

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 17 - 23 May 2025 (Agenda June 2025)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)
Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

From: Anna Clayton

The weekly update provides information regarding:

- Announcements/delegated decisions by the Clerk
- Planning information
- Correspondence/communications from parishioners
- Correspondence/communications from outside organisations

List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

- AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
 - APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
 - CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
 - CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
 - HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
 - HDC (Horsham District Council)
 - NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
 - WSALC (West Sussex Association of Local Councils)
 - WSCC (West Sussex District Council)
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Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

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GENERAL REMINDER: If you wish to speak face to face to a member of staff, please contact the Clerk on 07927 702321 during her office working hours (Monday – Wednesday 9.30 – 15.30).

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9th June 2025

Application No: DC/25/0440 22.05.2025 (amended plans)	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Monks Farm, Honeywood Lane, Okewood Hill	
Reason for Application: Prior Notification for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to 2no. dwellinghouses.	
Official Response Date: 05.06.2025 / Determination 15.05.2025 (not updated)	
Application No: DC/25/0636 22.05.2025 (amended Plans)	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Monks Farm, Honeywood Lane, Okewood Hill	
Reason for Application: Prior Notification for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to two dwellinghouses. Erection of a rear extension to existing barn.	
Official Response Date: 05.06.2025 / Determination 10.06.2025 (not updated)	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

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Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th June 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th June 2025	
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Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th June 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th June 2025	
Application No: EN/25/0164 14.05.2025	Response/Comments:

	Pending consideration
Address: Sussex Topiary, Naldretts Lane, Rudgwick	
Nature of Complaint: Alleged: Change of use of land to caravan/camp site	
Official Response Date:	

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

Thank you for your ongoing patience while this was under construction.

<https://rudgwick-pc.gov.uk>

News Item – 63 (Guildford - Cranleigh - Rudgwick - Horsham)

[View timetable from 8th June 2025](#)

- Revised timetable to improve punctuality.
 - Revised route between Rudgwick and Broadbridge Heath, no longer serving Slinfold. Buses will take a more direct route via the A281 to give a faster and more reliable link between Guildford, Cranleigh and Horsham. This change of route aims to improve punctuality by shortening the route, because buses currently struggle to stay on time between Cranleigh and Horsham. We want to make sure we can still provide an hourly service for the busiest villages on the route. Slinfold remains served by Compass Bus route 100, which will continue to provide an hourly daytime link to/from Horsham.
 - Buses will no longer extend to/from Horsham Rail Station. All buses will start/finish at Horsham Bus Station.
 - In Cranleigh all journeys will serve Sherrydon.
 - All journeys will serve Bucks Green (The Fox).
 - The number 63X will no longer be used. All journeys will run as service 63.
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Correspondence

Email dated 23.05.2025 from Sussex Police

Changes to address prison capacity pressures



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

KATY BOURNE OBE



Yesterday, an independent review on prison sentencing, led by former Justice Secretary David Gauke, was published.

The review outlines some contentious changes. There will be a presumption against short prison sentences of 12 months or less, meaning that those previously handed sentences for shop theft, assault or burglary for example, may fall into this category.

Those facing longer sentences, like drug dealing or child abuse, will be eligible for release after serving just a third of their sentence if they behave well in prison so, for criminals who plead guilty and already get a third reduction in sentence, this new framework presents a further reduction opportunity for them.

The government insists these changes are being put in place due to prison capacity - it is projected that, by 2028, England and Wales will require an additional 9,500 prison places. However, there is no mention of deporting the 10,800 foreign national offenders currently clogging up our prisons, which could certainly alleviate the capacity issue, nor is there any mention of building further prisons.

Instead, under the proposed reforms, large numbers of prisoners could be released early and put under house arrest and monitored by electronic tags. Whilst I have long called for our persistent offenders of shop theft to be tagged, a mass-tagging programme of this scale will not work unless there is a substantive oversight infrastructure there to support it. We certainly do not currently have this in place and I am concerned that re-offending rates will increase exponentially and place even further strain upon tight police resources.

