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**Local Government News. July/August 2016.**

**Council Performance**

**Both East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council have reviewed their performance for last year and set out the priorities for the future.**

**The headlines**

**County Council**

* We spent within budget.
* Support for business has continued with £1.3m invested and 43 more jobs created.
* 66000 homes have improved broadband, 82% of which are able to receive speeds of 24mbps.
* No of pupils achieving 5 or more A-C grades at GCSE is 56.3% which is below target.
* Average time between a child entering care and moving in with adoptive parents is 520 days which is too long.
* Council and the Health service locally are working together to provide integrated care and spend the extra ‘Better Together’ money - £6m - effectively.
* The number of troubled families receiving extra family support is 895.
* The number killed or seriously injured on our roads was 348 which is too high. A £1m project is about to start to focus on improving this figure.

**Wealden Council**

* The plans to regenerate our Town Centres in Crowborough, Uckfield and Hailsham are progressing well. In Hailsham, improvement work started this month.
* The build out of our main Business Parks down the A22 Enterprise corridor is moving apace at Maresfield, Swallow Business Park and Dittons in Polegate.
* 172 Affordable homes were delivered in 2015/16.
* The new Wealden Local Plan is being put together after a lot of consultation.
* Our Recycling rate is now 50.2 %.
* Spend is within a challenging budget and our Infrastructure Fund has £2.5 m set aside for 2016.

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