

## **Hampshire County Council Divisional Report for Shedfield Parish Council**

**Survey re local government reorganisation – ‘Serving Hampshire’.** The survey of residents and businesses has now been analysed and published as a draft paper which was presented to HCC’s Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> November. Various amendments were agreed for a revised paper which was tabled at the council’s meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November and was agreed without further amendment. The principal conclusion by Cabinet, from the survey, was that it recognised the lack of support from residents of the County of Hampshire being divided into multiple unitary or combined authorities; nor for services being provided at county level being split into smaller fragments. Cabinet therefore, reaffirmed its determination to respect residents’ wishes by keeping Hampshire intact and maintaining the strong preference for the existing local government system as long as that remains viable. In the meantime, nationally, the debate over combined authorities and elected mayors continues with mixed apathy and enthusiasm.

**Hampshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres.** For clarification, the charges that have been notified are confirmed whereas the introduction of revised opening hours and Thursday closing, scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 have been deferred until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017, pending verification from government. It has been alleged that the revisions are illegal. HCC disputes this as many other local authorities have introduced similar cost-saving measures pre-dating Hampshire’s.

And, do not forget you can be liable for fly-tipping if you commission waste removal from someone who does not have a licence!

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