

# **Copythorne Annual Parish Meeting – March 7th 2023**

## **Item 6 – County Councillor Report – Cllr. Edward Heron**

### **Statement on the use of a property in Winsor Road owned by Hampshire County Council**

“I am conscious that there have been a number of incidents, some of which have involved emergency response vehicles attending the address. I do understand that the community has been unsettled by these events, and I would like to reassure you that the situation is being continually assessed and monitored very closely.

It is important that the young person feels a sense of belonging in the local community; this will be very empowering for them and will support them as they move towards independence and into adulthood. Whilst concerns should continue to be raised where appropriate, it is also important and right that we give this young person our full support as a community.

Additionally, I would politely ask you to be mindful of the young person’s privacy and to therefore refrain from discussing the situation publicly, either in conversation with others or via social media.

Your support and understanding in this is greatly appreciated.”

Edward Heron  
County Councillor for Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge Division  
HCC Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services