

# COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2020

## COUNCILLOR JONATHAN GLEN

### I SEE THE WORLD NOW WITH A CLEARER EYE.... HAMPSHIRE 2050 – A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The HCC Commission of Enquiry was established in 2018 to look at ways of moving ahead with climate change within Hampshire right through to 2050. We are now considering evidence, debating key issues and making recommendations at a very high level. It is a long-term vision for Hampshire, which will guide and contribute to the prosperity, quality of life, protection and enhancement of the character and environment of our county.

My job as Chairman of the Senior Scrutiny Committee is to ensure that we continue to address issues that will affect our ability to meet our climate-change targets, effectively reminding the County Council officers and cabinet that we are in the business of cleaning up Hampshire.

As you'll know, for the last six months councillors and officers have not had to travel to and from work in Winchester every day, making significant savings in transport expenses and lower pollution levels. Most of the County Council business is now conducted on-line from home, including full council and committee meetings. We are all becoming experts on Zoom.

As a result, the business of the County Council is being conducted at pretty much pre-COVID levels, and the following examples are the kind of progress we are making in keeping Hampshire going.

For instance, we have recently announced the first initiatives to help Hampshire residents reduce their carbon footprint. Community projects include a **Telephone Helpline** offering advice from energy choice to insulation, establishing a **Community Energy Network** across Hampshire and a **Targeted Residential Solar Group Buying Scheme**. Parishes and communities are encouraged to take part in the sustainable community **Greening** campaign (<http://www.greening-campaign.org/>). The climate change **Action Plan** is due to be presented to the HCC Cabinet on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>

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**Hampshire Highways** are now re-using recycled material from old roads. Materials are screened, crushed and blended cleanly and quietly ready for re-use. With around 5,500 miles of roads this will make a significant contribution to reducing our carbon footprint. Over 40 new temporary footpaths and cycleways have been installed across Hampshire. HCC have bid for £3.45 million from Government to build more highways schemes to support social distancing, encourage walking and cycling and assist economic recovery.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/21082020TransportPopUps>

**Emergency Response** teams responded to areas of flash flooding clearing debris from gullies following the heavy storms across Winchester. Further information and advice is available below:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/emergencyplanning>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/yourhampshire/yhnov19keepinghampshiremoving>

Meanwhile the **Household Waste Recycling Centres** have safe social distancing measures in place for staff and residents. Only book the slots you need and it's easy to cancel a booking if you change your mind. Booking slots are available up to seven days in advance.

If you have any questions on these or other County Council issues, please feel free to email me on [jonathan.glen@hants.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.glen@hants.gov.uk) and I'll do my best to answer them.

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