

Councillor John Clatworthy

1. It was good to hear that DCC will be providing vouchers for children who are entitled to free school meals over the February half-term and 300+ pupils in Dawlish benefit.
2. It has been confirmed to me that notwithstanding some bus services have been reduced because to reduced passenger numbers the Route 2 service is to continue with the half-hourly service.
3. Following complains I have received SWWA have agreed to paint the rendering on the front elevation of the pump house facing the A379 at Stutterton and confirmed that the sewer in Exeter Road has been up-graded and a storm tank has been installed in the pumping station and the flow from Secmaton Lane is now diverted direct to the pump station.
4. Dawlish Community Transport have taken delivery of a replacement vehicle with the help of the balance from the Invest in Devon I had amounting to £4735; the Invest in Devon Fund was created from the sale of Exeter Airport.
5. I am awaiting to hear when the MIN is expected to re-open following the recruitment initiative.
6. The Monitoring report at month 8 of the revenue budget estimated the overspend will be £1.9 million which is a reduction of £823k from month 6 and if the overspend cannot be clawed back the planned contribution to reserves will be reduced to leave a break-even position. Having said that the projected deficit relating to special educational needs has increased by £2.6 million to £30.4 million and this will be carried forward in line with advice from Dept of Education guidance.
7. Finally, I have heard that traffic volumes on A roads during lockdown have reduced by 33% during the week and 50% at weekends- The Central Team at County Hall are currently looking at Dawlish regarding refreshing and repainting junction markings and notwithstanding that the current markings at the junction of Empsons Hill and Badlake Hill do not meet intervention levels it has been agreed that the markings will be repainted in the next 4 weeks weather permitting.