

Winchester City Councillor Monthly Report December 2017

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As you will see, there is a great dealing going on at the City Council :

More money for District council housing?

Proposals by Government to allow councils in areas of high housing costs to bid for more cash from the additional £1 billion allocated nationally could see Winchester City Council bring forward a number of sites it previously had no way of funding.

Wi-Fi to be rolled out in all Council sheltered accommodation

Residents living in WCC sheltered accommodation are set to benefit from improved Wi-Fi provision. The Council has earmarked £115,000 from its housing revenue capital programme to fund a community Wi-Fi network, which is intended to help address the issue of social isolation for residents who have mobility difficulties and no family living nearby.

Work continues on Winchester City Council affordable housing scheme in Alresford

An affordable housing scheme in Alresford is continuing to take shape. The nine home development at Mitford Road is a WCC development that will help the authority to deliver 600 affordable new homes by 2021, underlining the Council's aim to prioritise offering more choice around housing to residents. Construction work on six new one bedroom affordable flats started on November 20, and should be completed by June 2018. The scheme also includes two semi-detached two bedroom homes. These new homes will be ready for occupation in January 2018 and are available to buy through shared ownership, also known as 'part-buy, part-rent'. The Council's shared ownership scheme is designed to help people onto the property ladder, whether as a first-time buyer or as somebody who wants to get back into home ownership.

£15m added to strategic asset fund to support future Council services

At a Full Council meeting Members ratified a plan to increase Winchester City Council's ability to invest in strategic assets that can be used to boost the organisation's income and support local services going forward. Income generated by investing this increased amount will be used to fund local services.

The Dean, Alresford

In January, WCC should see approval to purchase the car park land and bring that forward. It is a smaller car park than originally hoped, however it will be a welcome addition to our current pressures. (Build timeframe unknown as yet.)

Winchester District Sports Awards

Nominations can be made online with the **closing date for entries on Friday 5 January 2018** for the following categories: Junior Sportsman; Junior Sportswoman; Senior Sports person; Disability Sports person; Making a Difference; Team; Coach; Club; Volunteer; Service to Sport. All nominees must one of the following: A resident in the Winchester District; Attending an educational establishment in

the Winchester District; Linked to a sports club based in the Winchester District. To nominate email www.winchester.gov.uk/sport/winchester-district-sports-awards-2017 or for further information please contact the Sport & Physical Activity Team on 01962 848329 or email sport@winchester.gov.uk

Help shape Sport and Physical Activity for the future

The Winchester District Sport and Physical Activity Framework 2018-23, is now available for consultation. The Framework is the third since the Winchester District Sport and Physical Activity Alliance Advisory Board was established in 2006 and has been refreshed with reference to emerging strategies from the Government, Sport England and Energise Me. It offers guidance and support for all sporting organisations across the District, for the next five years. Sports clubs and those who have responsibility for delivering sport and physical activity in the district can give their views here: winchester.citizenspace.com/sport-and-physical-activity/winchester-spaa-framework/. **The deadline for comment is 12 January 2018.**

Sport & Leisure Park – Bar End

There is currently public engagement running on the initial design concepts and park facilities for the future. All the documents from the exhibitions are available online and we would very much welcome your input. **Closing date 12 January 2018.** <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/projects/consultation>

Central Winchester Regeneration Project

Another controversial project, formerly known as Silver Hill. The draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Central Winchester Regeneration Area (CWR area) has been devised with public input and received a great deal of applause for the very detailed document. **Closing date 12 noon 5 February 2018** <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/projects/engagement-and-consultation>

Winchester's residents help keep Air Ambulance flying

Winchester residents have helped raise a staggering £24,000 for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, by using council clothing recycling points around the district to turn their unwanted clothing, shoes and textiles into cash. Keep up the good work!