



Future Services Consultation

Tell us your views on ideas for changes to some local services

Have your say by 31 March 2024

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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:

Fly-tipping is a big concern for Hampshire residents and appreciate that it is an issue that is being linked to the County Council's current Future Services Consultation. The consultation sets out 13 cost reduction proposals which could help towards closing a £132m budget shortfall we expect by April 2025. Like many councils nationally, Hampshire County Council is also facing huge budget pressures in future as costs go up and more people need local services - particularly social care to protect children at risk of harm or abuse, supporting more older people and children and adults with disabilities and additional needs.

Tough decisions on what we can continue to deliver from April 2025 need to be taken. To ensure we can provide HWRCs that continue to meet people's needs and make the most of public money, please have your say and take part in the public consultation which is open until to 31 March 2024. Visit www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation."

Nine out of ten Year 6 pupils offered first preference secondary school in Hampshire

More than 98 per cent of parents in Hampshire (14,312) have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2024

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place for September 2024 by the application deadline, 90.71 per cent (13,232) have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 14,587 on-time applications this year – a decrease of 306 on-time applications compared to the number received for places in September 2023 (14,893).

A set of Frequently Asked Questions to help with parents' queries has been published on the Admissions webpages. This includes information on school transport assistance which may be available in certain circumstances, where the national eligibility criteria are met (application deadline 31 May).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240301secondaryadmissions>

Council Leaders receive assurances from Southern Water

Council leaders in Hampshire have collectively invited Southern Water to meet with them to explain how they are working to improve their services and to ensure reliable water supplies for the county's residents.

Update from Hampshire County Council – March 2024

At the meeting it was also agreed to set up further meetings between the County Council and Southern Water colleagues to further support the ongoing improvement of services to customers in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240227SouthernWaterMtgLdr>

County Council Trading Standards welcomes successful prosecution of fraudulent roofing trader

Hampshire County Council has welcomed the successful prosecution of a rogue trader who has been sentenced for roofing fraud to the value of £642,850.320 involving 29 properties across Hampshire, West Sussex and the Isle of Wight

Following a detailed investigation by the County Council's Trading Standards officers, Lawrence Martin, aged 36, of Burnham Chase in Southampton, was sentenced for five years in jail Wednesday February 21, 2024 at Southampton Crown Court in connection to three counts of fraudulent activity. The Judge also imposed a Criminal Behaviour Order for ten years prohibiting the defendant from undertaking various activities. Mr Martin, trading as CLJ Roofing Limited, as well operating as a sole trader, had pleaded guilty on 20 October 2023 to the crime of fraud by false representation, participating in a fraudulent business, and carrying on the business of a limited company for a fraudulent purpose. The charges related to the provision of roofing and other general building maintenance works carried out at the properties. During the work, Mr Martin made false claims to the homeowners about the necessity of the work being undertaken, the value of the work, and that payments made had been used to purchase materials when they had not.

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<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240222TradingStandardsCourtCase>

A budget to serve the people of Hampshire - County Council approves £2.6bn spending on local services for residents in 2024/25

£2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents in 2024/25 has been approved by Hampshire County Council.

From 1 April 2024, Hampshire County Council's portion of council tax will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care and supporting the county's higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities - in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,533.24 for a Band D property – an increase of £72.99 per year or approximately £1.40 a week.

The increase will generate an extra £39 million of vital income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2024/25, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/22022024HCCBudget2024-25>

Hampshire's young people encouraged to make their mark through consultation on campaigning issues

Hampshire's young people are being asked by new Members of the Youth Parliament (MYPs) to let them know what issues matter most to them

The Forum, on Feb 14, was chaired by a Member of the Youth Parliament, encourages direct dialogue between young people and key influencers, including council leaders and Members of Parliament, and meets three times a year. The Forum, along with local youth councils across Hampshire, is open to all young people aged 11-18 who live or attend school in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240220makeyourmark>

Update from Hampshire County Council – March 2024

More transport choice and an improved built environment is at heart of new 10-year plan

A new local transport plan (LTP4) that aims to boost economic prosperity, reduce carbon pollution, help promote healthy lifestyles and build stronger communities is to be considered by Hampshire County Council



Central to LTP 4 are the following two principles, which are intended to guide what the County Council does to improve travel and transport infrastructure for the future:

To widen the choice of travel options that people can use;

To provide a transport system that puts people first and creates high quality and prosperous places.

The plan finds a balance between the movement of vehicles with the needs of people. It sets out frameworks to guide future transport planning and the policies that would be applied to create thriving and attractive places where residents can travel around easily.

Proposed schemes for further development are also included in the plan such as the roll out of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, higher quality bus services in urban areas, better quality cycle facilities, changes to our roads to reduce congestion and improvements to high streets and town centres so they are more accessible and safer for shared use by pedestrians, cyclists as well as those pushing prams and those in wheelchairs.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240208TransportPlan>

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