

State of the County 2022

Headlines



Ongoing
Covid
recovery

Economic and
cost of living
challenges

Growing
levels of
need

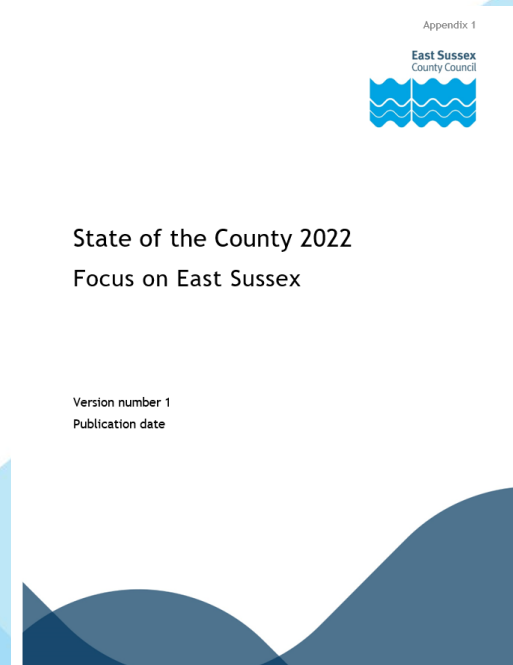
Significant
service
reforms

Uncertain
financial
outlook

**Volatile and
highly
challenging
backdrop
for our
planning**

Evidence Base - Focus on East Sussex

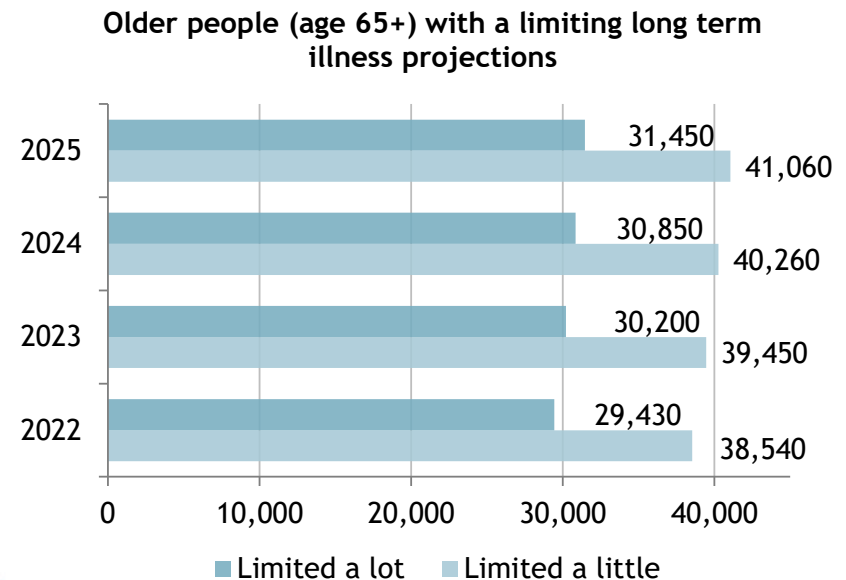
- Provides information on key local issues, including:
 - Our growing population of older people.
 - The demand for Adult Social Care services.
 - The increasing support needs of some of our children and young people.
 - Our economy.
 - Climate Change.



