


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 meetings open to the public 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

25 February - [Award of Public Health Services Contracts](#) OKD35(19/20)

27 February - [West Sussex Full Fibre Programme](#) CAB13(19/20)

27 February - [Horsham Enterprise Park Scheme Delivery](#) CAB14(19/20)

28 February - [School Funding 2020/21](#) ES11919/20)

28 February - [Endorsing the Local Nature Partnership Natural Capital Investment Strategy](#) ENV8(19/20)

Decisions confirmed

These decisions have been confirmed in the last week

[Procurement of Accommodation Based Support for Alcohol/Drug Recovery](#) AH10(19/20)

[Commissioning of Care and Support at Home](#) AH11(19/20)

[Procurement of Agency Worker Recruitment Contract](#) ECR3(19/20)

[Alteration to the process for nominating school governors](#) ES10(19/20)

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 and Scrutiny Committee Chairman or the Chairman of a non-Executive or County Local Committee, has been approved in the last week

Central and South Mid Sussex CLC - [Community Initiative Funding](#) CSMS6(19/20)

Committee News

Forthcoming committee meetings

25 February, 7.00 pm - [Crawley County Local Committee](#)

26 February, 9.30 am - [Pension Advisory Board](#)

26 February, 7.00 pm - [North Mid Sussex County Local Committee](#)

Meeting cancellations

Governance Committee - 9 March

Please note that, in consultation with the Chairman, the meeting of the Governance Committee due to be held at 2.15 pm on Monday, 9 March has been cancelled, deferring business until the next meeting which will be held at 2.15 pm on Monday, 20 April. There are two matters (relating to the merger of committees/committee chairs and to the Council's pay policy) which require additional consultation, including with members, prior to the drafting of proposals.

News

Adults and Health

Update to decision on Hospital Discharge Care Service Award of Contract (OKD33(19/20))

Following the approval and publication of a [decision](#) on the award of a contract for the Hospital Discharge Care Service, Agincare UK Limited withdrew their tender for Lot 3 – Western. The Council proceeded, with the agreement of the Director of Law and Assurance, under [The Public Contract Regulation 2015 – Regulation 32.2a](#) where the Council may dispense with a Contract Notice and engage in negotiations with a single supplier under the negotiated procedure.

The award of the West Sussex County Council Hospital Discharge Care service contract for an initial period of three years for Lot 3 – Western was awarded to Independent Lives on 14 February.

Highways and Infrastructure

Outcome of Bus and Community Transport Task and Finish Group

The Bus and Community Transport Task and Finish Group (TFG) met to consider how the County Council can support local communities following changes to supported bus services from April 2019 as well as how the draft Bus Strategy 2018-26 could be delivered. The TFG made the following recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure:

1. The County Council to write to all Parish Councils asking whether they would be willing to provide financial support to help sustain local non-commercial bus services. This includes a guidance paper to help them gather evidence of need. This was done in autumn 2019.
2. To create a new Support and Service Development Service for community transport across the county. WSCC has recently entered into an arrangement with Community Transport Sussex (CTS) to help provide this service over the next 24 months. The work on this has already commenced.
3. To develop a membership for local communities to buy into the service that CTS is providing. CTS is working with District, Borough and Parish/Town Councils, along with the County Council, to develop a new Membership Scheme allowing the councils to receive the expertise CTS has in this area. The work will include looking at how Community Transport can be linked into conventional public transport as well as creating new and supporting existing community transport schemes for residents. This work has commenced with CTS meeting most of the Parish Clerks but any support when meeting the councils will be appreciated.
4. Develop a formal arrangement with CTS to share County Council minibuses when not in use for their core work. This has already commenced through a new Service Level Agreement. Discussions are underway to explore how areas such as training could be shared to reduce costs and/or increase income for both parties.
5. The Cabinet Member awaits the outcome of the Secretary of State for Transport decision on powers for Transport for South East Board before deciding on how our approach to supporting local bus services. Part of this consideration would be to pursue Enhanced Quality Partnerships with the bus companies under powers available within the Bus Services Act 2017. The decision is yet to be made following the General Election.

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Press releases

County Council press releases up to 14 February

10 February - [Storm Ciara: highways teams tackle nearly 150 emergencies in 24 hours](#)

10 February - [Tumble dryer fire warning](#)

11 February - [Have your say on the future of on-street parking in Chichester](#)

11 February - ["It could have torn my family apart"](#)

14 February - [Plans to invest and generate income agreed by full Council](#)

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 19 February.

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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