

District Council Report

On October I attended the Greater Brighton Economic Board at Shoreham with other leaders . We learnt that Gatwick Airport has 2040 as their target date for net zero , NHS Sussex has 236 GP practices and that there has been an increase of circa 7 per cent in the over 65 s . In fact a proposal was made that the NHS Integrated Care Board should become a member of the GBEB and it was revealed that the Board employs 50 000 staff serving the 1.7 million people in Sussex and that it had to focus on the last 15 years in life where people are not normally in good health . Given that Arun's population is one of the most elderly with 35 per cent of residents being aged over 65 , I believe that it is in our interests to support their membership . Diabetes , respiratory conditions etc need proactive care with an emphasis on prevention .

Full Council on the 6th November featured two motions - one to petition the Chancellor to review the winter fuel payment decision and this passed with some abstentions . The second motion concerned the cancellation of the Arundel bypass scheme and an amended version including active travel proposals gained universal support . In terms of the Regis Centre forty - one votes were in favour of the extra £3 million (£2 million of which is contingency) being allocated to enable the project to move forward within the context of a 16 per cent increase in material costs and more risk averse developers with some going out of business altogether .

I also attended the Remembrance Day Service at Bognor Regis this Sunday and the service at Littlehampton on the 11 th . It was heartwarming to see the numbers attending showing that we will not forget their sacrifice !

Councillor Martin Lury