

Report from Cllr Standley for Hadlow Down PC meeting 5th July 2021

Covid 19

The council continues to deliver services as the pandemic, hopefully, recedes and we can all get back to as normal a life as possible. The postponement of the lifting of restrictions was disappointing especially given the low number of cases in Wealden. Having said that cases have risen in the last couple of weeks but with the vast majority of residents having been vaccinated the risk of hospitalisation is much reduced.

The uptake of vaccinations across East Sussex has been good although Eastbourne, Hastings and Forest Row have a lower uptake.

LA's are working together to assist the recovery in the economy. Tourism is an important part of the economy of East Sussex and staycations will assist in that recovery.

Council Monitoring 20/21

The monitoring report went to Cabinet last Tuesday with 69% of the targets met with 9 not met although 7 of those were due to the pandemic.

The budget outturn was an underspend of £26.9m although £15.132 related to Covid which will be spent in the current year. The Council is continuing to lobby for a 3 year settlement, rather than the 1 year settlements in recent years. The fair funding review is unlikely to be completed till 2024 but hopeful of at least a 2 year settlement to cover 22/23 and 23/24.

For members wanting more information the Cabinet papers are online.

Adult Social care

Also coming to Cabinet is a report enhancing the integration between Social Services and NHS. In line with the NHS white paper "Integration and Innovation" the Council will be a member of the Integrated Care System (ICS).

The White paper of ASC funding is still awaited.

Ongoing issues –

County Clean

Letters sent to all residents with curtilage on Five Chimneys Lane. I have not contacted County as yet as need progress or not on the tree trimming.

I have asked for an update from enforcement which I trust will have for the meeting.

Graveyard water encroachment

Unfortunately, the info I gave to the Highway Steward on the location was incorrect. Now corrected and await further information.

School Lane

I suggest the state of School Lane is raised at the SLR – in my diary for Thursday.

I had previously enquired re the signage and “Not suitable for Long Vehicles.”. This is an advisory only sign linked to Rotherfield Long Vehicle ban.