

East Sussex County Council:

- The County Council's portion of Council Tax will rise by 4.99%. This includes a 2% precept for Adult Social Care.
- Government's view was that any shortfall in the budget should be filled from reserves. This was done, £9m, but this is only a short term fix.
- Children's Services has been inspected by Ofsted and been judged Good with Outstanding features; the outstanding feature is services for Looked After Children
- The Director of Children's Services is retiring and her successor will be in post later in Spring.
- Adult Social Care is due to have a CQC inspection later in the year.
- Since the last Assembly a new highway contractor has been appointed: Balfour Beatty.
- Approximately 4,000 potholes had been mended in the first two months of the year with many more gangs than usual being used.

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