

## **Winchester City Councillor Monthly Report August 2017**

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### **Winchester Bus Station**

The Winchester bus station has reopened. Passengers for buses going east of Winchester will continue to leave from The Broadway (No.64), and buses for any other direction will leave from the bus station (No. 67).

### **Don't forget : VIRGIN MEDIA BUSINESS 'VOOMS' INTO WINCHESTER**

The Virgin Media Business of 2017 'VOOM' competition (to find the best new business ideas across the UK) comes, along with the 'Voom Bus', to Winchester on Thursday 19 October 2017. Virgin Media Business is looking for local people with the courage to pitch their business idea at each tour stop, giving them the chance to win a regional prize of £5,000 and one of ten chances to meet and receive advice from Sir Richard Branson. Experts from partners including Virgin StartUp will also be on hand to provide valuable expertise, help and advice on how to launch and scale a start-up. The national competition will return in March 2018 and will again provide the chance to win a share of £1m in prizes. For more details on the tour and for anyone with a great business idea, who wants to register to pitch at their local event, they should visit [www.virginmediabusiness.co.uk/voom](http://www.virginmediabusiness.co.uk/voom)

### **Sun Lane Outline Planning**

The outline application submitted to WCC is expected – we have yet to be advised when it will be heard. Maybe October? The majority of concerns relate to the traffic implications around the application – these are subject to Hampshire County Council, as the Highways Authority, for evaluation and comment as to their appropriateness or measures required to address any problems.

### **Winchester Sport & Leisure Park**

A third phase of engagement is due in the autumn which will show emerging designs/layout of the building at Bar End. It is expected the Full Council will be asked to approve the business case in late Autumn and, should that be confirmed, a planning application will be submitted in Spring 2018. It is anticipated that building of the new facility will commence later in 2018.

The new facility at Bar End will be much easier for Alresford & Itchen Valley residents to access and we would therefore encourage you to look at proposals in the coming months to comment.

### **Council invests £1m on Disabled Adaptations**

Don't forget, especially if you know of someone who could benefit from adaptations:

As part of the Government's Better Care programme, the Council is now investing over £1m every year on installing disabled adaptations such as level access showers, stair lifts and ramps, as well as extending properties to help disabled and vulnerable residents to be able to continue to live independently and remain in their own home, avoiding the disruption and expense of being placed in care homes and preventing extended hospital stays.

The Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) is a means tested grant helping people, including those living in the private sector, with the cost of adapting their homes, enabling them to continue living there. This is a mandatory grant for works that have been recommended as essential and necessary by an Occupational Therapist.

### **City Council launches 'It's great to be up to date campaign'**

This campaign is to remind residents receiving Housing Benefits and/or Council Tax Support to let the Council know as soon as they have a change in their circumstances.

Residents who do not contact the Council straight away following a change in circumstances risk losing out on benefits they may have been entitled to or being asked to repay overpayments.

### **WINnovation funding event launches again!**

Community groups, registered charities and not-for-profit voluntary organisations are invited to pitch at their unique WINnovation one-off funding event.

Grants of up to £4000 are up for grabs for community activities or projects in the Winchester District, which specifically benefit local residents. Initiatives which are delivered in an entrepreneurial way, that are innovative, engaging, capacity building or which enhance the organisation's strategic development, are more likely to succeed.

Applications to 'pitch' should be submitted online by noon 17 October and grant decisions will be made at a special 'Dragon's Den' style event from 3.30pm on Thursday 2 November at the Marwell Hotel. The Panel will score the 'pitches' on the night and awards will be made at a short ceremony at the end of the evening.

### **Council ups transparency with new style reporting**

The first in a series of new reports was reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The quarterly reports set out the Council's progress against budget, key performance and project measures and will be presented to a cross-party committee who look to monitor delivery.

The first report includes information on Major Projects such as the Central Winchester Regeneration Scheme, and also outlines the performance in services areas such as Council Tax collection and Planning Application processing. The new measure reflects the Council's commitment to providing greater transparency – affording residents and local organisations a better oversight of its key activities in a single document. The move also looks to demonstrate that the organisation is monitoring this information, building on the recommendations of the Corporate Peer Challenge that the Council requested earlier in the year.

