EHDC report for July 2026

Air Quality Strategy for 2026-31.

East Hampshire's air quality is generally good and within current UK legal limits. However, evidence shows that long-term exposure to air pollution continues to affect residents' lives, particularly people who are very young, old or have medical conditions.

As part of legislation, EHDC published an Air Quality Strategy to identify areas where air quality can be improved and highlight the importance of air quality to residents.

The strategy focuses on four priority areas:

- Raising awareness of the importance of air quality
- Reducing health inequalities – so people aren't disadvantaged by where they live
- Reducing emissions
- Improving the understanding of the impacts of particulates and indoor air quality.

£3.5 million of Community Infrastructure levy funds to be invested in East Hampshire (the part of the district outside the SDNP)

East Hampshire District Council has announced more than £3.5 million is to be spent on facilities, projects and infrastructure through the use of all of EHDC's Community Infrastructure Levy funds (CIL).

EHDC Cabinet approved financial support for 28 fantastic schemes that will improve the lives of tens of thousands of local residents.

The list includes extending doctors' surgeries and dental practices, brand new playgrounds and sports pitches, facilities for local schools, support for families in need, renovations for village halls and help for pre-schoolers and pensioners.

The money is drawn from housebuilding taking place in parts of East Hampshire outside the South Downs National Park and is used to mitigate the impact of development on local communities .

The allocation of CIL within the SDNP will be announced in Q4 by the SDNP.

Details of all the £3.5m are in the following press release:

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2026/cabinet-approves-ps35-million-investment-local-projects

Strong local performance in reducing homelessness.

Liaising with landlords and building trust with rough sleepers has helped East Hampshire District Council take huge strides in the battle against homelessness in the district. Homelessness prevention requires constant attention and although East Hampshire has a comparatively low level of rough sleeping, it is a danger that can affect any individual. The progress being made on the issue was demonstrated recently when we recorded no rough sleepers in the month of May. The monthly average is four.

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2026/helping-our-homeless

Key performance indicators for EHDC:

The table below contains some of our key corporate performance indicators in 2025/26, with comparison figures from 2024/25, we have sought to improve our performance reporting by adding further key performance measures which we now monitor during the year.

Business Rates collection rate	97.64%	96.46%
Council Tax collection rate	98.24%	98.33%
Major planning applications decided within 13 weeks or agreed extension (over 70%)	100%	Not available
Minor planning applications decided within 13 weeks or agreed extension (over 65%)	85%	Not available
All planning applications decided within 26 weeks (above 98%)	95%	Not available
Homelessness interventions (above 600 for the year)	669	781
Customer satisfaction with service centre (above 97%)	96%	94.7%
Freedom of Information requests responded within statutory deadline (above 95%)	100%	