

District Councillors' Report 9 August 2022 (Jenny Hollingsbee and Susan Carey)

Household Support Fund – The Council, via KCC, have received funding to help families with children and pensioners. In terms of type of support, the emphasis of this funding is to support households with energy bills. Food and water bills also remain priorities. It can also be used to support households with essential costs related to those items and with wider essential costs. In exceptional cases of genuine emergency, it can additionally be used to support housing costs where existing housing support schemes do not meet this exceptional need. Low-income homeowner occupiers will be supported to explore energy efficiency measures relating to appliances and domestic boilers. An emphasis on boosting skills in the local green economy also forms part of the scheme. See Cabinet Report C/22/18 dated 28 July on www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk for further information.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Following a successful bid to central government, the district council has been allocated £1 million over three years and this will be used to support residents experiencing challenges caused by cost of living increases. Cabinet members approved a local investment plan last week (20 July) which will see support provided through established services within the district. These include community hubs, food banks and local training and advice services. Interventions will include support to develop skills such as learning to cook on low budgets, healthier eating, reducing food waste and providing financial help. Low-income homeowner occupiers will be supported to explore energy efficiency measures relating to appliances and domestic boilers. An emphasis on boosting skills in the local green economy also forms part of the scheme.

Folkestone Air Show - The Leas and Folkestone Harbour are expected to be the busiest viewing spots for:

- **12.22pm:** Battle of Britain Memorial Flight
- **1pm:** Royal Aircraft Factory S.E.5
- **2.25pm:** Chinook (sponsored by Abbeywell Vets)
- **Time TBC:** Puma
- **5pm:** RAF Red Arrows

District Gridlock - a letter has been sent to Government signed by a number of Kent Leaders emphasising the need to address the traffic situation occurring because of Dover Port and the Channel Tunnel – further details and the letter can be accessed at www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/news