

East Sussex County Council Report to Bexhill Town Council – January 2024 Bexhill Conservative County Councillors Azad, Geary and Hollidge

REMINDER: Cost of living payment set for February

A reminder that eligible residents will receive a cost-of-living payment in February to help with high bills. Those on low incomes and receiving benefits such as universal credit are eligible but should be wary of scams – on legitimate payments, there will be a reference on a recipient's bank account of their national insurance number, followed by DWP COL, or the reference HMRC COLS for those who are eligible through tax credits. The £299 payment will be made directly into bank accounts, without the need to make a claim, between 6 and 22 February.

East Sussex's Local Transport Plan 2024 – 2050

The Local Transport Plan sets out how we will plan and provide transport for residents and visitors now and for future generations. Everyone has the opportunity to have their say, however we would encourage Councillors and Councils to have their say. The closing date is Sunday 25th February. Please follow the link:

[Local Transport Plan 4 \(2024-2050\) - East Sussex - Citizen Space](#)

If you have any questions please call 0345 60 80 193

email: LocalTransportPlan@eastsussex.gov.uk

New Parking Restrictions

The new parking restrictions started on 29 January and there will be three weeks of warning notices where there are changes. From Monday 19 February tickets will be issued for contraventions. All existing restrictions will receive a ticket if there is a contravention. We are advised that some of the new machines have a software problem but will be fixed by Friday 16 February. Everything seems to be working well but important residents and visitors are aware of the changes.

Levelling Up Funds

As previously reported, work continues involving Huw Merriman, MP, Rother District Council and partners to develop the new Town Board. On 1 April once boards are in place, the Government will release the next £200k of capacity funding to support the development of the long-term plan and assist with further community engagement.

Potholes

The state of our highways continues to be a priority area of concern. Please be assured that we as Bexhill County Councillors are working with highways stewards and liaising with appropriate county council officers to ensure that as much as can be done is being addressed to repair and treat our roads. But regrettably, as we can see not just across Bexhill, but most areas, there is so much to do. Funding for highways repairs continues to be sought and discussions ongoing with Government.

If town councillors need to raise any matters or seek further information on any of the above or want to raise any issues or concerns that impact on Bexhill, please let us know.

Cllrs Azad, Geary and Hollidge, as always, happy to provide more specific updates or a presentation at a future Town Council meeting, please contact us.