

AGENDA ITEM 15

Chichester Division Councillor report

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- Chichester Park Hotel. Implications for WSCC services arising from use of this site for Home Office purposes will depend on whom the Home Office decides to locate there. Any enquiries should be directed to public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk or by calling 0207 035 4848 as this change in use is a contractual matter between the Hotel's owners and the Home Office.
- Road carriageway repairs. WSCC has changed over to a "right first time" sawn edged pothole repair approach enabled by increased funding and repair team resources. Customer enquiries have increased by 42% between Q1 2022 and Q1 2023, with 65% increase in job orders raised. Highway defect reports should be submitted via [Make an enquiry or report a problem with a road or pavement - West Sussex County Council](#), a means which considerably improves WSCC's data handling of reports over the previous system.
- Story Rd – Lidl link Community Highway Scheme. Work on this project is now underway.
- Swanfield bus shelter – WSCC held S106 funds have been authorised for release to CCC.
- Chi – Tangmere active travel route - 2nd stage consult on this project is currently expected to take place in November.
- Westhampnett Road River Lavant embankment – Feasibility and design study completed. Recommendation is for a vegetated bagging embankment to be installed. To be put forward for inclusion in WSCC's 2024 highways capital works programme. This will have traffic management implications for Westhampnett Road while works take place.
- Shopwyke bridges – Northern awaiting completion of Construction Compliance Certificate, Western one's latest planned installation commencement in October.
- New 500 bus route proving to be well used.
- Awaiting DfT decision on powers to enforce the Oving Rd (E)/A27 bus gate. On having heard from DfT, discussions will then be had with developers and bus companies on next steps.
- Stagecoach very actively recruiting new drivers.
- Bus patronage recovering, however free older persons bus pass usage remaining around 20% below pre pandemic levels. Capped fare scheme changes from £2 to £2.50 in Nov and to continue for a further year.
- Household Support Fund. WSCC is handling £9.7m of this Govt grant in FY23/4. WSCC's initial point of contact for enquiries for this and other support is its Community Hub contact centre, 033 022 27980. More info can be found at [Community Hub - West Sussex County Council](#)

- Recycling – 200kt last year. Plastic bottles with tops screwed back on can be put in domestic recycling bins – but please crush the bottle so the top doesn't become detached when processed at MRF Ford.
- Recycled/reused/composted rate consistently over 50%, with main volatility related to green waste.
- WSCC now has 37 Waste Prevention Volunteers who attend school assemblies and community events.
- Responses to phase two proposals for on street EV charging points are being evaluated. Further info regarding WSCC's EVCP programme can be found at [Funding for the installation of EV Chargepoints - report](#). Note CDC's subsequent signing up was due to it already having entered into separate agreements to install EVCPs in its car parks.

Public consultation has begun on the future of active travel in West Sussex. The proposals that are being put forward set out how we can deliver improved walking, wheeling and cycling facilities across the county.

We are seeking your feedback on two important documents related to the way that we travel:

- Our draft Active Travel Strategy, which sets out our vision and goals for active travel in the county for the next decade and beyond.
- Our draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), which identifies key locations where WSCC wants to invest in active travel.

Have your say

You can find out more about the suggested improvements by visiting the project's website:

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/active-travel-strategy>

On the website you can read the draft Active Travel Strategy and LCWIP in full and have your say by completing a survey. The survey closes on 15 November 2023.

We would like to gain as many responses as possible, so please share details of these proposals through your networks. Your feedback is vital in shaping the final versions of the Active Travel Strategy and LCWIP, which are expected to be published in early 2024.

If you would like any of the materials in alternative formats, or have any questions, please email us at mactivetravel@westsussex.gov.uk or by telephone on 01243 642105 and we will do our best to assist you. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and have an NGT texting app installed on your computer, laptop or smartphone, you can contact us on 18001 (01243 642105).