

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROB HUMBY'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

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HWRC Booking System

At my Decision Day on 27 January, I approved the retention of the booking system indefinitely at all Hampshire County Council managed HWRCs to support the management of customer demand and operations processes. The booking system, while introduced as a COVID measure, has proved adept at supporting operation and management activities at HWRCs through a predictable consistent throughput of customers and waste tonnages. The booking system has also proved popular with the public who appreciate that they can book a slot at a convenient time and attend the site safe in the knowledge they will not have to wait in a queue.

Further year's funding agreed to keep community transport services on the road

With the COVID-19 pandemic still having an impact on levels of all public and community transport use across the county, Hampshire County Council has agreed to maintain contract payments for community transport operators at 100% from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

[Further year's funding agreed to keep community transport services on the road | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Highways

It was an unusual and mixed pattern of weather last month, with persistent rainfall not going unnoticed by many. While there were fewer salt runs than we might usually see in a typical December, Highways crews remained on standby, as ever, to deal with issues such as fallen branches and excess surface water, always to keep Hampshire moving. Statistics for last month reflect the absence of any carriageway treatments as none were planned for December, also the short Christmas shutdown when no non-emergency routine maintenance work took place. With further occurrences of heavy rain, followed by spells of freezing temperatures, likely we are now bracing ourselves for the inevitable increase in road defects being reported in February, prompted by freeze thaw cycles that can accelerate surface deterioration.

Reporting road defects online is always incredibly helpful to us and it remains the most effective and efficient way of ensuring reports are properly logged and prioritised for attention. The system we use also enables the status of reports to be tracked. Road defects can be reported online via:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

Maintaining momentum towards a County Deal

Following publication of Government's Levelling-Up White Paper (Wednesday 2 February), work continues across Hampshire and the surrounding areas to further explore options for a possible County Deal – with a focus on benefitting local communities, by bringing decisions and powers closer to people and places.

[Maintaining momentum towards a County Deal | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](http://hants.gov.uk)

Preparations underway to welcome HRH The Prince of Wales to Winchester at start of Jubilee year

Hampshire County Council is preparing to welcome His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales to Winchester next Thursday 10 February – marking the start of the Authority's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022.

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Views wanted on proposed changes to Hampshire's home to school travel service

Hampshire County Council wants to hear what people think of two proposed changes to arrangements for its Home to School Transport Service

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Upcoming HCC meetings

Cabinet 8 February

County Council Budget Meeting 17 February