



# THE BULLETIN

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## 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 December - [Bus Gate Enforcement](#) HI12(20/21)

16 December - [New model of delivery for Community Mental Health social work for adults in West Sussex](#) OKD48(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

[COVID Winter Grant Scheme](#) FRC2(20/21)

## Decisions confirmed

These decisions have been confirmed in the last week

[West Sussex County Council Economy Reset Plan 2020-24](#) CAB11(20/21)

[West Sussex County Council Reset Plan](#) CAB12(20/21)

[Procurement of an Occupational Health Service Contract](#) ECR3(20/21)

[The re-designation of Post 16 provision at Oak Grove College, Worthing](#) ES12(20/21)

[Endorsement of Design Fees for Burgess Hill Stations and Western Gateway Improvements](#) OKD47(20/21)

## Committee News

### Forthcoming 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

15 December, 10.30 am - [Cabinet](#)

[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 to meeting date

Please note that, in consultation with the Leader, the meeting of the [Cabinet](#) originally scheduled for 27 January, will now be held at 10.30 am on Friday, 22 January.

#### New meeting date

Please note that, in consultation with the Chairman, an additional meeting of the [Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee](#) will be held at 10.30 am on Monday, 22 February.

### Responses to notices of motion

#### Responses to motions dealt with under Standing Order 2.53 (b)

Cllr Michael Jones submitted a motion for [Council](#) on 6 November, which called on the Cabinet to lobby the Government to provide additional emergency grants to assist children eligible for free school meals. The motion was referred to the [Cabinet](#) for consideration on 24 November.

The Leader explained that the Government had, on 8 November, announced extra targeted financial support for those in need over the winter period and suggested a debate on the motion to be unnecessary. Following the receipt of further information about the grants, Cllr Michael Jones, with the agreement of the seconder, Cllr Walsh, has agreed to withdraw the motion.

## News

### Highways and Infrastructure

#### West Sussex Transport Plan review survey reminder

The County Council has started a review of the West Sussex Transport Plan (WSTP). We have been asking stakeholders, such as local groups, authorities and transport providers, to complete a survey to gather information about their key issues and priorities. The survey is accessible to all, so individual members of the public can also submit their views if they wish to do so. There is still time to complete the survey which **closes on Thursday, 17**

**December**. To complete the survey please visit:

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPsurvey](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPsurvey)

If you have any questions, or would like to get in touch with the team, please contact [ltip@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ltip@westsussex.gov.uk); 01243 642105.

### Economy and Corporate Resources

#### Key Decision not now Progressing

Key decision [ECR2\(20/21\)](#): Procurement: Concession Contract SmartHubs Work Package 8, was approved by the Cabinet Member for Economy and Corporate Resources in November but will not proceed at this time. The decision was taken as part of the wider SmartHubs programme being funded by Innovate UK which has recently announced that it will not be committing to full delivery of the project as anticipated due to concerns regarding the deliverability of the project, in full, by March 2022.

The loss of Innovate UK funding will negatively impact the financial viability of the business case. However, the Council will now complete the outstanding activities that are requirements of the SmartHubs project, reassess the business case, and assess the financial impact of the loss of grant funding on the development and delivery of WP8, in order to establish if the council is still in a position to progress with the installation of Smart technologies across its corporate and schools estate. If the project is taken forward subsequently, a further decision report will be published at that time.

## Press releases

County Council press releases up to 9 December

3 December - [Work starts soon on trio of road safety improvement schemes](#)

3 December - [Appeal for return of unused community care equipment](#)

4 December - [Have you got questions about domestic abuse?](#)

4 December - [Ofsted focused visit to West Sussex Children's Services](#)

4 December - [Proactive flood prevention team targets highway 'hotspots'](#)

8 December - [Give us your views on proposed school admissions arrangements](#)

8 December - [West Sussex Unwrapped Christmas Special goes live next week](#)

9 December - [Stay safe on the roads this Christmas](#)

## South Downs National Park Authority

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

### 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 4 December.

### Applications

#### Planning applications

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

#### Planning applications: highways

[Applications](#) (PDF, 280KB) received from borough and district councils where comments on highways, ecology, landscaping and archaeology have been requested

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## Public rights of way

### Notifications of applications for changes to the path network received

#### Shipley: public path 2360

Comments are invited on a [proposal](#) (PDF, 45KB) to stop up and divert part of a footpath at Placelands Farm, Coolham (the deadline for comments is 31 December)

**Local councillors:** Amanda Jupp

#### Yapton: public path 326

Comments are invited on a [proposal](#) (PDF, 44KB) to divert part of a footpath north of Yapton C of E Primary School (the deadline for comments is 31 December)

**Local councillor:** Jacky Pendleton

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