

Hampshire County Councillor: Winchester Downlands Cllr Jan Warwick

Annual Parish Meeting Report 2020

Facts and Figures Hampshire's population is 1,376,300 (2018) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire CC maintains 5400 miles of roads, 4300 miles pavements, 133,000 streetlights, 481 schools, 45 libraries, 3 Discovery Centres and 1 e-library, 16 care homes with 960 beds for older people, 9 residential homes for children and young people, 24 Household Waste Centres and 5 Country Parks. Every year 94% of all household waste is diverted from landfill (40% recycled) is burnt for energy and powers 50,000 homes. Every day 454,000 people travel to work by car or van, 86,000 bus journeys are made, and 4% journeys are by train. More than half of Hampshire's EU citizens have signed up to the Government's EU settlement scheme.

Public Health -Coronavirus (Covid-19) Hampshire County Council continues support vulnerable residents during the Coronavirus outbreak. Hampshire residents can stay up to date with the latest information and guidance on gov.uk/coronavirus

The Hampshire County Council helpline is up and running for frail or vulnerable residents who do not have support from families, friends or their local community, and who need urgent assistance with essential food or household supplies, collection of medication, or who are at risk of loneliness.

The Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline – Hantshelp4vulnerable - can be contacted on **0333 370 4000**. The helpline is available seven days a week, from 9am-5pm.

Budget (2020-21) includes spending £2.1 billion on delivering important public services 1.3 million residents during the next financial year. One-off investment is pledged for tackling climate change (up to £2 million) and an extra £2 million each year for fixing potholes, with an additional £3 million for 2020/21. This is on top of the £10 million spent annually on Operation Resilience - the long-term strategy to ensure Hampshire's road network is more resilient to the impact of heavy traffic and worsening winters.

Social care pressures top the list of priorities with number of people aged 75+ in Hampshire increasing by almost a third over the next few years. The County Council agreed a 3.99% increase in the council tax precept from 1 April 2020 – of which 2% is specifically for adult social care. Hampshire is still the 2nd lowest council tax of all counties in England.

HCC will also propose major investment in Hampshire's economy, jobs and the quality of the environment - with projects totalling £386.5 million over the next three years.

Schemes include:

£94.8 million for new and extended school buildings in Hampshire to ensure a school place for every child in Hampshire – and 19,100 new school places by September 2023

£115.8 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire

£830,000 to deal with the impact of ash die back disease

£3.2m LED Street lighting replacement scheme

£45.8 million for integrated transport schemes including over £10 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements

Climate Change Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to climate change and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050. The **2050 Hampshire Commission of Enquiry** placed climate change and the environment as its top priority. In the budget HCC pledged £2m towards climate change measures in addition to the capital schemes outlined above. HCC is aware its greatest leadership and influence will be achieved by working in partnership with the District, City and Parish Councils, businesses and communities. At a household level HCC is supporting the county-wide Greening Campaign -this aims to find simple solutions around reducing and measuring power consumption, insulating housing stock, reducing water usage, sourcing local food, community travel and renewable energy schemes. Parish representatives will be invited to attend our regular climate change briefing events.

If you would like to adopt a tree at **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens**, then please call the team on 01794 369318

Schools 2019 GCSE performance statistics confirmed that Hampshire pupils continue to perform better than their peers nationally at the end of year 11 along with over 90% of our schools being judged as good or outstanding by Ofsted.

Councillor Grants Over the past year I supported the following local causes in my Division with grants. My grant fund is now open to support community projects across my Division. For further information please email me on jan.warwick@hants.gov.uk

Voices for Hospices Fundraising Choir

Citizens Advice Bureau Winchester

West Dever News

Friends of Otterbourne Primary School

Winchester Pavilion Project

Speed Control sign -Badger Farm

Winchester GoLD charity (supporting adults with learning disability)

Winchester Goalball Club (Sports club for the partially sighted)

Oliver's Battery Recreation Ground Project

Wessex Cancer Trust (Winchester)

Sparrowgrove and Oakwood Copse Conservation

Hursley Youth Football Club

Joyful Jams (Participatory Arts for Dementia groups)

Winchester Street Reach workshops