

January 2022 District Councillor Bulletin

Happy New Year!

Local Updates

Loxwood Claypit Update

The applicant has been given more time to provide more evidence and then those that objected will be notified so they can provide additional comments. It is not anticipated to be presented to the Planning Committee prior to March

Lagoon 3 progress update

Date has been scheduled for the 11th January 2022 for a progress review meeting at 3pm. Updates will follow when this meeting has taken place

Chichester District Council Updates

Climate Change

In January, CDC will be launching some new communications around energy efficiency measures people can take in their homes. CDC have developed a range of messages and visuals which councils across the county also intend to use. CDC will update you further in the New Year.

Test and Trace Support Scheme

The Test and Trace Support Scheme (which pays eligible residents up to £500 to self-isolate) has been extended up to 31 March 2022. For further information please visit <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/helpwithfinances>

Household Support Fund (HSF)

Vulnerable households across the country will be able to access a new £500m support fund to help them with essentials over the coming months as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic.

The Household Support Fund will be distributed via WSCC in a similar format to how they distributed winter grant funding in response to the pandemic last year. WSCC received £4.8 million to support low income and financially vulnerable households across West Sussex over the winter period, specifically from 6 October 2021 to 31 March 2022. The expectation of the fund is to deliver support to households most in need with practical support in paying for food, energy and water bills. However, the fund is sufficiently flexible to allow it to be used in a variety of ways to support households facing financial hardship over the winter period.

WSCC decided to extend the free school meals provision for families across West Sussex. Every child entitled to a free school meal will receive a supermarket food voucher with a value of £20 for October and February half terms, with a £40 voucher being provided over the two-week Christmas holiday. These children will also get a £50 fuel voucher to support with the rising costs of utilities. These vouchers are distributed per child, therefore families with more than one school aged child entitled

to free school meals will get additional support. These vouchers can be used at all major supermarkets and the fuel vouchers can be used with most energy suppliers; these will be distributed via schools.

After this distribution WSCC have around £1.9 million left to distribute to other household types across West Sussex. This support can be accessed via the HUB at WSCC. However, officers at CDC and the other WSCC Districts & Boroughs can make professional referrals to the service. These can be made where a customer that we are working with is identified as someone who requires some additional support with food and fuel. This will be through the Benefits, Housing and Communities Teams predominantly. CDC have also received a supply of food vouchers in denominations of £25 to be distributed to people who present with an immediate need for support with food.

For further information in the meantime please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-500m-support-forvulnerable-households-over-winter>

Chichester Local Plan Area – 5 Year Housing Land Supply 2021 – 2026

The updated position as at 1 April 2021 has now been published on the Council's website <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/24661/Housing-land-supply>.

This demonstrates a housing land supply of 5.3 years. Also published is a Critical Friend Review completed by Lambert Smith Hampton, who were commissioned by the council to review the draft position statement and to also prepare evidence to support the council's position

CDC Staffing changes

Starters

Dainah Websdale – Waste Services Officer (Maternity Cover) –
CCS Nicola Hussey – Recycling Projects Officer –
CCS Sarah Cook – Admin Assistant – Parking Services
Dale Gomez – Team Leader – Customer Services
Linda Kennedy – Customer Services Officer – Customer Services
Kerry Burton-Barker – Social Prescriber (Maternity Cover) - Wellbeing

Leavers

Sally Davis – Accountancy Assistant – Finance
Linda Grange – Divisional Manager – Housing
Stephanie Evans – Environmental Co-Ordinator – Environmental Strategy

Surgery Dates 2022

Saturday 22nd January 2022 – The Half Moon, Northchapel 12pm – 2pm
Saturday 5th February 2022 – Plaistow Stores, Plaistow 11am – 1pm
Saturday 19th February 2022 – Old Mill Café, Wisborough Green 11am – 1pm
Saturday 5th March 2022 – The Stag Inn, Balls Cross 12pm – 2pm
Saturday 19th March 2022 – The Onslow Arms, Loxwood 12pm- 2pm

