

## Chichester Ward Councillor report

### From Councillor Simon Oakley West Sussex County Council, Chichester East

Presented at the meeting of the Council of the City of Chichester  
22 February 2023

- WSCC has decided to increase Council Tax by 4.99% (including 2% specifically for Adult Social Care), the max allowed before triggering the referendum requirement. WSCC's FY23/24 Council Plan, Budget and Capital Strategy can be found at [Agenda for County Council on Friday, 17 February 2023, 10.30 am \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/Agenda-for-County-Council-on-Friday-17-February-2023-10.30-am) ). Headline details in press release included at end of this report.
- WSCC's [Decision - Bus Services Improvement Plan/Enhanced Partnership Spending Plan HT14 \(22/23\) \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/Decision-Bus-Services-Improvement-Plan/Enhanced-Partnership-Spending-Plan-HT14-22-23) has been published for the use of a £17.4M grant (of which £12M capital and £5.4 revenue). This includes a "55x" Chichester – Littlehampton service which would go via St Richards Hospital and Barnham as well as bus stop infrastructure improvements.
- The process for reporting highway issues has changed, which allows better categorisation of reports. Go to : [Make an enquiry or report a problem with a road or pavement - West Sussex County Council](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/Make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement-West-Sussex-County-Council) .
- The consultation on Traffic Regulation Orders for on-street electric vehicle charging points resulted in a number of objections for some of the proposals. Those with greater than 5 objections will not be taken forward and further work, including public engagement and on alternatives, is to be undertaken. In my Division, the scheme on Palmers Field Avenue is being installed.
- Swanfield Centre bus shelter. I continue to assist the City Council in bringing forward this project.
- Have discussed issues with LGV's along Victoria Road with local residents.
- Been involved in WSCC discussions regarding the replacement of City Centre paving. This maybe an opportunity to enable fibre to the premises for City centre properties.
- 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 has been completed.
- The Northern Shopwyke Lakes related foot/cycle bridge ramps and bridge deck are scheduled for installation in March and into April.
- Oving Road and Westhampnett Road sustainable transport corridor projects continue to have CIL funding included in CDC's IBP CIL spending plan;
- 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. More info at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/CostOfLiving](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/CostOfLiving)
- WSCC's Revised Speed Limit Policy has been approved ( [Decision - West Sussex Speed Limit Policy Review HT13 \(22/23\) \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/Decision-West-Sussex-Speed-Limit-Policy-Review-HT13-22-23) ).

- At present the Road Safety and Active Travel Strategies are scheduled to come before the Community, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Cttee in June.

and

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