I am exploring the options for a small pilot for tagging persistent shoplifters in Sussex to begin later this year but I am under no illusions that it will require substantial local support if it is to succeed. Earlier this month, I wrote about this pilot in the Daily Telegraph and you can [read more on their website](#).

Whilst it is clear that some reform is needed, the impact of both early release and fewer custodial sentences will be very significant and, like many people, I want to be reassured that the balance of deterrence and public safety does not swing too far in favour of perpetrators simply because of a lack of prison space.

With the early release of prisoners often linked to re-offending, it is more vital than ever that programmes are in place to prevent this. Here in Sussex, we work closely with Sussex Pathways to promote the successful rehabilitation of offenders, ultimately leading to safer streets and a reduction in the cost of crime. My office also continues to fund our High Harm Perpetrator Programme which identifies and targets the most active and dangerous serial perpetrators of domestic abuse, uncovering and addressing the reasons why they offend and helping them to change behaviours.

Victims must be at the heart of this reform and it is important they are at the forefront of any decision-making. I am pleased that Sussex Police have begun trialling a new Victim Portal which keeps victims of crime up-to-date on the progress of investigations and allows them to message the officer in charge of their case, allowing for quick and efficient communication.

Sussex Performance & Accountability Meeting

On Thursday, I held my monthly Performance & Accountability meeting with Chief Constable Shiner.

I began this month's meeting discussing the government's proposed Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, designed to restore confidence in policing and increase safety in town centres and high streets this summer.

I scrutinised Chief Constable Shiner's plans to tackle street crime, shop theft and anti-social behaviour and asked how the Force are ensuring they maximise all opportunities to work with local councils, schools, health services, businesses and transport organisations.

It was noted that, in order to reduce anti-social behaviour carried out by young people, Sussex Police have a range of diversionary activities, including the Reboot programme that provides meaningful opportunities to young people, as well as specialist Neighbourhood Youth Officers who go into schools.

I also asked how additional activity, such as the patrols being undertaken throughout the summer months, will be measured? Sussex Police confirmed they will use new technology, such as their 'hotspot app', where officers record in live time their exact locations, their patrol times, what engagement and enforcement activity they are carrying out and the number of arrests made in the area.

Last month, the Office for National Statistics published crime statistics for England and Wales which highlighted that knife-enabled crime increased by 2% across the calendar

year of 2024. This equated to an additional 1,174 offences involving a knife or sharp instrument compared to 2023.

I asked the Chief Constable and her senior team if this nationally increasing trend is apparent in Sussex and how Sussex Police continue to tackle knife crime?

They highlighted Sussex Police's support for the national knife crime campaign, Operation Spectre but also noted Sussex's specific campaign for tackling knife-crime, Operation Safety, which runs throughout the year.

Under Op Safety, Sussex Police's activity includes: knife sweeps; stop and search tactics; amnesty bins; close working with our Violence Reduction Partnership; knife test purchases; gathering intel on illegal knife sales; as well as working closely with partners like Border Force.

The Chief also reminded the public that, for any correct and up-to-date information on police statistics and data, the Office for National Statistics is the most reliable source.

You can [watch the full meeting on my webcasting site.](#)



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

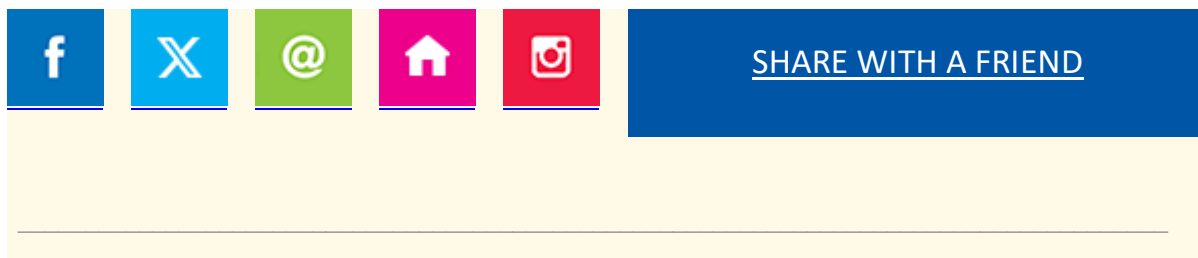
Safer in Sussex

Don't forget to have your say in my survey.

