

County Councillor Keith Witham's Report

Worplesdon Parish Council – Full council meeting 22 November 2018

### **Public Consultation – Countryside Estate**

Yesterday, I attended a Surrey Wildlife Trust liaison group meeting regarding the current public consultation, which was very helpful.

### **Surrey County Council – Consultation on Services – Deadline for comments 4 January 2019**

#### [Have Your Say](#)

Surrey County Council is consulting on a range of its services – Share your views by **4 January 2019**:

1. Community Recycling Centres
2. Children's Centres
3. Libraries and Cultural Services
4. Concessionary bus travel
5. Special Educational Needs and Disability

Visit: [surreycc.gov.uk/consultations](http://surreycc.gov.uk/consultations)

Call: 03456 009009

Text: 07860 053465

Please respond to these important consultations. It would be appreciated if the Parish Council could advertise these on its social media platforms and on its website, if this has not already been actioned.

The County Council's intention is not only to save money, but to also to improve the services it delivers. E.g. in respect of children's social services children can now express their feelings via a mobile phone App "[Mind of my own](#)". This enables social workers to understand how the child is feeling, without having to have a face to face meeting. Fewer meetings enables the social worker to write up their reports. This is just one of the new ways of working being trialled by the County Council.

Another example of how services are modernising is the use of alarms for older residents. The new community alarm is called "[My Sense](#)". With the traditional alarm system, users called for assistance once they'd fallen. The new monitoring system monitors a person's movements. If they become wobbly the alarm will go off before they fall. This system has real time and health benefits. Using preventative measures saves costs later down the line.