

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7.30pm
(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)**

Present: Cllr Hale – Chairman
Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Earth, Goldsmith, Jackson, Lewendon, Mouland, Paton,
Perkins and White

In Attendance: Mr Paul Goddard, Town Clerk
Mrs Rachel Edwards, Asst Town Clerk
Cllr Edward Heron (HCC)
Cllr Ann Bellows (NFDC)
PCSO May
Ruth Croker (Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Association)
2 Representatives from Hampshire Swifts
1 Representative from the Normandy Way Residents' Association
1 Representative from the Business Community
1 Member of the Public
A reporter from the Salisbury Journal

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Wilson and Cllr Ann Sevier (NFDC).

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2021
and to report on any matters arising**

Cllr Mouland proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Goldsmith and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on the 5th May 2021 are signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Agenda item 5 – The Clerk has reported the footpath outside the new Augustus Park development to Highways.

Agenda item 5 – The swings removed for social distancing reasons have been put back into use.

Agenda item 11 – The Clerk has written to the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner to express concern about crime in the area and to invite her to a General Council meeting. No reply has been received. Cllr Hale reported that the new PCC has been quoted as saying there will be more police on the beat.

Agenda item 17 – The Clerk has emailed members regarding the NFDC action plan and also sent Cllr Wilson's review of the Town Design statement.

Agenda item 20 – The Clerk has written to the Chief Constable of Hampshire Police and also the Police and Crime Commissioner to express concern about the speeding on the B3078 and encourage support for the average speed camera project.

5. To receive a report on any matters under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act

This item was brought forward in the meeting.

Fordingbridge May 2021 Beat report

Total occurrences reported: 87, 34 of which were recordable as crimes

Anti-Social Behaviour (10) 2 incidents relating to noise from a pub after closing time and 8 relating to neighbour disputes including reports of shouting, music noise and the possible smell of drugs.

Violence against the Person (10) 1 incident of an officer being assaulted during an arrest, 1 of a person being assaulted during an argument over dog fouling, 1 report of sand being flicked at a child in a sandpit, 1 of a neighbour dispute of rude hand gestures, 4 reports relating to domestic incidents and 2 related to historical domestic incidents.

Dwelling Burglary (1) A person known to the victim has forced entry to his property and taken a door key.

Burglary Other Than Dwelling (0)

Business Burglary (2) 2 report of copper pipping being taken from a building under construction and 1 of a shipping container being entered and items being taken from inside.

Damage (1) 1 report relating to a domestic incident

Shoplifting (0)

Theft (2) 1 report of a drill being taken from a work site and 1 report of someone's friend taking their tobacco and medication.

Theft from motor vehicles (2) 2 reports of break ins to vans 1 with tools being taken and the second where they have not been able to gain entry to the van

Theft of vehicle (1) This relates to a domestic incident.

Cllr Moulard asked after the officer assaulted during the arrest. PCSO May reported that he had been bitten on the hand. PCSO May was asked about recent issues at the Recreation Ground and reported that officers are patrolling this area. He hoped the area would receive more officers soon but couldn't say where they would be based.

Cllr Heron reported that he had receive complaints of inappropriate comments being made to female members of the public at Roundhill. PCSO May said that the police are aware and emphasised the need to report incidents to the police.

Cllr Goldsmith asked about speeding and parking issues. Cllr Heron offered to give a monthly breakdown of parking tickets issued to vehicles parked on the street in Fordingbridge.

Action: Cllr Heron to provide information on parking tickets issued

A representative from the business community joined the meeting.

PCSO May left the meeting.

4. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

A representative from the Normandy Way Residents' Association spoke on the importance of Speed Limiter Signs along Normandy Way as one of several measures to promote speed awareness and hopefully to improve road safety. A formal proposal and some speed data had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting (see appendix 1). The representative asked the Council to provide support in support in the following ways:-

- To approve the proposal for the siting of the speed limiter signs 'Think 30' along Normandy Way.
- To provide funding support for one or two signs i.e. a maximum of £100. The Residents' Association will provide at least £100 of their own funds.

