

Hampshire County Council Report

Cllr Andrew Gibson May 2019

HCC change of Leadership Former RAF pilot and MP, Councillor Keith Mans has been elected as the new County Council Leader and Councillor Charles Choudhary has been elected as Chairman (the Civic Head of Hampshire County Council). It follows the announcement by former Leader, Councillor Roy Perry that he was stepping down from the role after six years.

Climate Change Cabinet Meeting A meeting dedicated to considering how Hampshire County Council can reduce its carbon emissions to zero will be arranged over the coming weeks. This will be an opportunity to consider carbon reduction targets across Hampshire - from schools, farms, traffic and transport through to waste and recycling.

Streetlights Hampshire County Council has had a programme of energy reduction around street lighting over recent years with a 50% reduction in consumption and a 66% reduction in carbon emissions since 2010. Although lights have been dimmed in residential areas overnight since 2012 a three-hour switch off between the hours of 0100 and 0400 came into force on 1st April. The decision was supported by the Clear Skies campaign following a public consultation in 2018.

Streetlights are controlled centrally; exclude Principal Routes (A to C class roads), town centres, and roads with traffic calming, subways, crossings and illuminated traffic signs. Hampshire Constabulary were consulted on the proposals and asked to comment on those areas where lights should be left on. However it is early days in the programme and changes can be made as necessary as the streetlights can be individually controlled via a central system.

Use of Large Commercial Vehicles or Trailers at HWRCs Hampshire residents can use a van, pick-up or trailer longer than 1.8m to transport their own household waste for disposal, while restricting use of the sites for commercial purposes from 1st June with a permit. The permit will cost £15 and will be valid for 12 months or 12 visits, and provides access for vans and larger vehicles at any of the 24 HWRCs across Hampshire. Separate arrangements are in place at Hampshire's HWRCs for traders and businesses to dispose of commercial waste on a chargeable basis, depending on the scale and type of waste. All HWRCs have an accessible parking bay for blue badge holders. Blue badge holders will also now require a permit if they wish to use a larger commercial-type vehicle for their household waste.

Residents wishing to apply for a permit can do so at: www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/wastepermits
Information on commercial waste charges for businesses is available at: www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/commercialwaste

Highways See attached the report from Tim Lawton, the Head of Highways.