



HCC Cllr Juliet Henderson Candovers Oakley and Overton Division June 2026 Report

Personal Update

I was delighted to be appointed as the Executive Member for Education. I was previously chair of the Select Committee for Children and young people, which scrutinises policies for our children and young people across Hampshire. My father was a Headteacher in a very deprived area and I used to teach Maths. It is vital that Hampshire Children continue to benefit from a great education and I will work hard to ensure that it continues to happen.

Support for Hampshire care leavers praised in latest Ofsted Report

I'm really pleased to share some positive news about Hampshire's support for young people leaving care.

Following a recent inspection, Ofsted has praised Hampshire County Council for providing "high-quality, responsive support" to care leavers, recognising the strong and trusted relationships built between young people and their Personal Advisers, and the tailored help available as they move into adulthood.

Leaving care can be one of the most challenging periods in a young person's life. Support with housing, education, employment, wellbeing and independence can make an enormous difference, and it is encouraging to see inspectors recognise the dedication of the staff working alongside some of Hampshire's most vulnerable young people. Ofsted particularly highlighted the way young people's voices and aspirations help shape the support they receive.

A huge thank you to everyone across Hampshire Children's Services and our partners who work so hard to support care leavers to build stable, independent and fulfilling lives. This is important work, often carried out quietly and away from the spotlight, but it changes lives

.You can read the full OfSTED report here:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80472>

The Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority has now been formally established.

This is an important milestone for our region and, if we get it right, devolution can bring real benefits for residents across Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

For too long, too many decisions about transport, skills, housing, investment, public safety, health and economic growth have been taken too far away from the communities they affect. Devolution should mean more decisions being made locally, by people who understand the needs, challenges and opportunities of our area.

The new Combined County Authority gives us the opportunity to work together across council boundaries, attract investment, improve infrastructure, support better skills and employment opportunities, and strengthen long-term economic growth.

But it must also be about fairness.

The benefits of devolution cannot simply flow to the places that are already doing well. The new Authority must have a clear focus on the most deprived communities across Hampshire and the Solent — including those areas where residents face poorer health outcomes, lower skills levels, weaker transport links, fewer opportunities and greater barriers to employment.

Growth matters, but it must be growth that reaches people and places that have too often been left behind.

That means using the new powers and funding to improve opportunity, support regeneration, tackle inequality, strengthen local transport, and help people access the skills and jobs they need to build better futures.

Hampshire has enormous strengths — strong businesses, world-class universities, major ports, rural communities, market towns, cities, coastline and countryside. Devolution gives us the chance to bring those strengths together more effectively.



Now the formal structure is in place, the real work begins: making sure this new Authority delivers practical, visible and lasting benefits for residents, businesses and communities across the whole region.

Highways Information

Hampshire County Council unveils plan for 17,000 community electric vehicle charging points

Hampshire County Council has announced plans for a major expansion of electric vehicle charging across the county.

Around 17,000 new community EV charging sockets are planned, focused particularly on areas where residents do not have access to off-street parking, such as a driveway or garage.

That matters because, for many people, the biggest barrier to switching to an electric vehicle is not the vehicle itself — it is having somewhere practical and reliable to charge it.

The scheme is being supported by £6.662 million of Government funding, which has helped unlock up to £90 million of private investment from charge point operator Believ. Importantly, this means the programme can be delivered at no cost to Hampshire County Council.

Installations are expected to begin later this year, with around 500 charge points planned in the first year.

Residents are also being asked to suggest locations where charge points would be useful, so the rollout can be targeted where demand and need are greatest.

This is a practical step towards making EV charging more accessible across Hampshire, particularly for those who cannot charge at home.

You can read more and suggest a location here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260506EVChargingScheme>

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/flooding>

Pavement problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/paving>

Broken or missing signs: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/brokensigns>

Faulty street lights: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/streetlight>

Faded or missing road markings:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/road-markings>

Problems with rights of way:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reporta-problem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.