

AGENDA ITEM 9b

Councillor Adam Bridgewater – West Devon Borough Council

Just an update on the recent events at WDBC.

Obviously, the Local Government Review is what is taking up a lot of Council time, we at West Devon are determined to deliver a range of day-to-day services that residents and communities expect, at the core of which is value for money, quality of service and to remain financially stable so we can achieve our ambitions, we are not just going to get up and walk away.

We shortly will be holding roadshows around the borough engaging with members of the public, I believe these are to be held in Tavistock, Okehampton, Chagford, Hatherleigh at various times over the coming weeks, dates and times can be found on the website.

We will of course report back these findings as well as any information given by the Government later this year when they have looked at all the proposed mergers.

Aside from that I am pleased as portfolio holder for Parking that we retained our short-term parking policy, not raising tariffs, supporting local towns and businesses, and this aligned with an excellent summer has meant that most if not all of them had lots of visitors spending their hard-earned money within the borough.

Concerns about a new parking app seem to be waning, and West Devon has reinforced that fact that it does not use QR codes at any of its machines, but we remain vigilant to would be cyber criminals.

We have also adopted Street scene enforcement policies to fight fly tipping, littering and dog fouling.

The last few weeks have been the summer break, but I will update if there are any questions.

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