

# District Councillor Report – June 2026

## Update on Local Government Reorganisation in West Sussex

The second government consultation on local government reorganisation for Sussex has now closed. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond.

While a final decision has yet to be made, CDC are continuing to work closely with the other councils to make sure the process remains on track.

The Government will now review all of the responses it has received and decide which option it believes is the most appropriate. All options remain under consideration. We understand that an announcement is likely to be made before the summer parliamentary recess, which begins on 16 July 2026. As soon as we hear the outcome, we will let you know. Elections for the new authorities are still expected to take place in 2027. The elected councillors will form what is known as a shadow authority for one year, ahead of the formal launch of the new authority in 2028. During this period, the shadow authority will operate alongside existing councils to prepare for the transition.

It is very much business as usual at CDC– the council will continue to deliver services until 2028, when the new authority is launched.

## Litter and Recycling

Funding has been agreed for a new project aimed at ensuring that more litter in the district is recycled. Cabinet has approved £170,000 for the project which will include reassessing litter bin locations, installing new bins in highly used areas and devising a behaviour change campaign aimed at encouraging more people to take their litter home so that it can be more effectively sorted and recycled. The district currently has around 600 litter bins and 250 dog mess bins and combined these are emptied 134,000 times a year. Initial analysis has highlighted that while some bins are extremely well used, there are others that are not well used, which could possibly be re-sited. Public recycling bins are not always efficiently used and can quickly become contaminated by general litter which is something that the council also wants to look at.

**If you have any ideas about where bins could be usefully located or relocated then let CDC or us know so that it can be taken into consideration.**

## Food recycling

The scheme has now been rolled out across the district. Any problems then let us or CDC know.

## **A new £105,000 Sustainability Grant Programme has been launched to support local businesses**

Businesses are being invited by Chichester District Council to apply for a share of £105,000 in new sustainability grants designed to help reduce environmental impact, cut energy costs, and support greener growth.

The programme offers grants of up to £7,500 per business, providing a valuable opportunity for organisations to invest in sustainable improvements such as energy efficiency measures, low-carbon technologies, waste reduction initiatives, and more. Businesses are expected to match fund the grant by 50%.

This funding is designed to support businesses with 2 to 40 employees, based in commercial premises within the Chichester District, to take practical steps towards sustainability. It aims to strengthen business resilience while contributing to broader environmental goals. Businesses can apply for this from 17 June 2026.

To mark the launch of the scheme, a lunch and learn session will take place on 17 June, offering businesses the chance to learn more about the funding, eligibility criteria, and application process. Attendees will also gain insights into how sustainability initiatives can drive long-term cost savings and business growth.

Businesses interested in applying are encouraged to register in advance for the launch event to secure their place and access further guidance. They can do this by visiting: [www.ticketsource.com/chichester-district-council-economic-development](http://www.ticketsource.com/chichester-district-council-economic-development).

Tickets are free and are already going very quickly.

**It would be great if we could get some of this grant funding for Fernhurst Ward so please do encourage businesses to apply!**

**Please do also keep in mind the grants available at CDC for charities, parish councils and clubs to apply for grants to help boost economy, improving places and spaces, stronger communities or for targeted projects.**

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