

## **IOW Councillor Report February 2019 for Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council**

### **Waste and recycling**

Residents might be interested in some information that came to light at the recent Environmental Forum regarding taking waste to the recycling centre. If you run a small business and in the course of your work for instance as a plumber you have some items of waste left over and you are taking this away with you to remove it to the recycling centre you should be registered as a Waste Carrier with the Environment Agency. This is free to register on their web site but if you are not registered and are challenged you could be fined. If however you are running a business that's sole purpose is to collect other peoples household and garden waste you must also register with the Environment Agency for a waste disposal licence and you will have to pay a fee as well which I believe is around £145. You can be fined up to £5000 if you don't register.

### **Fair Funding Review**

Later this year the Government will be dealing with the fair funding review and thanks to the persistence of Bob Seely MP and the Leader of the Council, Dave Stewart the Isle of Wight has finally been recognised as an Island and has actually named the Island specifically in its report as having special Island costs. This endorses the research from Porstmouth University that states the Island is short in funding by some £6,000,000 compared to other Counties, so hopefully now Government will reflect this in the coming settlement with the Isle of Wight Council.

### **Environmental Action Plan**

Following on from the Environmental Conference the Council held last summer Cllr Hobart along with officers, following suggestions made at the conference by attendee's have produced an Environmental Action Plan, which will have its first showing at the Scrutiny Committee that I Chair on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. I will keep members informed with the content when known.

### **Brook Lane, Chillerton**

The long running saga of Brook Lane does have an update from the Construction Manager of Island Roads, which is the lane has been swept twice and they have contacted their surfacing contractors to enquire with them about getting the surfacing vehicles through the lane. They are currently waiting to hear back from them and I will keep you informed as soon as I hear their response.

## **Fire Service Review and Consultation**

Finally we have received the results of the Fire Service Review and I am pleased to report that it was good overall, which went to Cabinet for approval.

The consultation on the Combined Authority with Hampshire Fire Authority has finished and went to Cabinet and onto Full Council for approval which was carried, so going forward we will be part of a new authority named Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire Authority of which we will have representation on the Board.

Also I am pleased to report that the new Deputy Chief Fire Officer for the Authority will be an Isle of Wight man Steve Apter who has almost 30 years of fire experience and takes over from Andy Bowers. I am sure we all wish him well in his new role.

With best wishes to you all,

Steve

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