My Safer In Sussex Survey seeks to understand if residents have experienced crime and looks at what measures would make them feel safer in their communities.

Responses to the survey will help to understand where resources within Sussex Police may be better placed, where increased partnership working could help to drive down local issues and to scrutinise the force on areas requiring improvement.

Complete the survey by [clicking here.](#)



Email dated 23.05.2025 from WSCC

By-election result for Horsham Riverside division



news release

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Louise Potter has been elected to West Sussex County Council to represent the Horsham Riverside division.

A by-election was held on Thursday 22 May 2025 to fill a vacancy on West Sussex County Council following the resignation of Councillor John Milne.

The results of the Horsham Riverside division by-election are as follows:

- Louise Potter (Liberal Democrats) – 1,193 votes – ELECTED
- David Thompson (Conservatives) – 569 votes
- Jack Nye (Reform UK) – 547 votes
- David Hide (Labour) – 181 votes
- Jen Nuin Smith (Green Party) – 118 votes

The total number of votes cast in the by-election was 2,608. There were three rejected ballot papers and the turnout was 27%.

For information regarding the democratic process, contact Democratic Services at West

Sussex County Council by phone on 033 022 22524 or email
democratic.services@westsussex.gov.uk

Email dated 23.05.2025 from WSCC

Healthy smiles start early - top tips for looking after children's teeth



Healthy smiles start early - top tips for looking after children's teeth

Tooth decay is one of the most common childhood conditions and largely preventable. Early intervention isn't just effective – it's essential to prevent damage to little teeth over time and tooth extractions.

As part of an ongoing local campaign, West Sussex County Council's Public Health team are amplifying oral health key messages during National Smile Month (12 May – 12 June) sharing key oral health advice for parents and carers.

Top tips for looking after children's teeth:

- **Start early:** Begin brushing your child's teeth as soon as they erupt, typically around six months of age. Use a soft toothbrush and a smear of fluoride toothpaste.
- **Regular brushing:** Children should brush their teeth twice a day, once in the morning and once before bed. Supervise your child's brushing until they are at least 7-8 years old to ensure proper technique.

- **Diet matters:** Limit sugary snacks and drinks. The bacteria in the mouth feed on sugar, producing acid that can damage teeth. Encourage healthy snacks like fruits, vegetables, and cheese.
- **Regular dental check-ups:** It's important to schedule a dental visit by the age of one, or within six months of their first tooth coming in. Regular check-ups will ensure that any potential issues are caught early.

Speaking on the significance of oral hygiene for children, the county council's Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing Councillor Bob Lanzer said: "National Smile Month highlights the importance of good oral hygiene for children.

"By establishing healthy dental habits early, we can prevent future dental issues and support our children's overall wellbeing. I encourage all parents and carers to take this opportunity to focus on their children's dental health and seek professional care when needed."

If your child requires urgent dental care, you can access the Emergency Dental Service through the Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust. This service offers prompt attention and expert care for dental emergencies.

For immediate help, visit: [Emergency Dental Service](#)

As National Smile Month highlights the importance of dental health, it's the perfect opportunity for parents and carers to ensure their children's smiles stay healthy, too. Early intervention, along with consistent care, can prevent dental problems and ensure your child's smile remains bright for years to come.

For more information, visit the oral health campaigns page here: [Oral health - West Sussex County Council](#)

Email dated 22.05.2025 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Committees and events

- This week, we held our [study tour at Braunstone Town Council](#) between 20 and 21 May 2025. It gave attendees an in-depth look at the innovative practices that led to

the council being named our [Council of the Year in 2023](#). We explored facilities such as the Thorpe Astley Community Centre, the Braunstone Civic Centre, and the Shakespeare's Park Sports Pavilion. There were walking tours of various parks looking at the newly developed cycle and pedestrian route connecting Braunstone Town to Thorpe Astley. The study tour included deep dives into the council's climate change strategies and sustainable transport links. We'll publish a news story and blog in the coming days and weeks with more insights from the study tour.

