
Warwickshire County Council

Feldon Division report

Mar 24

Division issues

WCC expenditure budget for 24-25 is for £623 million, of which £236 million is funded from other sources or reserves, leaving £387 million to be funded from Council tax.

Council tax will go up by 2.99% for core expenditure plus 2%, ringfenced for Adult Social Care totalling 4.99%. This will result in a band D charge per property of £1,736.19.

Within the base budget there are £16 million of savings for the year as follows:

Budget savings	2024/25 £'000
Children and Young People Directorate	3,362
Communities Directorate	1,378
Social Care and Health Directorate	6,597
Resources Directorate	1,261
Corporate Services	3,579
Annual Budget Savings	16,177

Increase in base budgets 24-25	Permanent increases	One off investments	Total
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Children and Young People Directorate	6,435	2,392	8,827
Communities Directorate	12,595	507	13,102
Social Care and Health Directorate	26,581		26,581
Corporate Services	12,916	18,000	30,916
Resources Directorate	994	2,523	3,517
	59,521	23,422	82,943

Key features of the budget are as follows:

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Invest £28.3m to protect elderly citizens and vulnerable adults to fund additional demand and manage the cost of placements whilst continuing to make progress on our vision of greater integration between health and social care and the adult social care reform agenda:

Directly invest £8.3m in children's social care services, including investment of £4.9m for the increased cost and demand for children's placements and £2.0m for the cost of emergency provision until our own children's homes are fully operational;

Invest £8.9m in home to school transport to ensure we continue to provide services in line with our policy whilst being able to respond to the increasing demand and cost of the service, which has been particularly impacted by inflation and the growth in the number of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND); and

Invest £1.2m to meet the increased support services capacity needed in response to the demand pressures in children and families, education and adult social care.

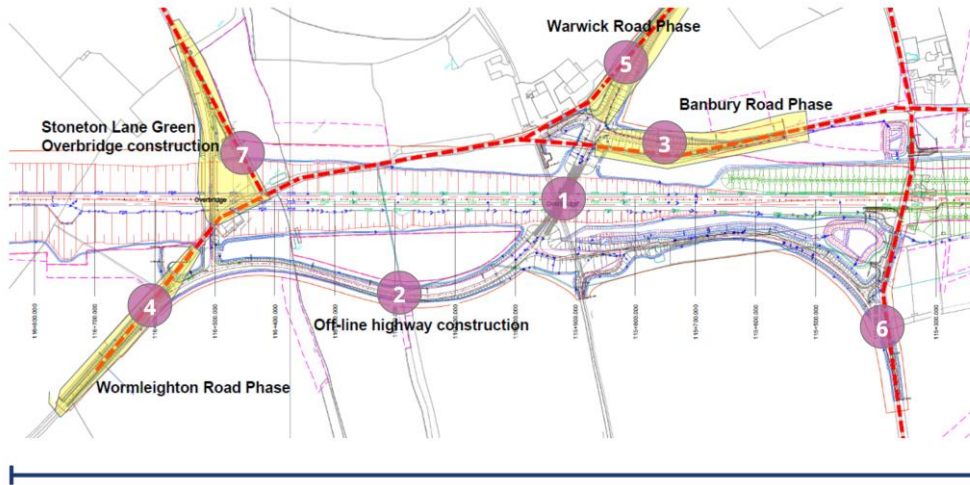
HS2

I have had three meetings with HS2 to discuss progress but also non-compliance with the HS2 Code of Practice by main contractors.

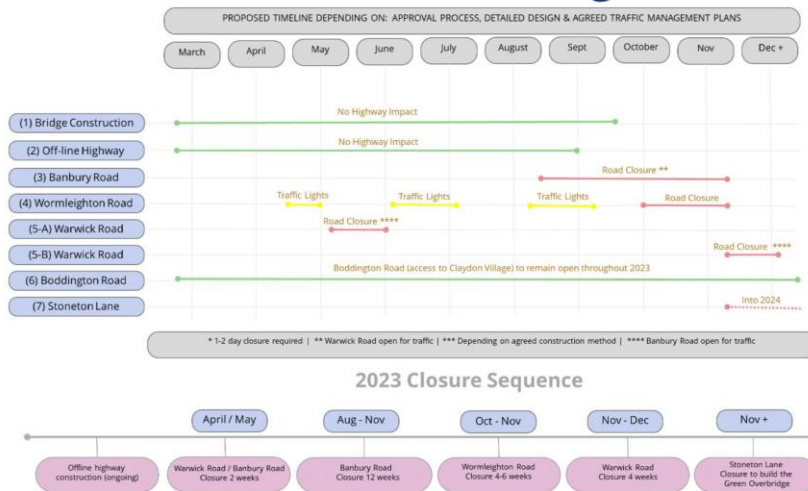
The works between Wormleighton, Priors Hardwick and Lower Boddington as identified below are significantly behind the proposed timetable shared in July 23:



Banbury Road Overbridge – phasing map



Timeline for traffic management



The opening of the Banbury Road Overbridge has been completed but has to be signed off so has not yet opened. The closure of the Wormleighton Road is now pencilled in for the 18th March, for four weeks but the start date has yet to be confirmed as of today's date.

Harbury Crossroads

Work is now continuing on the crossroads with a targeted completion date of the spring. There is a clear programme and timetable for this work and I would hope that

we are now entering the final stages of the significant road safety improvement project.

Secondary schools admissions:

On secondary School OfferDay, 1st March, over 95% of all Warwickshire residents will be offered one of their top three choices of secondary school.

Unfortunately, it is not always possible to offer every child a place at one of their preferred schools. Parental choice is an important part of the admissions process, and whilst there can be several reasons why a child won't have an offer for one of their preferred schools, in many cases it is because parents have chosen not to apply for their local school.

For children who have not received an offer at any of their chosen schools, the local authority has a legal duty to ensure the child is offered a secondary school place to start in September 2024. This year, there are 218 children in this situation. They have been made an offer at the school that is closest to their home address and that has places left after all the on-time applications have been considered.

WCC Cllrs Discretionary fund

Please don't forget opportunities to improve certain aspects of the WCC Highway Network whilst I still have funding road related schemes in my delegated highways budget.

Events and other matters

Log highways issues and report feedback (X and Facebook)

Warwickshire County Council has launched a new platform to support the way customers can report a highways problem or log customer feedback through its website.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4953/updates-to-the-way-customers-log-highways-issues-and-report-feedback>



Devolution in Warwickshire and Investment Zone (X and Facebook)

A significant long-term milestone has been reached for Warwickshire with the news in the Chancellor's budget that the County Council is to be one of three councils to be awarded a Level 2 Devolution Deal.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5047/devolution-deal-and-investment-zone-form-significant-long-term-milestones-for-warwickshire>



Download image: [Devolution_InvestmentZone_March2024.png](#)

Support available for those who self-harm (X and Facebook)

Warwickshire County Council is reminding residents who self-harm of the mental health support that is available to them.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5027/raising-awareness-of-the-support-available-for-those-who-self-harm>



national self harm awareness day 2024

Download image: [SHAD 2024 Logo.jpg](#)

Ride, Walk, Wheel Week is coming (X and Facebook)

This March, leave the car at home and enjoy the benefits of riding, walking and wheeling and be in with a chance to win some great prizes!

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5031/ride-walk-wheel-week-is-coming-to-warwickshire-25-to-31-march>

Free Scootability Training (X and Facebook)

Scootability training is back for 2024!

Warwickshire County Council is offering free Scootability training throughout the county during the first week of the Easter holidays (25 – 29 March).

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5032/supporting-children-to-travel-actively-free-scootability-training-in-warwickshire>

SCOOTABILITY

Take your first steps towards safer scooter travel with a **FREE** level 1 scootability course

All equipment provided

Book your session here

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WARWICKSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