Older People

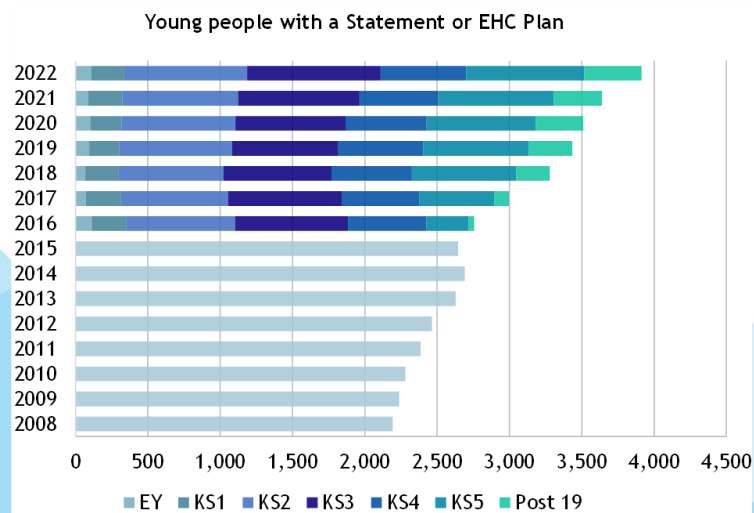
- Older people form a high proportion of the population and this is projected to increase in the coming years
- The number of older people with a limiting long term illness is projected to increase by 6.7% between 2022 and 2025.

Age	East Sussex		England	
	2022	2026	2022	2026
65+	26.8%	28.2%	18.9%	20.0%
85+	4.1%	4.3%	2.6%	2.7%



Children and young people

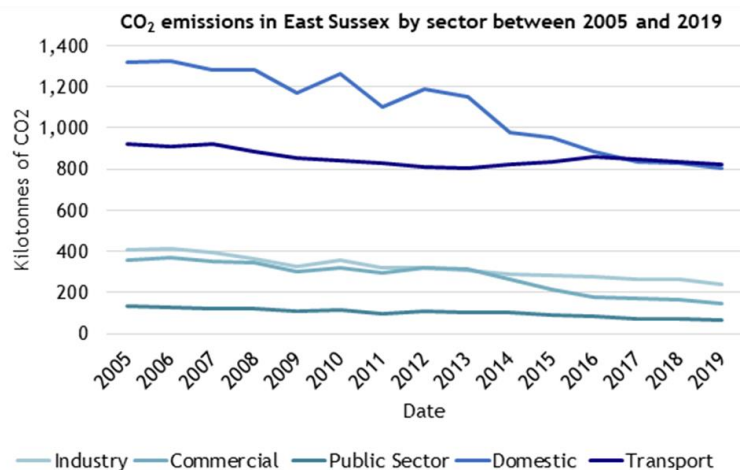
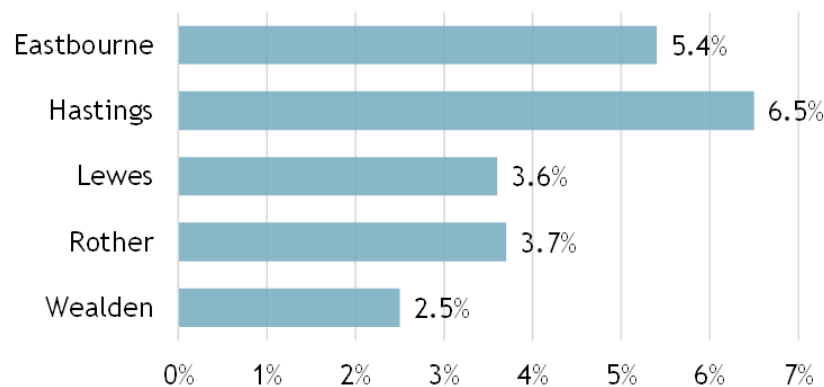
- The number of children with a Child Protection Plan has increased since 2017.
- Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) have continued to increase over the last seven years.
- Youth employment rates were badly affected by Covid-19, but improved by end of 2021/22.



