



# 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

26 January - [Extension to Fuel Card Contract](#) OKD55(20/21)

### Decisions confirmed

These decisions have been confirmed in the last week

[Operation Watershed Active Communities Fund Applications - December 2020](#) HI14(20/21)

[Award of Highways Improvement Contracts, Lots 4, 5 & 6](#) OKD51(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

25 January, 10.00 am - [Pensions Committee](#)

28 January, 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.

### New meeting dates

Please note that, in consultation with the Leader, an additional meeting of the [Cabinet](#) will take place on Tuesday, 23 March at 2.30 pm.

## Meeting cancellations

### County Local Committees in February/March

Please note that the Governance Committee has decided (at its meeting on 18 January) to cancel the [County Local Committee](#) meetings scheduled for February and March, due to the ongoing public health emergency. This includes the Joint Area Committees in Arun. Alternative decision-making arrangements are being put in place for the allocation of Community Initiative Funding.

## News

### Adults and Health

#### **Working Together: Your local account of adult social care performance in West Sussex 2019-20**

Our annual report for residents of West Sussex setting out how adult social care services performed during 2019/20 has recently been published and is available on our website. Developed in partnership with people who use our services, family and friend carers and other stakeholders, the [Local Account](#) details our work during the year and demonstrates our achievements, priorities and challenges. It also explains how the budget was spent and outlines current activities and plans for the future.

This year our Local Account is published online in a new and more creative format. Individual pages, sections and the whole document can easily be printed if required and a pdf version can be downloaded.

If you have any queries please email: [localaccount@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:localaccount@westsussex.gov.uk)

## Environment

### West Sussex Minerals and Waste Development Scheme 2023-23 update

In accordance with the [decision](#) made in April 2020 by the Cabinet Member for Environment and the [Minerals and Waste Development Scheme 2020-23](#) (MWDS) (PDF, 487KB), the County Council (jointly with the South Downs National Park Authority), has been preparing a Soft Sand Review of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (SSR).

The SSR was submitted to the Government for examination in April 2020, in accordance with the timetable set out in the MWDS, and examination hearings took place in August 2020. Following the hearing sessions, the Government-appointed Inspector indicated that the submitted changes need to be modified to make them 'sound' and suitable for adoption.

Due to the requirement to undertake modifications, the timetable set out within the MWDS (page 10) has slipped and the Director of Highways, Transport and Planning has amended the timetable so that it is up-to-date for three key stages as set out below:

- **Receiving the Inspectors Report:** February to March 2021 (was October to November 2020)
- **Adoption:** March 2021 (was December 2020)
- **Publication:** April 2021 (was January 2021)

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## South Downs National Park Authority

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

## Press releases

County Council press releases up to 20 January

14 January - [Completed: £64,000 programme of improvements for pedestrians](#)

19 January - [Further exploratory works begin at site of proposed Horsham Fire Station and Training Centre](#)

19 January - [Council-supported solar scheme starts rollout](#)

20 January - [More protection for vulnerable Sussex children as councils work with the NSPCC](#)

## 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 14 January.

## Applications

### Planning applications

[Applications](#) (PDF, 65KB) 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

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