Cllr Goldsmith considered Normandy Way to be no different to other roads such as the High Street and Whitsbury Road; he was concerned that FTC would be expected to contribute to speed limiter signs for all streets. Cllr Heron reported that Normandy Way is a comparatively wide and straight road so people think they can drive faster. Cllr Adams reported that on-street parking is an issue on Normandy Way, particularly affecting visibility at the brow of the hill, and was surprised there had been no accident there yet.

Cllr Jackson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Adams and therefore **RESOLVED**: to approve the proposal for the siting of speed limiter signs along Normandy Way. All in favour. It was agreed that the request for £100 funding should be made at the next Finance and Policy committee meeting.

A representative from the business community thanked the Council for agreeing to allow drone filming at the Recreation Ground for a promotional Fordingbridge Town video.

A member of the public spoke about the traffic problems at the junction of Ashford Road and Station Road. He reported that the road markings are non-existent and motorists don't approach with care, making this a dangerous junction.

The same member of the public said, in reference to agenda item 13, that FTC had previously decided to pursue a neighbourhood plan and he recommended they carefully consider the reasons they embarked on it in the first place. Cllr Jackson responded that the original intention with the neighbourhood plan was for financial gain for the town and influence on decisions affecting the area. However, NFDC advised that some issues would take too long for a neighbourhood plan and recommended a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) be written instead. Cllr Jackson reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group draws in other volunteers' expertise. Cllr Hale confirmed that the Council had not given up on the Neighbourhood Plan but that there were shorter term benefits with the NFDC action plan instead.

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Twinning AGM on 13th May with Cllrs Paton and Adams. He reported that the Twinning Association is progressing with events and anniversary celebrations.

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

See appendix 2 for Cllr Heron's Annual Parish meeting report and HCC updates for May and June.

Cllr Heron said he had nothing further to add to these reports but asked that the Council respond to the consultation document.

Cllr Perkins asked about a restriction on heavy goods vehicles on the B3078 to Alderholt. Cllr Heron said there would be no restriction and reported that the traffic survey showed that heavy traffic movements were to and from businesses in the area. Cllr Perkins reported that articulated

lorries are driving through the town to Alderholt, but not returning that way. Cllr Heron said there is no funding to refresh the survey.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Bellows reported that a resident had been in touch regarding the hedges and grasses cut at Sweatford Meadows with concerns about nesting birds. She reported that this work was done by the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust to clear the Himalayan Balsam.

9. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations to General Council contained therein.

- Planning Committee – 12th May 2021 – received Cllr Paton
- Amenities Committee – 19th May 2021 – received Cllr Moulard
- General Purposes Committee – 19th May 2021 – received Cllr Earth
- Finance and Policy Committee – 26th May 2021 – received Cllr Adams

10. To receive a report from Hampshire Swifts and consider the siting of nest boxes on Town Council buildings

A presentation was given by Hampshire Swifts reporting that swift numbers have declined dramatically and asking that the Council help reverse the decline by promoting information on the installation of swift boxes and bricks with home and business owners. Also, to agree to install swift boxes on Council buildings if suitable. The Clerk suggested that the workshop may be suitable for the installation of swift boxes.

Action: Hampshire Swifts to consider the suitability of Council buildings and report back
Action: Hampshire Swifts to provide promotional material for the Council to share with the public

11. To consider how to progress the NFDC planning document

• To consider the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Councillors agreed that the NFDC planning document would be progressed through the planning committee and the NPSG would report to this committee. Cllr Jackson asked Cllr Heron his thoughts and Cllr Heron confirmed that this would be the best way to proceed, saying that no one expected the planning applications to come in as quickly as they have done. He advised that a team from HCC Transport would assist FTC with this work.