- The [Smaller Councils Committee met on 15 May 2025 to discuss key issues](#), including creating new parish and town councils in unparished areas, the urgent need to recruit and train clerks, and the limited capacity of smaller councils to take on more services without funding. Our employment law, HR, and health and safety services partner, WorkNest, highlighted essential HR policies, which we will promote to smaller councils. The committee also agreed to review gaps in policy guidance and monitor developments ahead of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, with a focus on improving security culture across the sector.

Support

- Don't forget that [we offer parish and town councils in membership various professional support services](#) through their county association. These services include [legal advice](#) from our in-house solicitors, [financial advice](#) from DCK Accounting Solutions and Parkinson Partnership LLP, [HR, employment law, health and safety advice](#) from WorkNest, and [communications and compliance advice](#) from Breakthrough Communications. To access support, contact your county association. They can advise or forward your query to the appropriate professional service.
- [Chippenham Town Council in Wiltshire and Knutsford Town Council in Cheshire](#) are the latest parish and town councils to take advantage of our partnership with the Local Government Association (LGA) by taking up the [Corporate Peer Challenge](#). This crucial improvement tool, typically for principal authorities, is highly regarded by those participating. The final reports with recommendations from the peer team are now available on our website. As part of the challenge, parish or town councils are visited and assessed by a peer team of experienced councillors and clerks. It was Chippenham Town Council's second review, having been a pilot council when we launched the programme six years ago.
- Recruiting staff can be tough for parish and town councils, so it's excellent news that the LGA is extending its national recruitment campaign to parish and town councils. The campaign will offer free, tailored resources to help councils attract the right people. The LGA has also formed the Parish and Town Councils Working Group, which we sit on with councillors, clerks, and county officers. The working group will hold its next meeting on 16 July 2025.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), as part of Dementia Action Week, Dementia Friendly Parishes Around the Yealm (DFPY) highlights the incredible impact grassroots initiatives can have on people with dementia and their families. DFPY's work shows how small, thoughtful actions can lead to big, meaningful change, from personalised home support to inclusive community groups and a growing alliance of parish councils and organisations.
- The National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces has highlighted last year's [Green Spaces Need Friends Report](#). It underscores the vital role of over 7,000 local groups in supporting parks and green spaces through volunteering, events, maintenance, and fundraising. For parish and town councils, the report offers practical insight into how collaborating with these groups can enhance green space management, encourage community involvement, unlock funding opportunities, and support biodiversity goals.

Email dated 21.05.2025 from HDC

Latest news: Friday Lates back for 2025 | Highwood consultation results | Council crackdown on illegal trade vehicles



Latest news and information

Friday Lates entertainment back for 2025

Horsham District Council is delighted to announce that Horsham's popular Friday Lates live music and food entertainment nights are returning for the spring and summer of 2025.

Organised by Horsham District Council and Food Rocks Markets, the events will take place every Friday night from 6pm to 8pm throughout June, July and August this year at the Horsham Carfax Bandstand.



The programme will open on Friday 6 June with a D-Day dance night with the ever-popular Spinettes.

Other themed highlights will include a Taylor Swift night, an ABBA tribute night, an Elvis night and a Pride night.

[Full Friday Lates 2025 Line Up](#)

Museum Lates return for summer 2025

Horsham Museum and Art Gallery is delighted to announce that it is once again hosting its late evening openings for 2025 giving you the chance to explore its exhibitions out of hours and enjoy live entertainment and refreshments.

The evenings include live music and refreshments in the beautiful museum garden, as well as having the opportunity to enjoy our exhibitions at your leisure from 6pm until 8pm.



[Read More Online](#)

Consultation results are in on proposed community facilities at Highwood

A public consultation for the residents of Highwood, Horsham and surrounding areas on the provision of new community facilities and enhanced existing sports facilities has now closed. Results and feedback from the consultation have now been analysed.

As a result of the consultation feedback, senior councillors at Horsham District Council are set to recommend at their Cabinet meeting on 21 May that



the Council proceeds with design development concepts for a small community hall, changing rooms and toilets and a small car park.

