

East Sussex County Councillor Report to Parish Council Meeting 11 March 2024

County Councillor Stephen Shing

Council Tax

As I reported to you at the last meeting about county council proposed to increase the maximum council tax 2.99% and 2% for audit social care. It was approved at the full council on 6 February. County council have to draw from the reserve to balance the budget/book for the first time in my 22 years of county councillor, if county council continue don't receive adequate funding for audit social care from central government next year. County council could be in financial difficulty and could be Bankruptcy or service cut.

Local transport plan 4

County Council have Launched the local transport plan 4 for public consultation on 27 November, at the county full council on 6 February the leader of transport and environment reported that the up to date the public response are very good, and she is ask us to encourage those public not yet have commented to comment by 25 February.

Foster Children

Another item on the agenda was Foster Children (please find the poster I passed on to you), essential information is in the poster, county council would like resident to become a Foster parent.

Additional ways to report highway matters

County Highways have introduced an additional way for residents to report highway matters to them such as potholes, broken slabs or street lighting defects. You can now use the website fixmystreet.com or their app linked in the QR code below to help you report things on the go.

The dedicated eastsussexhighways.com website is still available and their main way to receive reports of defects. If you register for an account on their website you can also receive real time email updates through the life cycle of a defect repair and view the details of any past enquiries you have raised.

Pothole and gully

I had submitted 2 written questions at East Sussex County Council full council meeting on 6 February, after a long debate at the meeting and I am not convinced that our county council highway management have done enough to manage our highway to higher standards.