• To consider a the setting up of a new Facebook group “Fordingbridge 2030”

Cllr Jackson asked that a new Facebook group ‘Fordingbridge 2030’ be set up in order to engage with the town to find out what residents would like the town to look like in 2030. This would be in addition to consultations carried out through SurveyMonkey, to which the Council has recently purchased a subscription.

Cllr Heron advised that 2030 was a short timeframe and thought 2050 would be a better transition, allowing for goals to be set and met along the way. Cllr Jackson thought 2050 to be too far hence as many of the new developments would have been built by then.

The Clerk advised that a new Facebook group would not be the best forum due to the extra administration burden on staff and the vagaries of social media. This was backed

up by Cllr White who pointed out that the Town already has two excellent and well-supported local Facebook groups and recommended that the Council engage with already existing groups.

12. To consider footways in Fordingbridge

Cllr Moulard reported that he has met with Cllr Bellows and Ruth Croker (Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society) to consider footways and footpaths in Fordingbridge. He reported that three trees along Marl Lane have been badly damaged by dogs and this has been reported to Sandheath Parish Council.

13. To consider Highways in Fordingbridge

- **To consider the use of Speed Indicator Devices**

Cllr Heron reported that SIDs cost in the region of £4k - £6k each to purchase. HCC has 3 or 4 available for hire but he cautioned that there is a waiting list. These could be moved around the town depending on where the need is greatest. Cllr Hale asked that more research be done.

- **To consider heavy goods traffic on Station Road and the High Street**

Councillors were concerned about the quantity, size and timing of heavy goods vehicles along Station Road and the High Street.

Cllr Heron advised that highway limits on the weights, lengths or widths of heavy good vehicles would be unsuitable for these roads. He said that lorry restriction zones would limit vehicles to access only but that, unlike the weight restrictions on a bridge, vehicles can still go through if they have a reason. He advised that the Council consider whether a restriction zone would be effective and reported that the traffic survey showed that the majority of the goods vehicles were accessing local sites.

The representative from Normandy Way Residents' Association asked that consideration be given to the new developments to avoid heavy traffic on residential roads.

14. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Nothing to report.

15. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended

Cllr Anstey reported that he attended a Rural Services Network Healthcare Seminar on 26th May and a New Forest Nation Park agency consultative panel meeting on 3rd June.

Cllr Paton reported that she attended the Burgate School Community meeting and the Twinning AGM.

16. To note any items of correspondence

Srebrenica

The Clerk reported that Srebrenica Memorial Week will take place from 4th July to 11th July. NFDC have been invited to deliver a meaningful act of commemoration that honours the victims of Srebrenica and Bosnia and Herzegovina as a whole.

Citizen of the Year

Fordingbridge Rotary have awarded the “Citizen of the Year” award to Helen Tague. Helen was given the award in recognition of the years that she has been involved in many local activities, all of them on a voluntary basis. Helen’s involvement has been varied and includes St Mary’s Church, the Fordingbridge Museum, the Business Forum, the Flower Club, Inner Wheel and Fordingbridge Twinning Association. Helen was the Town Clerk for years, and as such, was a founder member of Fordingbridge Twinning. She became Chairman for a while and has been active in the Twinning Association ever since. Helen is nominated for all her hard work in the community, thus becoming a highly respected member of the community, well known and recognised. As with previous Citizens of the year, Fordingbridge Rotary will be adding her name to the board of honour, currently displayed in Fordingbridge Information Office.

Nationwide

The Branch Manager from Nationwide wrote to introduce himself and his intentions to help the local community of Fordingbridge. He wants to help bring the local community together by helping to support in charity events, no matter how big or small, as well as pro-actively engage with the local independent business owners here on the High Street. This could be to promote events that Nationwide are holding, or the individual retailer are holding to bring a greater footfall into the area to help support those business’ that have been affected by COVID closures. He will also look to support with any local issues within the community, such as the recent graffitiing - all the way through to promoting fraud awareness – to which there have been a recent rise in terms of scam calls within the local vicinity.

17. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business

The Clerk reported that the Recreation Ground car park resurfacing began today and will be completed by the end of the week.

Cllr Goldsmith asked for a site visit to the refurbished pavilion once the building has been handed over to the Council.

Action: Clerk to arrange Pavilion site visit for Councillors

18. To note the date of the next meeting as the Annual Council Meeting on Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8:58p.m.

APPENDIX 1

PROPOSAL FOR SPEED LIMITER SIGNS ALONG NORMANDY WAY

MARCH 2021

Background

Normandy Way was originally a non-through road finishing roughly before the Cottage Mews turn. The road was therefore never designed as a thoroughfare for high traffic volumes or heavy traffic. It was extended around 1993/4 primarily to provide another access route to the Parsonage Park estate for emergency service vehicles. By opening up the road, a “rat run” was created for traffic to avoid the congested High Street and for vehicles on the “school runs” to the 3 schools. The traffic volumes are high and there are numerous vehicles exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. This will only increase with the proposed housing developments over the next few years. The residents are very concerned about the safety of the road because, as well as ourselves, it is used by many dog walkers and others walking to the town or school children walking to school. As the pavement on one side of the road ends halfway along, many of these have to cross this busy road, often where visibility is difficult due to bends in the road.

Action taken to date

The Association has raised the issue of the level of speeding with NFDC, HCC and Hampshire Police on various occasions over the past 15 years or so and Speed Information Devices (SIDs) have been deployed 3 times to generate data on speeding to assist with enforcement and traffic calming measures. We have attached a summary of the analysis we have done based on the data generated by the deployments. In our opinion this clearly demonstrates that the level of speeding in excess of the 30mph limit and the recommended enforcement limits is significant and warrants action. The response to date from the Police is that, with stretched resources and greater priorities elsewhere, they cannot do more. They indicated that, unless there was a serious accident or a death, this was unlikely to change. This is an approach that we feel is unacceptable.

We had hoped that the government initiative for 20mph limits in identified areas especially on routes to school would mean that parts of Fordingbridge such as Normandy Way would be included but we understand that this is now unlikely.

Way forward

After discussions with Cllr Edward Heron and other staff at NFDC, we have considered various community funded options in an effort to heighten awareness, to reduce the level of speeding and improve the safety of our road. You have already received copy email correspondence providing the results of our review of the options so we will not repeat the detail. The 2 options we feel would be appropriate are as follows:

1. Deployment of SID for traffic calming/speed reduction

Such devices are in operation in Godshill, Alderholt and elsewhere. Information was provided in email correspondence and we understand this will be considered by the Town Council when convenient. We acknowledge that there is a cost involved and, given the limited funds available, the decision must be yours based on the priorities you have. That said, we believe that the use of such a device would benefit the whole town as road safety is a key priority. Since our original approach, we have become aware that pressure from residents has resulted in the deployment of such a device in Romsey. We would ask why it can be deployed in these other locations and not in Fordingbridge.

2. Installation of speed limiter signs

These are in use in Lyndhurst, Ringwood and other areas. They can make a contribution to heightening awareness and improving safety at a manageable cost. The Traffic Management team at HCC indicated that these are available and the process is as follows:

“The ‘Think! This is a 30mph limit’ signs are an option for community funding. Typically a sign will cost around £50 installed on an existing post or lamp column. These signs are generally of a size that can be placed on street lighting columns subject to the consent of SSE as our street lighting contractor.

To proceed with a scheme you will need to just come back to me with confirmation of the funding and locations that you would like to consider, and support from Fordingbridge Town Council. I can then advise further on the cost of delivering an agreed scheme.”

Further enquiries have revealed that the cost of £50 per sign is reliant on SSE agreeing to the lamp posts being used. If that is not possible in a location, then a separate post can be installed at a cost of £80 -100. A copy of an email from yourselves would be sufficient evidence of your approval to this proposal.

