

## **Community Funded School Crossing Patrols**

The county council is asking communities to look to fund their local school crossing patrols from September 2019, as part of proposals to close a £35m shortfall in our budget next year.

Legally we have to balance our books and are now facing some very difficult decisions in order to bridge the gap left by funding the soaring costs of adult social care and looking after increasing numbers of children in our care.

As a result, we are proposing to still employ, train, manage and provide uniforms for patrols, but would look to communities, businesses and local organisations to fund their salaries. This would be approximately £4,000 per year.

We are also gathering feedback and asking for suggestions. You can find out more and have your say at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/patrols](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/patrols)

The patrols all do a wonderful job and I am hoping that as many patrols as possible can become community funded.

Our final budget will be presented to Full Council in February and we asking for expressions of interest by the February half-term, with funding needing to be in place by the May half-term.

If your organisation is interested in funding a local patrol then please do contact [scp@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:scp@staffordshire.gov.uk)