

DCC Councillor Dan Thomas Report to Ugborough Parish Council

Winter holiday food support for low-income families in Devon

Families in Devon on low-incomes, whose children receive free school meals, will get support this winter to help them buy food during the holidays.

Before the end of this term each eligible child will automatically be sent a £45 supermarket voucher to use during the Christmas holiday and February half-term break to replace the meals they would have had at school during the day.

It's the equivalent of £15 per child per week of the two school holidays.

If families were expecting to receive the vouchers, but haven't, please get in touch with our team as soon as possible by emailing freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk or calling 0345 155 1019. Or if households didn't previously qualify for free school meals but income has recently reduced or stopped, apply via our website.

Donna Manson confirmed as Council's new Chief Executive

Following on from ratification at Full Council, Donna Manson has formally been offered the post as our new Chief Executive. We look forward to welcoming Donna to Devon County Council in February.

Donna Manson has been Chief Executive of Scotland's largest rural authority, The Highland Council, since 2018, where she led the authority in developing an ambitious, sustainable, and connected vision for Highland during a time of immense change and challenge.

Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Consultation

The decarbonisation of transport is a crucial part of DCC's response to the climate emergency. The Devon electric vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy aims to help all residents and visitors overcome some of the barriers to EV adoption and increase access to suitable infrastructure.

The EV charging strategy will form part of a suite of documents that will feed into the emerging Local Transport Plan 4. The Strategy will also be instrumental in leveraging funding from Government for new electric charging infrastructure.

Devon County Council is holding a public consultation to collect the views of the public, local businesses and wider stakeholders on the Strategy until 16 December 2022.

Go to www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/devon-electric-vehicle-charging-strategy/ to have your say.