Proposal for Option 2

Having looked at the siting of the lamp posts along Normandy Way and having considered the optimal number required to ensure driver awareness, we have identified 4 locations where we would like the signs to be installed. For your information, these are on lamp posts numbered 1, 9 & 14 by the SSE and Hampshire Lighting. We will probably need one on a post to fill in a large gap on one side of the road where there are no lamp posts. In essence, this means one at or near each end of Normandy Way and two at visible locations along the road.

Required support from Fordingbridge Town Council

As an Association, we have always tried to support the Council by maintaining the common areas, agreeing to tree planting and wild flower gardens, providing input to consultations etc. We are now seeking your support in the following ways:-

- To approve the proposal for the siting of the speed limiter signs along Normandy Way.
- To provide funding support for one or two signs i.e. a maximum of £100. This means that the Association will be providing at least £100 of it's own funds.

If you require any more information, please contact the Chair of the Association, Nigel Griffiths by telephone on 655688 or by email to nigriffiths@hotmail.com.

We look forward to receiving your response in due course so that we can take matters forward with Traffic Management.

Thank you

APPENDIX 2

Hampshire County Councillor Edward Heron

Annual Parish Meeting Report 2021

Facts and Figures Hampshire's population is **1,376,300** (2018) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire CC maintains **5400** miles of roads, 4300 miles pavements, 133,000 streetlights, **481** schools, **45** libraries, **3 Discovery Centres and 1 e-library, 16 care homes with 960 beds for older people, 9 residential homes for children and young people, 24 Household Waste Centres and 5 Country Parks.** Every year 94% of all household waste is diverted from landfill (40% recycled) is burnt for energy and powers 50,000 homes.

Public Health -Coronavirus (Covid-19) Hampshire County Council continues to play a significant role supporting vulnerable residents and providing local guidance and information. To date over **32 million people** in the UK have received their first dose of vaccine.

HCC approves £2.1 billion spending on local services in 2021/22

Plans for the next financial year focus on the county's ongoing work associated with the **pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation.**

The budget includes **£13 million** for the maintenance of 5,500 miles of roads and an extra £1.2 million in carbon reduction measures across the County Council. **HCC's four-year capital programme of £744 million is one of the largest in the country.**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/25022021HCCbudgetdecisionFeb2021>

The proposed capital programme includes: • **£68 million** in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire • **£118 million** for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years • **£91 million** for integrated transport schemes including over **£18 million** specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements • **£141 million** for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over the next three years • **£33 million** for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls.

Climate Change Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to climate change and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

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

Update from Hampshire County Council

May 2021

Election Results

I was so pleased to be re-elected as your Hampshire County Councillor. The Council remains in Conservative control with 56 Conservative, 17 Liberal Democrat, 3 Labour and 2 Independent/Other Councillors.

More information and a full breakdown of the results can be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/electionsandvoting>

Surgeries

I will be holding regular virtual surgeries (using Zoom) on the last Friday of each month for residents to discuss any issues or raise any concerns they may have with me. To book a slot I would be grateful if residents could email me (edward.heron@hants.gov.uk) no later than 5pm on the preceding Monday. They will need to provide their postal address as I only offer these appointments to residents of the Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge Division.

For residents who are unable to make use of a virtual surgery appointment I am happy to arrange a telephone or in-person meeting. This can either be arranged by email or by telephoning 07738 289889.

Newsletter

I will be producing a regular e-Newsletter. To join the emailing list please visit

www.cllredawrdheron.com

Pharmacy Test and Collect

Hampshire residents without symptoms can access free supervised testing, or collect kits to self-test at home, from participating pharmacies across the county.

In Hampshire, over 200 pharmacies are providing the national collect scheme and over 40 of these pharmacies will also be offering on-site supervised lateral flow testing.

Hampshire's [symptomatic testing sites](#) will continue to offer test kit collection for people without symptoms **from 2.30pm to 8pm**, alongside the pharmacy scheme.

Lateral flow testing and the test kit collection scheme are for people without symptoms. Anyone with symptoms of coronavirus must book a PCR test or call 119.

