

Hampshire County Councillor: Winchester Downlands Cllr Jan Warwick

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2018

Background

The population of Hampshire is 1,353,350 (2016) making it the third most populous county in England. 85% is rural and 15% urban.

Budget

HCC's revenue budget of £2.0bn (2018/19) includes:

- £860m for Education
- £628m for social care and services for children and adults
- £53m for Public Health
- £143m for Highways, Transport, Economic Development and Waste

Plus a capital programme of £540m over three years (2018-2021) for extra care housing, additional school places and new schools.

Financial Challenges

HCC's total grant loss since 2010/11 has been £219m

Reductions of £140m are required by 2019/20 to meet anticipated grant reductions, pressures from social care and the National Living Wage

2018/19 adult social care pressures are £23m and the 3% adult social care precept from Council Tax will raise an extra £17m

For 2018/19 HCC still has the second lowest Council Tax of any county council.

School Admissions

Primary School Admissions 2017

91% of children in Hampshire were offered a place at their first choice primary school and 98% at one of their preferred schools

Secondary School Admissions 2018

92% of children applying in year 7 were allocated a place at their first choice school and 98% at one of their preferred schools.

Road Maintenance and Operation Resilience

Over 5300 miles of road are maintained by HCC. £10m is invested annually on planned maintenance on top of government funding. The government recently awarded an additional £3m for repairs following the poor weather.

Sites of road works and road maintenance are listed on the HCC website where problems can also be reported:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance>

Broadband

There is currently 93% coverage of superfast broadband across Hampshire. The programme will get this to 97.4% by the end of 2019. The £1m Community Match Funding and Better Broadband schemes are proving popular. Applicants benefit from HCC match funding up to 50% of a superfast solution eg satellite technology or fixed wireless solutions. You can get further information here

<https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/>