

REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020 FROM ROSEMARY ROWE.

August has been a busy month at S.H.D.C. We have been having many meetings via Skype, Zoom etc.

We have been working on an amended Budget to see the Council through until the end of this financial year to the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 there is at present a shortfall of £1,313,000. We have been through all the possibilities to produce an amended revenue Budget for the rest of this Financial Year. This will be on the agenda for next Full Council Meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 with recommendations to Council from The Executive. The joint meeting of the Over view and Scrutiny Panel and The D.M. Committee met this last week to consider the best options to proceed. The main debate is whether to take monies from unearmarked reserves which currently stand at £ 1.9 million it was at that meeting decided not to use all the monies from unearmarked reserves to prop up the shortfall. We may need to take up £200,000 from this reserve Pot will not do so unless absolutely necessary.

Other matters which occur seemingly in every parish and town are the never ending problems of rubbish, overflowing bins and skips, dog poo bins etc. over hanging trees, bushes and the general state of some areas.

There is a consultation ongoing at present re Car Parks which Dartmouth T.C. Have on their agenda.

We will be meeting with Fusion representatives shortly and it will be an agenda item for the next Full Council Meeting.

Covid 19 has presented us with many problems but we have managed to keep fairly safe with low number of cases in the South Hams considering the numbers of tourists that we have had visiting us.

I have attended meetings of The Torbay & South Devon Healthcare Trust. The DAY Surgery unit at the Hospital reopened on the 1<sup>st</sup> September and will be working at full capacity by October. This was the area which was set aside to deal with Covid19 urgent cases and treatment of patients.

The Nightingale Hospital on the outskirts of Exeter is up and running well. So far it has dealt with 900 patients, including cancer patients.

It is the season for The Flu vaccine vaccinations, please be sure to get yours and hopefully stay safe.

Take care ,Rosemary.