

Hampshire County Councillor Update – June 2024

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All Change at the County Council – New Leader and Chairman

At the Council AGM on 23-May, Councillor Nick Adams-King was elected as the new County Council Leader (following Cllr Rob Humby's decision to step down as leader after two years in the post) and Councillor Keith Mans was elected as Chairman.

The new Cabinet Members are:

- Councillor Nick Adams-King – Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
- Councillor Jan Warwick – Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Younger Adults and Health and Wellbeing
- Councillor Liz Fairhurst – Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
- Councillor Zoe Huggins – Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 (Climate Change, Culture and Partnerships) and HR, Communications and Performance
- Councillor Roz Chadd – Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
- Councillor Steve Forster – Executive Member for Education
- Councillor Kirsty North – Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
- Councillor Lulu Bowerman – Executive Member for Highways and Waste

[New Chairman and Leader for Hampshire County Council | Hampshire County Council](#)

Decisions on Future Services Delayed

Following the announcement that a General Election will be held on 4 July 2024, decisions on the Future Services Consultation (tip closures, road investment, etc.) have been postponed until the autumn.

A public consultation was held between January and March this year, which invited people's views on 13 proposals to reduce and change some local services to help the County Council deliver savings towards the £132 million recurring budget gap faced from April 2025. Final decisions on the proposals were due to be made by the County Council's Cabinet this summer. However, with a General Election also now due this summer, the County Council has concluded that any decisions and communications activity in relation to the outcome of the Future Services Consultation should be avoided under pre-election rules. The Select Committee meetings that were due to take place next month have therefore been rescheduled to September and final decisions are scheduled to be taken by the County Council's Cabinet in October.

[Future Services – changes to planned decision-making dates | Hampshire County Council](#)

Have Your Say on Local Cycling and Walking Plans

The Winchester District Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) sets out the ambition for investment in walking and cycling in the Winchester District over the next 5-10 years. The draft is out for consultation until 14 July. Please give your feedback by completing two short surveys and adding your comments to the map at: [Winchester District Focus LCWIP](#)

Note: **This is important** as the finalised LCWIP will be used to identify priorities for investment in cycling and walking in the future. The draft LCWIP is [here](#), and includes sections on:

- Pages 59-67 – Whiteley Core Walking Zone
- Pages 87-96 – Cycle Route from Hockley to Wickham (via BW, Waltham Chase etc.)
- Pages 97-101 – Cycle Route from Botley to Whiteley

So, please get your comments in!

HCC Commemorative D-Day Events

Special tribute events to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day are taking place at two of our Country Parks – home to locations that played a key role in D-Day itself.

They include a beacon lighting at Lepe Country Park, marking the site where troops embarked on boats headed to the Normandy Beaches on 6 June 1944. On 3 June at 11am there will be Royal Dragoons Memorial event. And on 8 June, there's a Family Activity Day focusing on the heritage of Lepe Country Park and its role in the D-Day landings, followed by an Annual Memorial Service on 9 June, 11am, at the Anchor Memorial on the cliff top.

Royal Victoria Country Park in Netley – the site which was home to the Royal Victoria Hospital treating the Army and Navy's wounded (British and American troops) - is hosting 'Reminiscence in the Park' on 15 and 16 June, including a new exhibition in the Chapel telling the story of the American troops at Netley and a portrait exhibition by artist Nel Brooks of World War II veterans.

[Lepe Country Park & Royal Victoria Country Park to host commemorative D-Day events at historic locations | Hampshire County Council](#)

Community Climate Change Action

We all need to play our part to help tackle climate change – and what you can do in your local community can make a big difference.

The County Council is backing The Greening Campaign which provides expert advice to help communities undertake their own green activities, and Lottery funded support to those tackling climate change. You can find out more at their free, online information event being held at 7pm on Tuesday 11 June 2024.

[What can I do? | Hampshire County Council](#)
[Greening Campaign Online Information Event for Hampshire and IOW communities](#)

Helping new Parents and their Babies to flourish at Hampshire Libraries

Hampshire parents who have recently welcomed a baby into their lives are invited to meet and connect with other new parents and carers at dedicated drop-in sessions in local libraries.

Sessions are held from 1pm to 2pm every Friday at Bishops Waltham library, and from 1.30pm to 2.30pm every Thursday at Fareham library.

[Helping new parents and their babies to flourish at Hampshire libraries | Hampshire County Council](#)

Blood Pressure Monitors Now Available from Hampshire Libraries

In a move to help local people to take charge of their own health, the County Council is making devices available for free at all its libraries.

If left untreated, high blood (hypertension) can lead to strokes, heart attacks, coronary heart disease and heart failure but, worryingly, a third of people in the UK who are affected, are unaware. Each monitor is borrowed on a 'first come-first served' basis. It comes in a box, with a leaflet containing easy-to-follow instructions on how to use the device and understand the results, as well as what to do if you are concerned about the readings.

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