

Hampshire County Councillor Update

September 2025

Hampshire Faces Major Funding Cuts Under Government's 'Fair' Funding Review

Essentially this takes money from rural areas in the South and passes it to urban councils, particularly those in the North and Midlands. So, despite the really great work we are doing to improve our finances the Government's transfer of funding to the cities and the north will just undo all the good we are doing. Hampshire County Council has now responded to the Government's Fair Funding Review 2.0—and we're sounding the alarm. The proposed changes to how councils are funded could leave Hampshire significantly worse off, with many councils across the county facing real-terms cuts.



What's happening? The new formula underestimates Hampshire's needs and overestimates how much we can raise through council tax. It risks deepening our financial deficit and reducing vital services.



The numbers speak for themselves:

Hampshire County Council: funding drops from £338.9m in 2025/26 to £291.1m in 2028/29—a loss of £47.8m.

East Hampshire: down £1.3m

Eastleigh: down £1.6m

Hart: down £1.4m

Test Valley: down £4.4m

Winchester: down £2.1m

Even councils seeing small increases—like Fareham (+£2.1m) or Havant (+£1.3m)—won't escape the pressure, as overall resources shrink and demand grows.



We're calling for:

Fairer service formulas that reflect real demand, especially in rural areas.

Use of actual council tax levels—not national averages—when calculating funding.

Reform of the New Homes Bonus to support infrastructure for growing communities.

A funding floor that protects councils from falling below sustainable levels, indexed to inflation and population.




Why it matters: Without urgent changes, Hampshire's councils could struggle to deliver essential services—especially for vulnerable residents. We're urging the Government to rethink and deliver a formula that's truly fair for all.


Council	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Gain / (Loss) 25/26 to 28/29
HCC	338.9	323.0	307.0	291.1	(47.8)
Basingstoke	8.2	8.6	9.1	9.5	1.3
East Hampshire	7.1	6.6	6.2	5.8	(1.3)
Eastleigh	8.7	8.2	7.6	7.1	(1.6)
Fareham	3.9	4.6	5.3	6.0	2.1
Gosport	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.0	0.4
Hart	4.6	4.2	3.7	3.2	(1.4)
Havant	7.9	8.3	8.8	9.2	1.3
New Forest	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	(0.1)
Rushmoor	6.7	7.0	7.3	7.5	0.8
Test Valley	12.3	10.8	9.3	7.9	(4.4)
Winchester	10.1	9.4	8.7	8.0	(2.1)
HCC + Districts Total	424.3	406.7	389.0	371.5	(52.8)
Portsmouth	129.1	133.1	137.0	140.9	11.8
Southampton	149.9	153.9	157.9	161.9	12.0
HCC + Districts + Cities Total	703.3	693.7	683.9	674.3	(29.0)
Isle of Wight	89.8	87.0	84.3	81.5	(8.3)
Hampshire & Solent Total	793.1	780.7	768.2	755.8	(37.3)


Winter Fuel Payments – No Need to Apply!




 **#NoNeedToApply**



I've seen reports from Hampshire Police about scammers posing as officials trying to "help" people access their Winter Fuel Payment. Let's set the record straight:

 If you're eligible, the payment is AUTOMATIC

 No one needs to contact you, and you don't need to give out any info

 Check the official details here: gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment

Be scam-savvy:  Learn about current scams: BBC Article | Watch the video  If you've shared financial info, call your bank on 159  Forward suspicious texts to 7726 and emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

Need support?  Victim Care Hub – free, confidential help: hampshireiowvictimcare.co.uk /  0808 178 1641

 Report anonymously: crimestoppers-uk.org /  0800 555 111



In emergency: call 999

Even if this doesn't affect you — please share to protect someone who might be vulnerable.

General Updates from HCC:

Savings agreed to safeguard essential services

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Helping your child start the school year with confidence

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Celebrating success and looking forward: Hampshire's college and sixth form students to receive 2025 exam results

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Travel alert: Overnight works on A334/A3051 Junction, Botley

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Highways Information

Who Looks After Our Roads? A Quick Guide for Hampshire, Southampton & Portsmouth Residents

Whether it's potholes, flooding, broken streetlights or overgrown hedges — knowing who to contact makes all the difference.

Here's a breakdown of who's responsible for roads in our area, and how to report issues quickly and effectively:



****Hampshire County Council****

Responsible for most roads across Hampshire (excluding motorways and trunk roads).



Report issues like potholes, drainage, trees, or street lighting:

👉 Hampshire Highways Reporting Portal: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways>



****Southampton City Council****

Manages roads within the Southampton boundary.



Report road defects, street furniture issues, or traffic signals:



Southampton Highways Reporting: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/.../report-road-defect/>



****Portsmouth City Council****

Responsible for roads, footpaths, cycleways and coastal paths in Portsmouth.



Report maintenance concerns or view their strategy:



Portsmouth Highways Maintenance Hub: <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/.../local-highways.../>



****National Highways****

Handles motorways and major trunk roads like the M3, M27, M271, M275, A303, A36, A34, A3 and A31 west of Cadnam.



Report issues on these roads:



National Highways Contact Centre: <https://report.nationalhighways.co.uk/>

Let's keep our roads safe, accessible and well-maintained — and make sure concerns reach the right hands. Feel free to share this post to help others know where to turn.

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/flooding>

Pavement problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/paving>

Broken or missing signs: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/brokensigns>

Faulty street lights: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/streetlight>

Faded or missing road markings: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/road-markings>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.