[Read More Online](#)

Council crackdown to combat illegal trade vehicles

A joint operation to crackdown on illegal trade vehicles took place recently near the A264 on the outskirts of Horsham, exposing a high number of illegally operating commercial vehicles.

An enforcement day exercise involved Horsham District Council, working in partnership with Sussex Police, the Environment Agency, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and West Sussex County Council. Several vehicles were stopped and checked for waste carriers licenses, valid driving licenses, insecure loads, defective tyres and general roadworthiness.



In recent years Horsham District Council has worked hard to tackle environmental crime such as fly tipping and general road safety.

[Read More Online](#)

Council extends employment support for Horsham District residents

Two programmes providing tailored employment support to Horsham District residents, have recently been extended for another year to help local people to succeed in today's competitive job market.

Supported by Horsham District Council, the Empower Your Future and Think Futures programmes have been facilitated by an additional allocation of the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, following the success of their launch in 2024.



The Empower Your Future and Think Futures Programmes have received £65,400 and £40,000 respectively from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

[Read More Online](#)

Rural communities set to benefit from new funding

Horsham District Council will soon be launching a new round of funding to support eligible business growth projects in rural areas.

The Council has been awarded over £260k to invest in local rural businesses and sustainable community projects, from the UK Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF).



[Read More Online](#)

Council visit to Red River Software in Horsham

As part of a series of meetings with prominent local businesses, two Cabinet Members from Horsham District Council – Cllr's Collette Blackburn and Jonathan Taylor – recently visited software development specialists, Red River at their premises in Springfield House.

Red River Software provide bespoke software solutions for high-growth businesses, funded start-ups, investors, and organisations undergoing rapid change, across a wide sector of industries.



[Read More Online](#)

Council marks 80th anniversary of VE Day in Horsham

Community event to celebrate Horsham Football Club victory



Horsham's 80th anniversary of VE Day celebrations were focussed at the town's Carfax Bandstand and at the War Memorial on the evening of 8 May.

In the early evening, St Mary's Church Horsham hosted a Ringing out for Peace from 6.30pm which resounded around the town.

[Read More Online](#)



Horsham District Council is delighted to be joining forces with Horsham Football Club to stage a very special evening of live entertainment and celebration in Horsham's Carfax on 30 May to recognise the team's recent victories, winning the Isthmian Premier Division and the Sussex Senior Cup.

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[More news from Horsham District Council](#)



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Email dated 16.05.2025 from Sussex Police
Traders' tools tagged to prevent and protect from theft



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

KATY BOURNE OBE



At the start of the week, I held an event in conjunction with Checkatrade at the Wickes store in Hove to hand out free DNA toolkits to traders.

The forensic marking kits, developed by SelectaDNA, include a clear liquid made up of a unique synthetic DNA code and thousands of microscopic identification dots. Once applied to tools and equipment, the indelible liquid dries clear, cannot be scratched off and can only be identified through UV lights and specialist microscopes. Each tool or piece of equipment is then marked in a secure register so that, if theft occurs, police can identify the goods as stolen and reunite them with the owner.

The kits can mark up to 50 pieces of equipment and usually cost around £60 each. However, I am delighted to have funded 1,000 kits to hand out for free. You may recall

reading in a previous newsletter that 500 of these kits are being given out by our specialist Rural Crime Team to protect farmer's equipment.

At the event, we handed out over 120 free kits, meaning that up to 6,000 tools in the county can now be marked and therefore traced if theft were to occur.

Sussex Police also attended the event, reminding traders how to keep their equipment safe, including: parking vans in secure and well-lit locations; not leaving tools on show in vehicles and considering using signage; storing tools safely at night; parking vehicles so back or side doors cannot be accessed and to consider steering locks.

I'll be looking to host another one of these events later this year. If you or a tradesperson you know have tools you'd like to protect and you want a free kit - keep an eye on my newsletter and our social media pages.

You can read more about the day and watch a short video on [my website](#).

Have your say



I wanted the readers of my newsletter to be the first to know I have launched my annual summer survey.

The Safer In Sussex Survey seeks to understand if residents have experienced crime and looks at what measures would make them feel safer in their communities.

