

Chichester Ward Councillor report

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- Government has stated that the Council Tax referendum limit for upper tier Local Authorities like WSCC is increased to 3% and 2% specifically for Adult Social Care. WSCC's Cabinet considered its Medium Term Financial Strategy at its 18 Oct meeting ([Title of report \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk)) which provides an update on its financial situation and challenges.
- WSCC's Operation Watershed Active Communities Fund continues to be available for applications to address flooding issues. Go to: [Operation Watershed - West Sussex County Council](#) for details.
- WSCC's [Enhanced Partnership Statutory Stakeholder Consultation | Your Voice West Sussex](#) is currently underway, ending on 3 January. One project being worked up is a "55x" Chichester – Littlehampton service which would go via St Richards Hospital and Barnham.
- The process for reporting highway issues has changed. Go to : [Make an enquiry or report a problem with a road or pavement - West Sussex County Council](#) .
- A consultation on a Traffic Regulation Order for on-street electric vehicle charging points ([TRO - C H I 9 0 0 2 - Chichester District, Electric vehicle charging bays \(westsussex.gov.uk\)](#)) has been undertaken which included proposals for Cherry Orchard Road; Hay Road; Little Breach; Palmers Field Avenue; West Street; Westgate.
- Water Resources South East ([Water Resources South East \(engagementhq.com\)](#)), Southern Water ([Water Resources Management Plan \(southernwater.co.uk\)](#)) and Portsmouth Water ([Have your Say Portsmouth water \(engagementhq.com\)](#)) are all consulting on their Water Resource Management Plans which extend out to a 2075 planning horizon.
- Story Rd – Lidl path improvement Community Highway Scheme has been shortlisted for the 23/24 programme subject to approval at a full County Council. If selected this potential scheme may be designed and delivered in 23/24 subject to technical assessments and detailed design, However the final decision will be subject to budget allocations and programme approval.
- Swanfield Centre bus shelter. CDC's legal position has been resolved and a2Dominion has to go through its processes so that that land can be transferred to CCC and the shelter installed using S106 funds held by WSCC;
- Continuing work to resolve Sea Cadet Unit lease issue to enable the sustainability of that Youth organisation and provide a community facility for the central Eastern edge of the City.
- Installation of new Toucan Crossing East of Drayton Lane/A259 roundabout and associated new 50mph speed limit funded by Active Travel Fund grant in support of overall project to improve the Chichester – Bognor strategic cycle route is nearing completion;

- Work continues on the Oving Road (now gone through the two phase public consultation process) and Westhampnett Road sustainable transport corridors projects, which are included in CDC's IBP CIL spending plan;
- The Bellway (former Portfield Quarry) site at Shopwyke's sewage will be going to the Tangmere treatment works instead of Apuldram as the developers had applied for;
- WSCC's Community Hub continues to provide help and advice on increasing range of subjects, including on Government grants in response to cost of living pressures;
- WSCC Community, Highways, and Environment Scrutiny Cttee scrutinised reports on Digital Crime and the proposed Speed Limit Policy at its 18th Nov meeting ([Agenda for Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee on Friday, 18 November 2022, 10.30 am \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)). Future items to come before that Cttee include previewing the Road Safety and Active Travel Strategies and updates on the Electric Vehicle and Energy Strategies and Lane Rental Policy;

and

- as always to emphasise the need for residents to report issues via Authorities online reporting facilities.