

COPYTHORNE PARISH MEETING – NOVEMBER 25th 2021

Item 5 – County Councillor Report

County Councillor Edward Heron – Representing Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge Ward

Cllr. Heron began by mentioning how District Councils and HCC stepped up during the COVID pandemic and recognised the part that Town and Parish Councils played in ensuring that the most vulnerable in our communities were looked after. HCC took an active role in dealing with needs that were beyond the abilities of local communities.

He added to Cllr. Tipp's comments regarding the new "Waster Strategy" by explaining that some £100m is spent by HCC in dealing with waste, £40m to collect it and another £60m to dispose of it. Almost no waste in Hampshire goes to landfill. HCC are waiting for a steer from central government as to what has to be collected, this in turn means that how NFDC collects waste will need to change. HCC is careful to understand where waste eventually goes and not accept for recycling what cannot be recycled. There needs to be a market for the waste collected and build facilities to sort these things. Some £100/120m of investment is needed to have these facilities. Councils all have different areas of services to deal with.

Hampshire County Council services account for approximately 80% of the total Council spending within the New Forest. However, many of the services provided, while vital and sometime life saving for the users (such as Children's Services and Adult Social Care) are often only visible to those in need of their support.