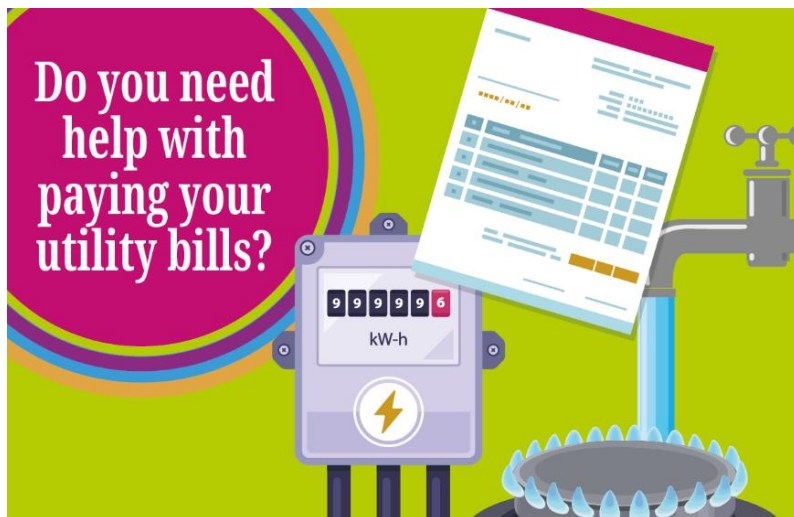
Warwickshire Scootability

www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Help to meet household utility costs (X and Facebook)

Warwickshire residents struggling to pay their utility bills can look to Warwickshire County Council for support.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5030/help-to-meet-household-utility-costs>



Midlands Connect EV research (X and Facebook)

Figures suggest Coventry and Warwickshire will see a 623% increase in uptake in electric vehicles by the end of 2030, with projections predicting to rise from 11,552 EVs today to 83,518 on its roads by the end of 2030.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5043/new-research-suggests-warwickshire-is-on-track-for-electric-vehicle-boom>

Moths at Ryton Pools Country Park (X and Facebook)

51,868 moths of 650 individual species were found in 2023 at Ryton Pools Country park following conservation efforts.

Find out more about what this means for the area's biodiversity:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5039/vast-variety-of-moths-found-at-ryton-pools-country-park-highlight-biodiversity-success>



Life in the Fire Control Room (X and Facebook)

In you visit the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service webpages will now be able to get an insight into one of the many fascinating aspects of working with the service as the new Fire Control pages go live.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5036/new-webpages-give-insight-into-life-in-the-fire-control-room>

Voices of Children in Care (X and Facebook)

Warwickshire County Council's fostering team celebrated the launch of their "Hey Foster Carer" initiative, a booklet amplifying the voices of children in care.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5042/-hey-foster-carer-warwickshire-listens-to-the-voices-of-children-in-care>



Foster carer case study (X and Facebook)

Marie, a parent and child foster carer with Warwickshire County Council explains her journey to becoming a foster carer and what it means to her.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5044/from-housing-to-hearts-my-journey-as-a-parent-child-foster-carer-with-warwickshire>

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As a young child I was in foster care, so I know first-hand the importance of babies and mums being in the right placements with the right people.

Marie* a parent and child foster carer for Warwickshire

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Supported Internships twilight event (X and Facebook)

One for your diaries, the Supported Internships Fair is taking place on Thursday 14 March, 3pm to 7pm at EPIC in Nuneaton.

Come along and get all the information you will need about Supported Internships.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5020/young-people-their-families-local-businesses-and-education-providers-invited-to-learn-about-supported-internships-at-special-twilight-event>



Parenting courses (X and Facebook)

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Parenting your little one can be hard! Especially when you're trying to work your way through the ups & downs of those early months and years. Our parenting courses are designed to increase the confidence of parents, grandparents, & carers.

Reserve a spot: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-parenting-support-71623337213>



Quit for No Smoking Day (X and Facebook)

Take the steps to quit smoking for good and mark the 40th anniversary of No Smoking Day next Wednesday 13 March.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5045/help-build-a-smoke-free-generation-and-quit-for-no-smoking-day->



Kings Award for Voluntary Service (X and Facebook)

Three voluntary and charitable organisations in Warwickshire have been recognised this month in formal award presentations by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4958/three-local-organisations-presented-with-the-kings-award-for-voluntary-service-by-warwickshires-lord-lieutenant>



Kitchen Dangers (X and Facebook)

Following a rise in kitchen-related fires in the County, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue service would like to remind everyone to have safety at the forefront of their minds.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4960/fire-services-urges-people-to-be-alert-to-dangers-in-the-kitchen>



Dangerous stop-start-button showerheads (X and Facebook)

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning consumers not to use a dangerous replacement 'stop-start-button' showerhead that can cause second and third-degree burns.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4962/warwickshire-trading-standards-act-after-resident-is-burnt-by-dangerous-showerhead>



Young person bus travel (X and Facebook)

Investing in a bus pass is a great way to save money in the long run, as well as to help your children become more independent, responsible, and confident as they grow up.

Find out how much you could save by visiting the website:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses

