

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR 22ND JULY 2024 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CLLR KIM BLOXHAM, CLLR KEVIN BLAKEY, CLLR SAM HAWKINS.

CRANBROOK PLACEMAKING GROUP

Regarding the Town Centre Masterplan, the group were informed that regular stakeholders meetings were being held and work was underway to collect the information. The work with public sector stakeholders has demonstrated that some service delivery requirements have now changed and this will result in the masterplan taking longer to produce than was first envisaged. The programme now is for the masterplan to be presented to EDDC Strategic Planning Committee in early October.

Nappy Recycling Trial

EDDC are undertaking a nappy recycling trial in the Cranbrook/Exeter area from Mid-September. Part of the trial is to assess different types of containers for residents to use. These will include some nappy caddies, some woven sacks, and some simple polythene sacks.

Most collections will be weekly, but some will be fortnightly. Residents in each category will be notified in advance of what is expected for their home.

The nappies will be sent to the Nappicycle recycling facility in South Wales. At present, the only UK reprocessor is in Wales but they are looking to expand amid interest from the English authorities. The facility in Wales, already recycle 8,000 tonnes of nappies a year from Welsh local authorities. The nappies are used to make new products such as fibre boards or used in road surfacing.

A recent waste composition analysis showed that nappies make up a very large proportion of East Devon bins.

Council Tax - Single Person Discount

The Council are reviewing anyone who gets a 25% discount on their Council Tax bill. To receive this discount an eligible resident would have to have told EDDC that they are the only adult resident in the property.

If you have a query from a resident who has received a review letter, please advise them to ensure they respond.

The review can be used to inform EDDC of any changes to their circumstances.

Please refer residents to EDDC website 'Single person discount review' to complete the review form or contact Capacitygrid for help on freephone 0808 168 8923.

Ring and Ride 2024-2025

A budget of £13,500 has been approved by the Portfolio Holder for Finance (Cllr Sam Hawkins) for the three ring and ride schemes that operate in the East Devon area.