

West Sussex County Councillor report Stedham Parish Council 7th Jan 2021

Covid

Sussex declared a major incident yesterday to maximise the response to high and increasing rates of infection across Sussex so that public services can make exceptional preparations for a potentially worsening situation. Same decision taken by other local resilience forums in the South East

Latest data – 5,126 new cases in West Sussex for the 7 days up to 31st December

518 in Chichester District – 427.6/ 100000

Vaccination – on 15th December – 8 GP Led vaccination services went live.

None in Chichester District but since there is a vaccination hub at St Richards vaccinating care home staff and NHS staff and there is now a GP hub in Pulborough calling the over 80s.

Beware vaccine phone call scams – the scam is to ring and ask the individual to press a button their phone if they want the vaccine or give their card number. The vaccination service will not ask for any of these actions.

I have submitted my forms to join the team of vaccinators.

WSCC Budget

To date the Council has identified £20.2m efficiencies and savings leaving a further £23.4m to find.

No decisions have been made yet – Budget cabinet meeting where decisions to be confirmed 22nd Jan.

Full council 10th December

Ethical investment motion – passed unanimously

Children's services

Improvement pathway announcement – the Children's services are making progress – WSCC have been told they can continue to run these services for another year. Prior to this announcement the plan was for these services to be separated from the Council and to be run by an independent Trust.