Economy and climate

- Unemployment at March 2022 was 4.1%.
- Nationally job vacancies are at a record high, but locally there may be a mismatch between vacancies and available skills.
- Nationally 8 out of 10 adults reported an increase in their cost of living in March 2022

Unemployment (age 16 - 64) JSA and UC
March 2022

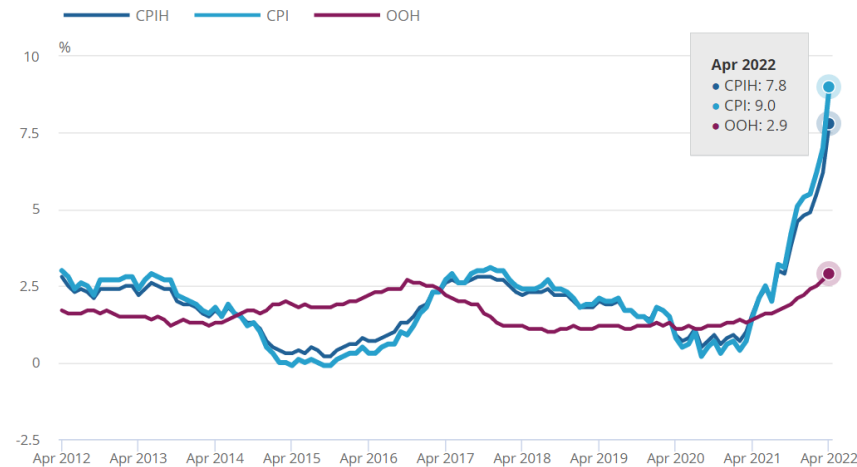


- Carbon emissions have fallen but require cutting by an average of about 13% per year to reach current targets

Policy Context

- **Economic challenges, inflation and cost of living** – impacts for ESCC as well as residents and businesses
- **Workforce** challenges - national challenges in recruitment and retention
- Ongoing **post-Covid** recovery and adjustment - our services and the local economy
- The Government's **Levelling Up** agenda – wide-ranging and long-term ambitions
- **New Prime Minister** in September – still unclear how they might change the policy agenda

CPIH, OOH component and CPI 12-month inflation rates for the last 10 years, UK, April 2012 to April 2022



Source: Office for National Statistics – Consumer price inflation

Ongoing and expected reforms

- **Adult Social Care** reforms – significant financial and operational impacts for the Council
- Progressing **health and social care integration**
- **Children's Social Care** – awaiting Government response to national review
- Reforms in **Schools Bill** and **SEND Green Paper**



- Changes to **planning** system and **local growth funding/support** arrangements
- Refresh of our **Local Transport Plan**, taking forward **Bus Services Improvement Plan**

Action on climate change

Actions ESCC will take to cut its own carbon emissions in 2022/23 include:

- Deliver a further **10 solar Photovoltaic** and **10 low energy lighting schemes**.
- Complete the **decarbonisation of heating at 2 primary schools**.
- Require **key contractors to reduce carbon emissions** such as our highways contractor.
- Bid for more **external funding** to help pay for decarbonisation of heat projects and tree planting.
- Update the **corporate climate emergency plan** to 2025.
- Deliver **climate awareness training** to Members and over 150 staff.
- Install **electric vehicle charging points** at County Hall.

Priority outcomes

Driving
sustainable
economic
growth

Keeping
vulnerable
people
safe

Helping
people
help
themselves

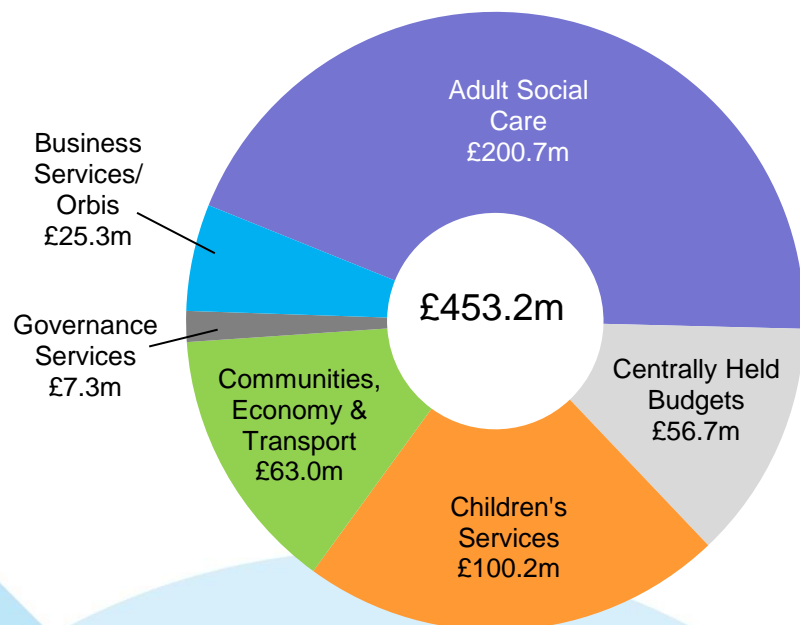
Making best use of resources now and
for the future

