consultation stage with officers supporting REDL with evidence gathering and engaging in a number of Expert Topic Groups. An environmental consultant, Amy Harrower, has been appointed as the County Council's project officer to lead on, and co-ordinate, the Authority's activity on the scheme. REDL have also created a number of Public Liaison Groups, involving Parish Councils and local interest groups, to aid in evidence gathering for the purposes of site selection.

Formal consultation by REDL on the proposal is likely to take place in spring 2021 when the County Council will have the opportunity to comment on the likely social, economic and environmental impacts (and any proposed mitigation). The response to the consultation will be a key decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment.

REDL are keen to engage informally with members prior to the formal consultation. This is likely to take place in early February 2021 when there will be a presentation by REDL and an opportunity for questions and answers. Details to be confirmed.

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Updates to the Constitution

Please note that the version of the [Constitution](#) on the internet has been updated following the merger of the Planning and Rights of Way Committee approved by the Council on [6 November](#).

South Downs National Park Authority

The [November edition](#) of the South Downs National Park Authority newsletter has been published.

Press releases

County Council press releases up to 11 November

6 November - [Fire service bids farewell to officer after almost 30 years](#)

6 November - [Council to provide continued support during latest COVID lockdown](#)

9 November - [Share your comments on the county's 'Soft Sand Review'](#)

9 November - [Electrical safety warning following phone charger fire](#)

9 November - [Feedback sought in West Sussex Transport Plan review](#)

11 November - [EPIC young people are celebrated](#)

11 November - [Local Outbreak Engagement Board meets to hear latest COVID developments](#)

Applications

Planning applications

There were no applications 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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