COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROB HUMBY'S REPORT DECEMBER 2022

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New County Council Cabinet Portfolios

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At a meeting of the full County Council today, the Local Authority announced details of the following Executive Member structure and their revised portfolios, effective from 1 January 2023.

Along with the Leader, these roles make up the County Council's Cabinet, who make decisions together on strategic issues. Each Executive Member on the Cabinet is responsible and publicly accountable for decisions made on the council services that are within their portfolio. These changes are designed to ensure the Local Authority is strongly placed to respond to present and future challenges.

Adults' 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

Cllr Kirsty North will continue as Cabinet Member for **HR**, **Performance**, **Communications and Inclusion and Diversity**.

£3 million Romsey Town Centre improvements win prestigious awards

Planning, design and construction of an historic town's central space, by Hampshire County Council, has been recognised after a place making scheme was crowned Solent's best new public space by both judges and Hampshire residents

£3 million Romsey Town Centre improvements win prestigious awards | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

County Council agrees Passenger Transport Budget for 2023

Hampshire County Council has agreed recommendations for reducing bus and community transport funding that aim to keep vital bus and community transport services running, while achieving savings of £800,000 in the next financial year (from 1 April 2023)

County Council agrees Passenger Transport Budget for 2023 | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

Worried about money? Help is on hand

To coincide with this year's Talk Money Week (7-10 November 2022), Hampshire County Council is encouraging people who are worried about their financial situation to seek help

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Have your say on Minerals and Waste Plan Updates

Hampshire's five minerals and waste planning authorities are asking residents, local groups and businesses to help scrutinise proposed changes to Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan to ensure that, in line with current legislation, it will continue to ensure provision of a steady and adequate supply of minerals and sufficient waste infrastructure, as well as maintain communities, protect the local environment and address the impacts of climate change

<u>Have your say on Minerals and Waste Plan Updates | Hampshire County Council</u> (hants.gov.uk)

Strategy to improve transport links in the New Forest Waterside area agreed

A strategy and action plan has been agreed for future improvements to roads and transport in the Waterside area of the New Forest - helping to make bus journey times more reliable and expanding opportunities for people to walk and cycle for local trips

<u>Strategy to improve transport links in the New Forest Waterside area agreed |</u> Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

County Council Leader's grants to benefit Hampshire Community spaces

Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Rob Humby has today awarded £58,500 in grants to three Hampshire community organisations in Alton, the New Forest, and Shedfield, helping each to thrive and become more sustainable

County Council Leader's grants to benefit Hampshire community spaces | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

Good pace keeps south Hampshire walking and cycling improvements on track

It will soon be easier for residents to walk and cycle for local journeys thanks to 22 improvement schemes on footways, cycleways and road crossings across south Hampshire, all funded by the Government's Transforming Cities Fund which enables investment in local infrastructure to support more active forms of travel in place of private car journeys

Good pace keeps south Hampshire walking and cycling improvements on track | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

<u>Getting Hampshire moving – plans approved to enable more people to walk and cycle in Hampshire</u>

Plans for measures to help increase walking and cycling in the first six areas of Hampshire have been approved by Hampshire County Council

Getting Hampshire moving – plans approved to enable more people to walk and cycle in Hampshire | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

<u>Local Government's looming financial crisis: County Leaders rally to press for urgent Government action</u>

The Leaders of two of the largest upper tier councils in the country, Hampshire County Council and Kent County Council, are calling on the Prime Minister and Government to take urgent action to address the looming financial crisis facing upper tier local government over the next few years

<u>Local Government's looming financial crisis: County Leaders rally to press for urgent Government action | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)</u>

Going above and beyond – celebrating the success of Hampshire's sixth-form and college students

Hampshire students who completed A and T Level courses this year have achieved higher grades in their qualifications than many of those nationally, according to provisional data from the Department for Education (DfE)

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Millions more to be spent on help for vulnerable households this winter

Hampshire's most vulnerable residents will not be left out in the cold this winter, thanks to a range of measures to help people with the costs of food, fuel and other essentials

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<u>Hampshire schools, libraries and museums benefit from County Council</u> energy efficiency programme

Hundreds of public buildings such as schools, libraries and museums have been made more energy efficient thanks to the installation of solar panels, double glazing, and modern heating systems. This follows the completion of a Hampshire County Council initiative to cut carbon emissions which has also helped to mitigate the impact of rising energy costs

Hampshire schools, libraries and museums benefit from County Council energy efficiency programme | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

<u>Hampshire to make additional Christmas payments to Homes for Ukraine hosts and guests</u>

Councillor Rob Humby, Leader of Hampshire County Council, has today announced that the Local Authority will be making an extra one-off £250 payment to Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme this Christmas, and £200 per Ukrainian guest to support them over the holiday period

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It's time to team up against domestic abuse

This year, White Ribbon Day (Friday 25 November 2022) falls during the same week as the start of the FIFA men's World Cup – a time when incidents of domestic abuse and violence increase

It's time to team up against domestic abuse | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

<u>Free activities and food for Hampshire's most vulnerable children this Christmas</u>

An exciting programme of free activity schemes is set to lighten the additional pressures that Christmas brings for low-income and vulnerable families

<u>Free activities and food for Hampshire's most vulnerable children this Christmas |</u> Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

Hampshire Highways boost for greener highways maintenance

Hampshire Highways' ability to increase its recycling capacity, for highway maintenance operations, has been boosted with the addition of a specialist vehicle to its fleet

<u>Hampshire Highways boost for greener highways maintenance | Hampshire County</u> Council (hants.gov.uk)

<u>Proposals for the future management of Titchfield Haven National Nature</u> <u>Reserve to be considered</u>

Proposals will be considered by Hampshire County Council in relation to Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve on Thursday 8 December

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Services provided by Hampshire County Council include:

- <u>Education and Learning</u> including supporting Hampshire schools. (excluding privately run Academy Schools)
- <u>Services for children and families</u> including adoption and fostering, safeguarding, and support for young people.
- <u>Maintenance of Hampshire's roads</u> (except motorways and trunk roads which are the responsibility of National Highways), <u>licensing</u> for providers who need to work on the highway, and support for operators of public transport.
- <u>Planning</u> applications for mineral extraction, waste management and public buildings.
- Provision of <u>social care and health</u> in Hampshire.
- The Hampshire Library Service.
- The <u>Countryside Service</u>, looking after <u>rights of way</u>, 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)
- <u>Trading Standards</u>, 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

They also have the power to issue fixed penalty fines for things like:

- litter
- graffiti
- fly posting
- dog offences

Other governing bodies

- Fire and Rescue Authority
- Police and Crime Panel
- The Hampshire Partnership
- Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire
- New Forest National Park Authorities

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes

Tree/hedge problems:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge

Flooding/drainage issues:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding