

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROB HUMBY'S REPORT MARCH 2023

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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

Majority of Hampshire pupils offered preferred choice of secondary school

More than 97 per cent of parents in Hampshire have been offered a place for their child, at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2023.

[Majority of Hampshire pupils offered preferred choice of secondary school | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/majority-of-hampshire-pupils-offered-preferred-choice-of-secondary-school)

Hampshire to increase payments for all Homes for Ukraine hosts

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Cllr Rob Humby, has announced that the Local Authority will be increasing the payments made to all Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme from £350 to £500 per month from March.

[Hampshire to increase payments for all Homes for Ukraine hosts | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/hampshire-to-increase-payments-for-all-homes-for-ukraine-hosts)

Hampshire County Council approves £2.6 billion spending on services to Hampshire residents in 2023/24

£2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents in 2023/24 has been approved by Hampshire County Council.

[Hampshire County Council approves £2.6 billion spending on services to Hampshire residents in 2023/24 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/hampshire-county-council-approves-2.6-billion-spending-on-services-to-hampshire-residents-in-2023-24)

Report shows free festive food and fun reached more families than ever

More than 5,000 vulnerable children across Hampshire enjoyed hot meals and fun over the Christmas holidays thanks to the County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

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Fun-packed campaign challenges children to 'defeat' veg at mealtimes

Hampshire schoolchildren are once again being encouraged to tuck into their 'monstrous' vegetables as part of the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign.

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Consultation opens on proposed change to Post-16 Transport Policy

Hampshire County Council is seeking residents' and stakeholders' views on its proposed Post-16 Transport Policy for 2023/24.

[Consultation opens on proposed change to Post-16 Transport Policy | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

River Test footbridge opens picturesque walking route between Tufton and Whitchurch

Residents can now once again walk and run between Tufton and Whitchurch across the River Test following the completion by Hampshire County Council of a brand-new footbridge replacing a previous structure that had been closed due to its condition.

[River Test footbridge opens picturesque walking route between Tufton and Whitchurch | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Helping Hampshire residents live a healthier lifestyle

A new weight loss programme has been launched to help Hampshire residents reach their target weight and improve their wellbeing.

[Helping Hampshire residents live a healthier lifestyle | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Hampshire County Council champions skills for life in National Apprenticeship Week

Hampshire County Council is taking to the road to promote greater awareness of the training opportunities for local people by spreading the word about apprenticeships to employers across the county and beyond.

[Hampshire County Council champions skills for life in National Apprenticeship Week | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Essential engineering work to start in March to replace Tunbridge on Garnier Road in Winchester

Hampshire County Council has announced plans for a £1.4m scheme to replace the road over the 100-year-old Tunbridge, in Garnier Road, Winchester. This significant and complex engineering project will be delivered over a nine-month period from March to November 2023.

[Essential engineering work to start in March to replace Tunbridge on Garnier Road in Winchester | 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