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Letter from HCC to Rushmoor
Borough Council



Hampshire
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By Email

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Dear Ian

I have been made aware of a number of statements at Rushmoor Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 September 2025, relating to Hampshire County Council's financial appraisal and financial data sharing in respect of Local Government Re-organisation.

At 45 minutes into the meeting it was stated that "*Hampshire have consistently told us they can't tell us what they spend per resident in Rushmoor*" and "*that information is not available from Hampshire County Council*". When asked "*is it in their proposal*" it was responded that "*they won't do it and they don't break up Hart and Rushmoor into separate areas*".

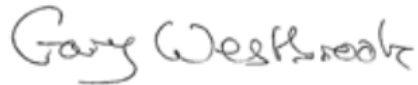
As stated in Hampshire County Council's published Cabinet papers in July 2025, the County Council utilised the consultancy expertise of Newton Impact to support the data driven approach to financial modelling, with a particular focus on people based services including Social Care, SEND and Home to School Transport. This work modelled cost and demand data at a District level and the data has been fully shared with Local Authorities across Hampshire, including Rushmoor Borough Council, through the data sharing agreement and protocol. It is therefore incorrect to suggest that the County Council has not provided data at a local level to enable Rushmoor Borough Council to model costs. In addition, the County Council shared a model developed by Pixel Financial Management to disaggregate County Council Funding to district level with all Local Authorities across Hampshire.

For clarity, Hampshire County Council has utilised this data and modelling in its own financial appraisal which has been overseen by our Section 151 Officer and will be submitted to Government later this month. The County Council has also provided an all Member briefing to County Councillors on our approach and methodology, which was supported by our advisors, including Newton Impact, in June earlier this year.

Chief Executive
Gary Westbrook

I am aware that you have your Extraordinary Council Meeting on 25 September considering Local Government Reorganisation and I would be grateful if this matter of factual inaccuracy relating to the County Council's work and data sharing approach could be clarified.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gary Westbrook". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Gary Westbrook
Chief Executive

cc: Karen Edwards, Executive Director
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