

## Hampshire County Councillor: Annual Report 2025

**HCC budget 2025-26** The County Council's budget for the next financial year has been approved by the council. This budget covers £3.1 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents. Hampshire County Council employs around 37,000 staff across the following areas:

**Children's Social Care -supporting 11400 children (£384m)**

**Adults' Health and Care -supporting 20,000 residents (£791m)**

**Public Health**

**Waste Disposal (diverting more than 94% of our waste from landfill) (£66m)**

**Education -supporting 135,000 pupils in 450 schools (£1,192.9m Government ringfenced)**

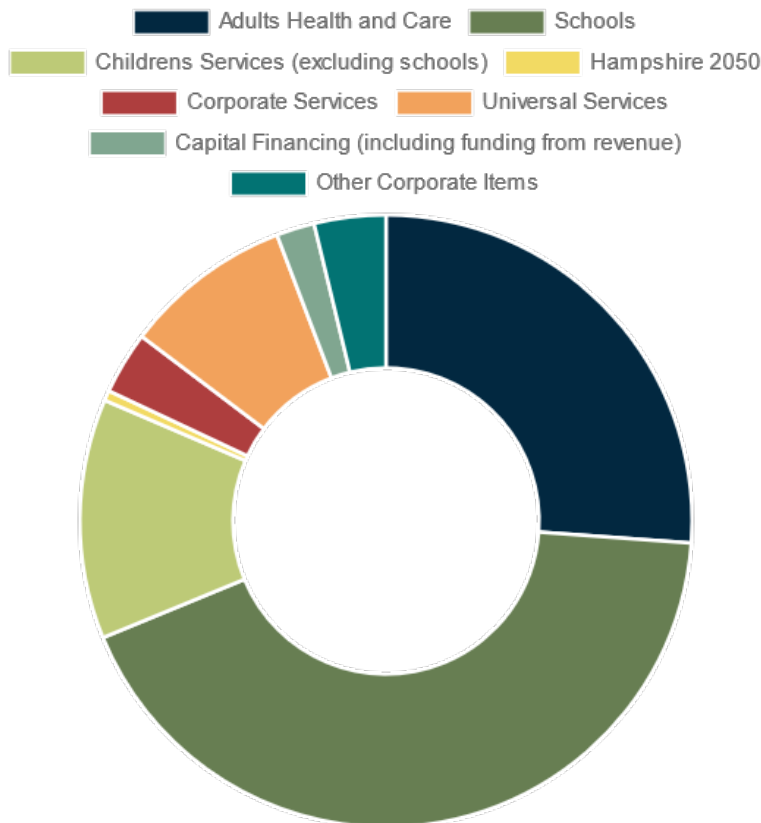
**Economic Development and Skills**

**Transport infrastructure 5,500 miles of roads and 1750 bridges (£42.5m)**

**Countryside managing 3600 hectares of land**

**Registration -births, deaths and ceremonies.**

### Where the budget is spent



### The Financial Challenge

Care Home residents needing financial support increase by **360 people/year £18.7m extra**

Cost of SEN transport has increased from **£8m to £75m** over last 10 years

**The 5% council tax increase raises £40.1m**

## **Devolution and the Mayoral Combined Authority**

Mayoral Combined Authority -new regional duties in transport and infrastructure, housing and planning, economic development and investment, post-16 skills, environment, health and wellbeing, public safety.

- A seat at the national table
- New funding and investment (economic and transport)
- Local energy planning
- Strategic housing delivery

## **Local Government Reorganisation**

Current (three Solent unitary authorities), Hampshire County Council and 11 District Councils to new single tier of unitary councils, based around anchor areas serving a population of around 500,000. Options range from two (940 population), three (625,000 population) to four (470,000 population) mainland unitary councils.

## **Guiding Principles**

- Quality
- Minimising Risk
- Financially Sustainable
- Enable Local identity and equity
- Using anchor institutions/areas

## **Timetable**

- September 2025 Final Plans submitted
- May 2026 Mayoral Election
- May 2027 Unitary Authority Elections
- May 2028 Unitary Authorities go live

## **Grants**

My budget for the financial year 24/2025 included some of the following projects. Thank you to all the voluntary groups making a real difference in our community.

Applicant	Project
Sparsholt Parish Hall	£900 Wood Floor Cleaner
Otterbourne Parish	£500 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary D-Day event
Play to the Crowd	£500 Winchester Hat Fair
Littleton Junior Football	£500 Defibrillator
Oliver's Battery Parish	£400 Clothing recycle & exchange
Southern Voices	£350 Schools' Music Workshop
Compton Primary School PTA	£1000 Playground equipment

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