### **Successful architecture firm announced for Station Approach**

Winchester City Council has announced the appointment of Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands as the architecture firm to take forward the Station Approach development.

The Council is tasking the successful tenderer to design the area with a sensitive blend of commercial and residential property developments. As an initial task Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands will scope the mix and balance of different uses across the Carfax and Cattlemarket sites.

### **Steady and Strong Classes**

These classes consist of low intensity exercises, which help to improve strength and balance, and keep residents independent for longer.

- These classes are suitable for anyone who has had a fall or is worried about having a fall,
- Improves mobility and helps to improve balance.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesdays	2pm - 3pm	1 hour	£3.00	River Park Leisure Centre, SO23 7DD
Thursdays	11am - 12pm	1 hour	£1.50	Waynelete Place, Stanmore, SO22 4DA
Thursdays	1pm - 2pm	1 hour	£3.00	Tubs Hall & Kingsworthy Community Hall, SO23 7PJ
Fridays	2pm - 3pm	1 hour	£3.00	River Park Leisure Centre, SO23 7DD*
Fridays	3pm - 4pm	1 hour	£1.50	Compton Scout Hut, Compton, SO21 2AZ

### **Health walks**

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/activewinchester/active-lifestyles-scheme/health-walks/>

In the Ward, there are walks commencing in Alresford and Kings Worthy, but there many in the wider District too. If you'd like to take part, all you have to do is come along to the start point of one of our walks a few minutes early, so that one of our trained walk leaders can give you a registration form to complete. Then you're free to take part in as

many walks as you like, as often as you like. If you want to know more before you start, just get in touch on [vijones@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:vijones@winchester.gov.uk) or call 01962 848 493 / 07980732124 OR complete this registration form on the link below to fill in your registration online: <https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/login>

**What can I comment on?**

1. The August 2017 edition of the **Winchester Young People’s Job Bulletin** will be the last to be issued due to staffing changes at Southampton City Council who produce the bulletin on behalf of Winchester City Council. The bulletin includes job vacancies and training opportunities as well as apprenticeships in the Winchester District.  
In order that Winchester City Council can decide whether to continue with the bulletin we would like to ask you a few questions about how useful you have found it.  
<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/economy-and-arts/winchester-young-people-s-job-bulletin/>  
**Closes 17 September 2017**
2. A review of the **OVAL (Offender, Victim and Location)** meeting, procedures and outcomes.  
<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/community-safety-neighbourhood-services/review-of-oval-proceedures/>  
**Closes 19 September 2017**
3. **Winchester Criterium Cyclefest** : Sunday 11th June 2017 saw Winchester’s City Centre streets closed for a day of all things cycling and we were thrilled that so many people could be a part of it this year! We are always looking for ways to improve the event year on year so what better way to do so than talking to the people who’s opinions we care about the most...YOU!  
<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/sport-and-physical-activity/winchester-criterium-cyclefest-2017-feedback/>  
**Closes 30 September 2017**

**Feedback**

**Council Strategy**

**We Asked :** If you supported the council's proposals for the following 5 outcomes.

1. Delivering Quality **Housing** Options
2. Winchester will be a premier **business** location
3. Delivering an **Entrepreneurial** approach to efficient public services
4. Improving the **health and happiness** of our community
5. Improving the quality of the district’s **environment**

**You Said :** For each of the 5 outcomes there was positive support for the Council policy.

	Yes	No	No Answer
<b>Housing</b>	76%	15%	9%
<b>Business</b>	69%	20%	12%
<b>Public Services</b>	65%	24%	10%
<b>Community</b>	82%	9%	8%
<b>Environment</b>	81%	14%	5%

**We Did :** There were over 1,200 comments from the 404 respondents and we are now analysing this information in more detail. A full report will be presented to the Council Cabinet and made available to the public.