

Update from Hampshire County Council – July 2021

A new Chief Executive for Hampshire Carolyn Williamson has been selected to serve as the new Chief Executive for the Council. Carolyn joined HCC in 2010 and has worked as the Chief Financial Officer. She now steps up to become the new Chief Executive.

Rural Broadband On 22nd July there is a Rural Broadband meeting with a presentation from Glen Peacy of HCC. You should have received an invitation from Emma Horbury who looks after the TVAPTC on behalf of TVBC

Balancing the HCC budget Local authorities are required by law to deliver a balanced budget – which means they cannot spend more than is available. However, growing demand for local services, particularly social care, and the absence of multi-year funding from the Government means that Hampshire County Council continues to face a total budget shortfall of at least £80 million over the next two years (2022/23 and 2023/24).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/balancing-the-budget>

Glass recycling at local centres Its no longer possible to recycle glass bottles at the HWRC in Andover or at Timsbury. However, the local recycling facilities are available that do, and details can be found here:

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recycling>

Waste Less Applications for the Hampshire Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund are invited from now until 6 September 2021. The fund is open to community, neighbourhood, voluntary groups, parish, and town councils. Applicants should discuss their ideas with the County Council's Waste Prevention Team before applying - email waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk to arrange an informal discussion.

Grants are available for community projects which will introduce a new waste prevention, reuse or repair service to the local area - to help build a network of waste prevention services across the county.

Full details of what can and cannot be funded, as well how to apply, are available online at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210628CommWastePrevGrnt>

Climate Change Hampshire County Council's Cabinet are proposing a one off **£1.2m** spend on internal climate change pilot projects with a strong educational focus. These include decarbonisation of fleet vehicles (switching to electric or vegetable oil), additional tree planting, landscape regeneration, expansion of LED and solar PV installations. Many of these will be public facing to include the **Sir Harold Hillier's Climate Change Frontier Garden, the climate positive carbon negative River Hamble Country Park, and the food waste station at Royal Victoria County Park.**

Public Health Consultation is proposing to re-focus the budget to support the public health work across the Local Authority but deliver key mandated services. The consultation focuses on a series of potential changes within the four service areas, including reducing the number of premises from which services are delivered, staffing levels in commissioned services, a reduction in behaviour change campaigns, and a digital-only offer for some elements of support. The consultation is open from midday on 14 June 2021 and closes at 11:59pm on 9 August 2021. https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/15062021_healthconsultation

Parliamentary Boundary Change Proposals the Boundary Commission for England is conducting a review of parliamentary constituencies. If you wish to comment upon these proposals, you can do so on the Boundary Commission website before Monday 6th August <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk/>

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