Collecting kits from a pharmacy for testing at home:

- Anyone over the age of 18 can collect test kits from participating pharmacies for themselves and their families to use at home.
- You can collect 1 pack per person of 7 lateral flow device tests.
- There is no need to book an appointment.
- Testing should be done twice a week. **It is important to record the result.**

Hampshire County Council Farms Hampshire County Council has a 1,900-hectare farm estate. Holdings range from 1.8 hectares (4.45 acres) to 114 hectares (282 acres). These provide an affordable first step on the farming ladder for aspiring farmers and makes a significant contribution to the rural economy.

The council's farm estate features a range of units that support dairy, arable, horticultural and livestock businesses including our very own local Jersey herd farm shop based at Attwood's Drive, Compton.

Ticks and Lyme Disease

As spring approaches and more people are outdoors Hampshire residents are urged to be 'tick aware' especially when walking in wooded areas or long grass where ticks attach themselves to people or animals as they pass by. Further information is available here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210401ticks>

Book your Spring Recycling Slot

The HWRC booking system offers more than 50,000 booking slots each week sites are now open for longer: 9am – 6pm every day during the summer months.

A wide range of household items can be taken to one of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs for recycling or disposal and information about what can and cannot be deposited can be found online <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres>

To make a booking

Bookings can be made online at www.hants.gov.uk or by telephone **0300 555 1389**.

Cancellation

Anyone who is unable to make their booking for whatever reason is asked to please use the link in the confirmation e-mail to cancel it, so it may be made available to another resident. Bookings can also be amended, in this way, to another time if needed.

Update from Hampshire County Council

June 2021

Residents' views sought on tough decisions for balancing the budget Hampshire County Council has launched a consultation to ask people for their views on options to help the Authority to prepare its budgets through to April 2024 - in response to continuing pressures on local government funding and increasing demand for core public services.

The Balancing the Budget consultation presents a range of options that could contribute towards balancing the budget. These might involve:

- Introducing and increasing charges for some services;
- Lobbying central Government for legislative change;
- Generating additional income;
- Using the County Council's reserves;
- Reducing and changing services;
- Increasing Council Tax;
- Changing local government arrangements in Hampshire.

The consultation runs from midday Monday 7 June 2021, to 11:59pm on 18 July 2021.

Residents can take part in the consultation via the online response form on the webpage: www.hants.gov.uk/balancingthebudget.

There is also a full information pack about the proposals in the consultation on this webpage.

Paper copies can be requested by emailing insight@hants.gov.uk or calling 0300 555 1375.

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Election Results I was delighted to be re-elected as your Hampshire County Councillor for Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge in the local elections. The make up of Hampshire County Council is now as follows:

Party name	Seats won	% of votes
 Conservatives	56	51%
 Liberal Democrats	17	27%
 Labour	3	13%
 Independent	1	2%
 Whitehill & Bordon Community Party	1	< 1%

Election results by party

The Members of the new County Council Cabinet are:

- Councillor Keith Mans - Leader of Hampshire County Council, Executive Member for Policy and Resources
- Councillor Rob Humby - Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council, Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and the Environment
- Councillor Stephen Reid – Executive Member for Performance, Human Resources and Partnerships
- Councillor Russell Oppenheimer – Executive Member for Highways Operations
- Councillor Jan Warwick – Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability
- Councillor Roz Chadd – Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
- Councillor Liz Fairhurst – Executive Lead Member for Adult Services and Public Health
- Councillor Edward Heron – Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs
- Councillor Steve Forster – Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Estates and Property

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Connect4Communities Vulnerable children in Hampshire have been given £15 food vouchers for this half-term. This initiative is part of the connect4communities programme led by Hampshire County Council.

They include families whose children are eligible for free school meals, all children open to early help services, 16 to 18-year-olds previously eligible for free school meals and all two to four-year-olds accessing childcare and eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium. Community grants to support vulnerable families are open until 13th June 2021.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

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