East Hampshire District Council report

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1) ***Food waste collection***

This rollout has gone smoothly and the service is collecting more food waste than anticipated as more residents are using the service. This is good economic news for the council, and council tax payers, as the cost of food waste is lower than that of general waste. The schedule of bin collections is here:

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2026/check-your-next-bin-collections-our-handy-search

Full details on the service, including what should go in the food caddies, and what to do if a collection is missed are here:

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/bin-collections/food-waste-collections

Your food waste should be collected weekly.

The new food waste trucks are using hydrotreated vegetable oil, which reduces emissions. There is a good press release on this, including a photo of your councillor with one of the new teams at the Bordon depot.

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2026/vegetable-oil-powering-our-food-waste-fleet

2) ***Local Elections/Local Government reorganisation***

There will be an EHDC election on the current boundaries in May 2027, probably for a 2 year term.

What's happened?

The Government has provided a further update on local government reorganisation (LGR) in Hampshire. The Government has confirmed that its previous decision remains withdrawn and that all of the proposals submitted for Hampshire are now being considered again. The proposal previously

selected will not automatically be chosen. If you would like to read the Ministerial statement, then please click on this link: https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2026-10-29/hcws432

What we know

- All proposals are back on the table and will be assessed against the existing criteria.
- The Government expects decisions to be made in early 2027.
- Once a decision has been made, the Minister has indicated there will be elections to the shadow unitary councils in 2028.
- The new councils are expected to go live in 2029.

What happens next?

The Government will continue considering the Hampshire proposals and has said every remaining area will have an outcome announced by early next year. Hampshire is specifically included in the next phase of the review.

What about elections?

The Government has confirmed that district council elections, and town and parish council elections will take place in May 2027 using the current council boundaries.

Does this affect Devolution?

No. There was a request by some councils to bring forward the Mayoral elections from 2028 to 2027 but the Government has said (28 October) that the Mayoral elections will go ahead in 2028.

3) EHDC News

EHDC regularly updates all residents on what it doing in the District. I encourage all residents to keep an eye on the District's press releases. The best source is here:

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news