

Copythorne Annual Parish Meeting – April 30th 2024

Item 4 – County Councillor Report – Cllr. Edward Heron

Cllr Edward Heron addressed the meeting and explained that the largest portion of the Council Tax bill was levied by HCC. They receive an annual budget of £2.9bn.

The budget is broken down as follows:

£1.2bn for schools

£800m Adult Services (over 25) including long term disability.

£400m Children Services, this includes 1900 cared for children (foster/homes). School transport costs £70m per year.

£120m Universal Services, includes waste disposal, roads (£50m), country parks, countryside services, archives, coroner's office, registration services, environment services and other functions.

If the budget had grown with inflation since 2010 the budget would now be £3.8bn. As it is HCC need to save another £132m in 2025/26.