

**District Councillors' Report to UPC – Alison Dewynter and Victor Abbott
April 2026**

Feedback on Issues Raised by the PC and Residents for action by District Councillors:

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News from South Hams DC of note to PC and residents:

1. Fusion Lifestyle and SHDC Leisure Centres

Fusion Lifestyle, the operator of SHDC Leisure Centres, has announced that it has gone into administration. A short-term contract has been awarded to Parkwood Leisure to operate SHDC Leisure Centres.

SHDC are working closely with Fusion's administrator and Parkwood to ensure that the centres, their staff, swim school, fitness classes and memberships continue without any interruption and transfer seamlessly to Parkwood.

More information at this link:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/leisure-and-outdoor-spaces/leisure-centre-updates>

2. Crisis and Resilience Fund – Support for Low-Income Households with heating oil costs

The Government has announced additional funding for heating oil to be delivered through the Crisis and Resilience Fund. South Hams share of the funding from Devon County Council is £108,889.

This funding is intended to go to low-income households experiencing a financial shock due to the spike in the cost of heating oil.

The SHDC Benefits team have been contacting residents where existing datasets suggest they meet the eligibility criteria of the scheme and will fast-track these applications.

Further information can be found at www.southhams.gov.uk/crisis-resilience-fund .

Officers are working on a delivery plan for the other strands of the Crisis and Resilience Fund and will provide further updates shortly.