

WIELD APM 2017

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I am sorry I can't be with you this evening as we are on a post-election break in Cornwall.

I have been very busy with issues at the County Council particularly the difficult position we have with regard to adult social care where we spend £450 million a year looking after some 20,000 people in need of support, most of them elderly. The introduction of the minimum living wage on 1st April will cost HCC Adult Social Care £10 million alone and you can see why we have needed to put up council tax by 5%. A 1% increase in council tax equates to £5 million.

We are also in a position whereby our Rate Support Grant from Central Government is virtually being wiped out in this ten year period 2010 – 2020 and as a result the way we deliver services and the scope of those services are going to be transformed. It is also inevitable that we are facing a major reform in how we raise council tax and also how we deliver adult social care.

On local issues, although we repair 10,000 pot holes a year, it is never enough in Wield! I donated £750 from my devolved budget to extra ditching works in the village and am hoping that the culvert work at Battle Corner will be completed shortly.

I look forward to working closely with your Parish Council in the future