

Hampshire County Council Report

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Special needs support takes to the road with new ‘Local Offer Discovery Days’

Parents of children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) are being invited to find out more about SEND support in Hampshire through a series of in-person events.

The **Winchester** Open Day takes place from 1pm to 5pm on **Monday 20th April** at Hampshire County Council. For further details visit:

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Hampshire and the Solent Combined Authority confirmed

The legislation to create a Hampshire & Solent Combined County Authority has now been laid before Parliament — unlocking £1.3 billion of investment and giving us the powers we need to shape our own future.

This is a huge step forward. For the first time, decisions on things like transport, skills, housing, regeneration, the environment and public safety will be made here, by local leaders who understand our communities — not in Westminster.

From this summer, the new Authority will begin taking on its responsibilities, with a Mayor elected in 2028. In the meantime, councils across Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton are working together to get everything ready so we can hit the ground running.

For Hampshire, this is about unlocking our full potential:

Better transport links

More opportunities for skills and good jobs

The right homes in the right places

Stronger support for our environment and local economy

A real chance to deliver long-term improvements for residents

If you'd like to read more, the new HSCCA website is now live: hantsandsolent-ca.gov.uk

Local Government Reorganisation Proposals

The Government has now made its decision on Local Government reorganisation for Hampshire.

Our job as a County Council is to work together to deliver whatever changes are required safely, effectively, and with as little risk as possible for the people we serve. Residents rely on us for stability and clear leadership, and that remains our priority.

Police Support for Highways

Following a meeting in March with PCC Donna Jones and Hampshire Constabulary's Road Safety officers, the police have indicated they Highway recommendations for speed limit reductions in urban areas to help support walking and cycling particularly on the residential, designated diversion routes across the county. This is positive news and will be picked up after the May elections.

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