

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROB HUMBY'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

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New County Council Cabinet Portfolios

Adult's Health and Care:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Liz Fairhurst; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Jan Warwick

Children's Services:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Edward Heron; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Steve Forster

Universal Services:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Nick Adams-King; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Russell Oppenheimer

Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services

- Leader, Cllr Rob Humby; and
- Deputy Leader, Cllr Roz Chadd

HR, Performance, Communications and Inclusion and Diversity

- Executive Member, Cllr Kirsty North

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO PROVIDE YOUR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF SOME LOCAL SERVICES AS STEPS BY THE AUTHORITY TO HELP MEET A £132 MILLION BUDGET SHORTFALL BY APRIL 2025

[Residents' views sought on proposals for future services in Hampshire | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/Residents-views-sought-on-proposals-for-future-services-in-Hampshire)

VIEWS WANTED ON PROPOSED UPDATED HAMPSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN

Residents, businesses, public organisations, the voluntary sector and other stakeholders are being asked to comment on an updated Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan – the 'Proposed Submission Plan' – ahead of the Plan's examination by the Government's Planning Inspectorate

[Views wanted on proposed updated Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/Views-wanted-on-proposed-updated-Hampshire-Minerals-and-Waste-Plan)

TRANSFORMING COUNTY COUNCIL IN-HOUSE RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING CARE

Final recommendations have been published relating to proposals to transform the County Council's in-house residential and nursing accommodation for older people to better meet the future requirements of a growing elderly population with increasing needs, including complex dementia and nursing care

[Transforming County Council in-house residential and nursing care | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/Transforming-County-Council-in-house-residential-and-nursing-care)

GREEN LIGHT FOR CHANGES TO SCHOOL AND POST-16 TRANSPORT POLICIES

Changes designed to make Hampshire County Council's School Transport Policy more flexible and responsive to individual children's needs have been given the seal of approval. Councillor Edward Heron, the County Council's Cabinet Lead Member for Children's Services, agreed the changes at his Decision Day on Friday 19 January

[Green light for changes to School and Post-16 Transport Policies | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/Green-light-for-changes-to-School-and-Post-16-Transport-Policies)

MORE THAN 5,000 NEW SCHOOL PLACES ON HORIZON FOR HAMPSHIRE OVER NEXT THREE YEARS

A proposed major investment of £242 million could create 5,312 extra school places in Hampshire by September 2027

[More than 5,000 new school places on horizon for Hampshire over next three years | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/more-than-5000-new-school-places-on-horizon-for-hampshire-over-next-three-years)

LOVING HOMES NEEDED IN HAMPSHIRE FOR CHILDREN SEEKING REFUGE

Hampshire County Council is renewing its call for vitally needed foster carers to support vulnerable children seeking refuge in the UK

[Loving homes needed in Hampshire for children seeking refuge | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/loving-homes-needed-in-hampshire-for-children-seeking-refuge)

WORK SET TO START SOON ON WALKING AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS AT ROMSEY ROAD JUNCTION WITH CLIFTON TERRACE, WINCHESTER

A package of measures to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle at a busy Winchester junction will be installed from early February. This includes a new traffic signal-controlled 'puffin' pedestrian crossing on the Romsey Road junction with Clifton Terrace

[Work set to start soon on walking and cycling improvements at Romsey Road junction with Clifton Terrace, Winchester | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/work-set-to-start-soon-on-walking-and-cycling-improvements-at-romsey-road-junction-with-clifton-terrace)

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SETS OUT £2.6BN SPENDING PLANS FOR LOCAL SERVICES IN 2024/25

Spending proposals for 2024/25, totalling £2.6bn, to keep delivering hundreds of local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents will be considered by Hampshire County Council's Cabinet

[Hampshire County Council sets out £2.6bn spending plans for local services in 2024/25 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/hampshire-county-council-sets-out-2.6bn-spending-plans-for-local-services-in-2024-25)

TIME TO TALK DAY : LET'S 'CHAT ABOUT' MENTAL HEALTH

Hampshire County Council is taking the opportunity of Time to Talk Day to remind residents about its Chat About scheme in libraries, which aims to help people connect with others to alleviate loneliness and improve wellbeing

[Time to Talk Day: Let's 'Chat About' mental health | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/time-to-talk-day-lets-chat-about-mental-health)

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMPIONS NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2024

Hampshire businesses are being offered practical advice and support to ensure their workforce is equipped with skills that will be needed for the future by accessing funded training and in developing high quality apprenticeships

[Hampshire County Council champions National Apprenticeship Week 2024 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-county-council-champions-national-apprenticeship-week-2024)

HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS SQUASH VEG MYTHS IN FOOD CHALLENGE

Primary school children across Hampshire are being encouraged to put their gnashers to work defeating vegetables - one big bite at a time

[Hampshire schools squash veg myths in food challenge | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-schools-squash-veg-myths-in-food-challenge)

GREEN AND THRIFTY FORTNIGHT – LEARN HOW TO SAVE MONEY AND HELP THE PLANET TOO!

Hampshire Library Service is launching its first ever Green and thrifty Fortnight this month (10-24 February), with lots of free climate-friendly events designed to help save money

[Green and Thrifty Fortnight – learn how to save money and help the planet too! | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/green-and-thrifty-fortnight-learn-how-to-save-money-and-help-the-planet-too)

HAVE YOUR SAY – HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE PROPOSALS

A statement from Councillor Rob Humby, Leader of Hampshire County Council, encouraging residents to give their views on the Future Services Consultation, including proposals on Household Waste Recycling Centres

[Have your say - Household Waste Recycling Centre proposals | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR COMMUNITY PANTRY GRANTS

Hampshire County Council is inviting funding applications from organisations wishing to open community pantries in areas in need, or to support an existing community pantry that helps provide families with food

[Applications now open for community pantry grants | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Services provided by Hampshire County Council include:

- [Education and Learning](#) including supporting Hampshire schools. (excluding privately run Academy Schools)
- [Services for children and families](#) including adoption and fostering, safeguarding, and support for young people.
- [Maintenance of Hampshire's roads](#) (except motorways and trunk roads which are the responsibility of National Highways), [licensing](#) for providers who need to work on the highway, and support for operators of [public transport](#).
- [Planning](#) applications for mineral extraction, waste management and public buildings.
- Provision of [social care and health](#) in Hampshire.
- The [Hampshire Library Service](#).
- The [Countryside Service](#), looking after [rights of way](#), and many of the county's [important green spaces](#)
- [Household Waste Recycling Centres](#) where residents can dispose of unwanted items. (District, borough or city councils manage kerbside household waste collections)
- [Trading Standards](#), ensuring fair trading in Hampshire, by supporting the county's businesses and protecting Hampshire consumers.

District, borough and city councils

District, borough and city councils provide services such as:

- Household waste collection
- Domestic planning applications
- Council Tax collection
- Housing

[Find your local district or borough council](#)

Parish, community and town councils

These councils operate at a level below district and borough councils and in some cases, unitary authorities.

They are elected and can help on a number of local issues, like providing:

- allotments
- public clocks
- bus shelters
- community centres
- play areas and play equipment
- grants to help local organisations
- consultation on neighbourhood planning