

### WSSC February 2025 REPORT

Things are going well as normal with Childrens Services and Adult Services and as ever a plea that if you know anyone interested in Fostering we need them.

A lot of our meetings recently have been about the coming devolution programme and I am happy to verbally tell you exactly what is happening and where we are with it.

Highways as ever have been busy and I was hoping to have some notes on the success stories that we have with highways at the moment but the briefing paper did not arrive. /4 However I can tell you what I learnt from a verbal briefing last week.

It is a good news story and of course nothing is perfect but huge improvements have been made.

Most of the reported potholes are getting attended to in ¾ days when they reach the 40mm depth. Jane will know that we had a very good quick result in Plaistow last week so long may this continue.

The other item I picked up on was clearing of gully's. This was a once in 4 years problem unless a problem arose but this has now been reduced to 2 years. I am sure you understand that we have many thousand to deal with across the County so this will be good.

Of course it's budget time and we have a County Council just for the budget next week. It will be a balanced budget with no cuts. We are of course waiting to see if Government is going to reimburse for the new NI tax that we will have to pay and this will take about 6 million from the budget. We have catered for this but still think we may get it back from Government.

I have no further news on Brewhurst Bridge I'm afraid although I have asked today but not as yet had a reply.

If you would like a brief resume on Devolution please ask me at the meeting.

See you all later

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