

County Councillor Report June 2025

Help and support for unpaid Carers

If you are an unpaid carer for someone, whether it is a family member, friend or neighbour, it is important to know that support is available to help you manage your responsibilities as well as look after your own health and wellbeing.

[Carers Support West Sussex](#) provides carers with guidance, practical help, and emotional support with a range of services, from benefit advice to accessing carer funds, support groups, [carer hubs](#) and a carer helpline.

[Carers Health Team](#): This service, provided by Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust, is designed to promote the health and wellbeing of carers over the age of 18, registered with a West Sussex GP. The team of health professionals offers free support to carers whose own health is suffering because of their caring role. [Young Carers Family](#)

[Service – West Sussex County Council](#) supports young carers under 18 through assessments that can provide advice, direct support, respite, and family assistance. They also offer mental health support for young carers affected by their caring duties. Caring for others can be challenging, but you do not have to do it alone. These services are here to help you access the support you need.

The plans for Devolution and Local Government Reform as outlined in the Government's White Paper, which was published in December 2024, continue, and you may be interested in the following timelines:

Summer 2025 – outcome of Government consultation on Sussex Devolution

August 2025 – development of final West Sussex LGR proposals

September 2025 – West Sussex councils formally adopt their preferred proposal for LGR and submit these to Government

December 2025 to March 2026 – Government decides on which LGR proposal to implement

May 2026 – Mayoral Elections (and current date for County Council elections)

West Sussex Children and Young People's Plan

The County Council would like to hear residents' thoughts and ideas to help develop a plan that will help give children and young people in West Sussex the best start in life. The Children and Young People's Plan explains how the Council will work with its partners to give each child and young person the support they need to achieve their potential. The current plan went live in early 2022 and runs until the end of this year and will be updated for 2026 to 2029. The Council want to consult with children and young people, families and professionals to ensure that their voices are heard and represented in the refreshed plan. Please email CYP@westsussex.gov.uk for further details.

Operation Watershed

£0.414m is allocated for Operation Watershed in 2025/26, including carry forward from previous years (£0.400m) and a further £1.800m in the capital programme pipeline 2026/27 to 2029/30 for Future Years Operation Watershed.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

We would like your [views on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment \(PNA\)](#), compiled following a survey which ran earlier this year. A PNA is a comprehensive assessment of the current and future pharmaceutical needs of the local population and takes place every three years. Closing date: 25 July www.westsussex.gov.uk

