

DC Report for HPC Council Meeting 9th December 2024

Cllr David Evans 8th December 2024

The successful launch of the fortnightly kerbside glass collection has taken place; all residents in East Hampshire now have access to fortnightly kerbside collections service, and we have been able to move away from the inefficient bulk collection sites that were subject to abuse by commercial waste and fly-tippers

The temporary accommodation units that EHDC has built at Pinewood Lodge, Bordon, continues to have a significant, positive impact, on the Council's ability to address increasing homelessness challenges faced by local authorities across the country and several local Councils have expressed interest in our approach to the problem. Senior Officers from Basingstoke have already visited and so positive was their experience that they have requested a further visit with their Portfolio Holder, which has been arranged. Housing Officers were pleased to report that EHDC had zero placements in B&B

EHDC has been shortlisted for a prestigious Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Workforce award in the category of Equality, Diversity and Inclusive Champion, recognising the positive and progressive approach we take and in particular the innovative and way in which we've designed Monterey House to ensure all of our staff thrive.

The District Council secured £6,200 from the Household Support Fund to support local groups to deliver a Festive Season lunch to those residents of East Hampshire that may not otherwise enjoy a Christmas meal and an opportunity to come together with others.

The excellent team organising a Christmas meal at Horndean Technology College was awarded £750.

On the financial side the 2024/25 Quarter 2 report shows an estimated Year End underspend of £344k after applying the actions from Shaping East Hampshire Future 2 paper. The increase in employers National Insurance contributions, however, could cost EHDC approximately £250,000 annually or about 3.2% of EHDC's share of Council Tax for 2024/25.

The service provided by our Planning department's will be improved by the replacement of the Acolaid Planning software with Idox Cloud over the next few weeks.