Responses to my survey help me to understand where resources within Sussex Police may be better placed, where increased partnership-working could help to drive down local issues and to scrutinise the force on areas requiring improvement.

In my previous surveys, anti-social behaviour (ASB) has been selected as one of the top concerns. After hearing your feedback and experiences with ASB, it was vital to me that the Sussex Immediate Justice (IJ) programme continued, despite funding for the programme being stopped by this government.

At the end of last year, our IJ programme, which sees offenders address and correct the harm they've caused, had more than 400 referrals and over 700 hours of reparative

activity (like cleaning graffiti, clearing kerbsides and public spaces) had been carried out.

The programme was designed to give local people the confidence to report anti-social behaviour when they see it and to be reassured that there would be consequences for such offences. It was clear to me from your responses that this programme should not come to an abrupt end and is valued by everyone.

Please take a moment to give me your feedback by [clicking this link](#).

You can also 'opt in' to being contacted in the future to have a more detailed say in a focus group run by my office.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Are you looking for a volunteer role with a difference?

On 22 May, Sussex Police are hosting an online webinar for anyone interested in becoming a Special Constable.

Special Constables volunteer their time to work alongside regular police officers and PCSOs. This involves catching criminals, protecting our community and delivering an outstanding service.

Learn all about the recruitment and eligibility process, hear about the extensive training that Sussex Police will provide you and speak to some of our serving Special Constables to understand what the role is really like.

You can sign up to the webinar via the [event website](#).



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Email dated 16.05.2025 from WSCC

Statement from the Leader of West Sussex County Council on local government reorganisation



news release

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There is a big push ongoing to reorganise councils in England into a single tier of local authorities where all services for each area will be delivered under one roof.

This is a positive move and could very well be part of the solution to the pressures we're facing. But it is not a magic bullet and could be a missed opportunity if we fail to address the challenges.

I fully support the ongoing processes of devolution and local government reorganisation and believe that creating a combined authority for Sussex with an elected mayor will bring many benefits for our region.

My reservation is that I'm yet to see the government correct the one issue that could bankrupt local authorities across the country. Under the social care act, councils such as West Sussex County Council are required by law to provide certain levels of care.

My colleagues and I are very passionate about this issue and place our commitment to protecting vulnerable people as our topmost priority. Yet as a local authority we cannot afford to keep doing so in the way the system currently works.

Year after year we are coming under increasing pressure to keep funding services that meet the growing and increasingly complex need for social care.

In West Sussex, our teams strive to provide the best possible service and are always looking at ways to improve and make best use of our resources. But while the need for our services has grown, the funding from successive governments has not. This is simply not sustainable.

The government has asked us to look at reorganising councils with a view to creating efficiencies in the system, but this alone will not solve the social care issue unless government

resolves the central question of funding. We must also consider how reorganisation is being approached. The government's White Paper published last year stated that councils should look to create unitary authorities in areas with a population of 500,000 or more.

This makes sense because it provides a footprint for authorities delivering services under one roof for a large population that will produce efficiencies in terms of the number of people, the building space, and cost of administering one organisation rather than several.

I want us to produce an option that sits within these guidelines so that we minimise the risk of additional cost and service disruption and negates the potential for smaller unitary authorities that would not produce the efficiencies needed to make reorganisation effective.

I want to be clear that I want devolution and local government reorganisation to succeed. Both present significant opportunities for West Sussex to flourish and prosper, but we must address the challenges. Failure to do so risks exacerbating the financial pressures and missing the chance to fully reap the benefits, leaving us with the same problems in the years to come.

Collaboration is key to success, and I am committed to working with my colleagues and partners across local government to develop a proposal that is right for the people, communities and businesses we serve and support.

Together, we can shape the right local government structure for West Sussex, one that is funded correctly, that is fit for purpose, that makes best use of resources, that delivers the right services to the right people when they need it, and most importantly that keeps people safe.

At a full meeting of West Sussex County Council on Friday 16 May 2025, I provided a full statement to members regarding the latest position on LGR and this statement is available by clicking [here](#).

In addition, we have received feedback from government on our submission which is available by clicking [here](#).

[Future of local government in Sussex](#)