


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

5 May - [Award of Contract for the replacement All Weather Pitch at The Weald School, Billingshurst](#) OKD5(20/21)

Urgent action

The following urgent action, taken by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Scrutiny Committee Chairman, has been approved in the last week

[Financial Support to the Care Sector](#) AH2(20/21)

Decisions confirmed

These decisions have been confirmed in the last week

[West Sussex Minerals and Waste Development Scheme 2020-23](#) ENV1(20/21)

[Write Off of Debts over £15,000](#) FIN1(20/21)

[Award of Contract for the replacement of Modular Units at Southwater Infant and Junior Schools, Horsham - Phase 1](#) OKD4(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 (audio only) and there will be press and public access via audio webcasting.

Meetings next week

4 May, 1.00 pm - [Pensions Panel](#) (please note later start time)

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

Meeting change of date

Please note that, in consultation with the Chairman, the meeting of the **Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee** due to be held at 10.30 am on Friday, 15 May has been postponed. The meeting will now be take place at 10.30 am on Friday, 22 May.

Meeting cancellations

Planning Committee – 19 May

Please note that, in consultation with the Chairman, the [meeting](#) of the Planning Committee scheduled to take place at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 19 May has been cancelled because there is no substantive business nor any applications requiring a decision by Committee at this time. The next meeting of Planning Committee is scheduled to take place at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 9 June.

County Council - 22 May

Please note that, in consultation with the Chairman, due to the current public health emergency and because there is no urgent business for consideration, the meeting of the County Council due to be held at 10.30 am on Friday, 22 May has been cancelled.

News

Economy

Emergency fuel vouchers

Financial support is available from Citizens Advice branches in Sussex to help vulnerable households facing a financial crisis to meet their energy costs. Emergency fuel vouchers (£28 for an individual and £49 for a family) are available to pre-payment meter customers who meet the scheme's [eligibility criteria](#). Some clients may qualify for more than one voucher.

The scheme is funded by the County Council's not-for-profit energy supplier, [Your Energy Sussex](#), which has increased the value of individual vouchers in response to the additional hardship faced during the Coronavirus lockdown. Residents should contact their [local Citizen's Advice branch](#) to check eligibility and apply.

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Finance

Pension Fund - Votes against remuneration packages

The list of the companies where the fund managers have voted against remuneration packages and other aspects for the first quarter of 2020 is as follows:

Baillie Gifford: Voted against a executive compensation resolution at Visa Inc

Press releases

County Council press releases up to 29 April

22 April - [Cabinet agrees small schools decisions](#)

22 April - [Financial impact of COVID-19 discussed as Council continues to protect most vulnerable in county](#)

24 April - [TRU's rope rescue skills put to the test by curious cat](#)

27 April - [Council energy supplier offers helping hand](#)

28 April - [Callout to West Sussex businesses for PPE](#)

29 April - [Fresh plea as new trend is revealed in latest traffic volume figures](#)

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 27 April.

Applications

Planning applications

[Applications](#) registered in the last week

Planning applications: highways

[Applications](#) 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

Notification of application for change to the path network received

Comments are invited on a [proposal](#) to divert a footpath on land known as the Friars Oak site to the east of London Road, Hassocks, to enable residential development and associated access (the deadline for comments is 20 May)

Local councillor: Kirsty Lord

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