

Devon County Councillor Report October Meeting 2022

County launches its carbon plan

The Devon Carbon Plan is the roadmap for how Devon will reach net-zero emissions by 2050, at the latest. It has been built on detailed, ongoing assessments of Devon's greenhouse gas emissions. Its publication follows a summer which was the joint hottest on record, where the impact of human-induced climate change has never been more apparent. The Plan's launch marks the beginning of a new phase of action – it is crucial that everyone in Devon now works to implement the Plan.

Broadly speaking, emissions in Devon can be divided into five key sectors: economy and resources; energy supply; food, land and sea; transport; and the built environment. The Devon Carbon Plan outlines actions for how each of these sectors can reach net-zero emissions by 2050, and how people at every level can contribute – including individuals, communities, organisations and local policy makers.

You can find it at www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/view-devon-carbon-plan/

U-turn on Councillor locality budgets

Cllr Hart has decided to bring back our £8000 annual locality budgets after much negative feedback. Members successfully argued the importance of the budget as a funding source for small scale parish council projects. Please consider how a payment could help your parish.

Public Health Nursing launches online support and guidance for young people and parents

Life can be difficult enough sometimes, and for children and young people, those day-to-day interactions with others, your attitude about yourself, your relationships with people at home, at school or work, can be especially overwhelming.

It's also a challenge for parents and carers seeing changes in their child's behaviour or personality and not really knowing what's going on or the best way to support them.

We have launched the latest in a trio of websites dedicated to providing help and advice for young people, and parents, from pre-natal right through to teenage years.

- Health for under 5s (www.healthforunder5s.co.uk/devon/) – pre-natal up to children aged five, was launched earlier this year.

- **Health for Kids** (www.healthforkids.co.uk/devon/) – the primary school years – includes games, videos, and quizzes. It's split into four 'worlds': healthy bodies, healthy minds, health issues and getting help. It's aimed more at the parents and carers.
- **Health for Teens** (www.healthforteens.co.uk/devon/) – the secondary school years – is for young people and their parents and carers and tackles the issues many teens go through as their bodies change, and they become more self-aware, while also still working out who they are.

The sites welcome any additions from residents. If you have any content, articles or local events you would like to submit for consideration please email: health.publichealthnursinghealthwebsites-mailbox@devon.gov.uk