Financial context

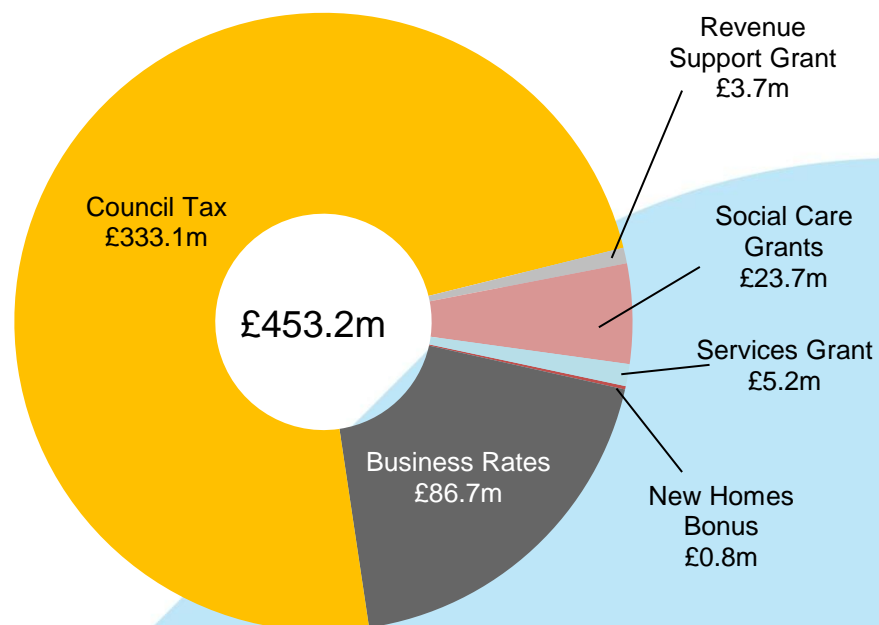
- One year financial settlement from Government for 2022/23...
 - + Uncertainty over future settlements, funding formulas and specific grants
 - + Impact of inflation significant and uncertain
 - + Impact of service reforms, particularly in Adult Social Care and Children's Services
- = Significant uncertainty and volatility
- Current projected deficit of £14.999m by 2025/26
 - One year services grant of £5.175m in 2022/23 - set aside for **one-off** investments to help prepare for the future and deliver priorities

Net Revenue Budget

How we will spend your money (net)



Where the money comes from (net)



Capital Programme

- Updated to reflect 2021/22 outturn and approved variations, revising the gross programme down to £676.0m to 2031/32
- 10-year capital programme to be updated to include consideration of:
 - the impact and management of inflation and supply chain issues
 - any updates relating to Government funding and risk metrics being developed nationally
 - the procurement of the highways contract and other investment in targeted basic need

Making the case for East Sussex

- Ongoing work to ensure Government understands:
 - the needs of our county
 - the impact of inflation on our financial outlook
 - the ongoing and urgent need for a sustainable multi-year financial settlement
 - requirement for full funding of major reforms to social care provision and children's services
- Work with MPs and partners