

Winchester City Councillor Monthly Report June 2018

Winchester Criterium and Cyclefest 2018

Reminder : Winchester Criterium and CycleFest is back on **Sunday 10th June** : www.winchestercriterium.org

A survey is being conducted asking residents about cycling habits, for young and old – if you are a keen cyclist but have comments on improvements, we would appreciate your views :

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/sport-and-physical-activity/winchester-criterium-cyclefest-sustainability/> Closes on **12th June 2018**

Sun Lane Outline Planning Application

The OUTLINE application is due to be heard by WCC Planning Committee on **Thursday 21st June 2018**. For it to pass, the application needs to comply with the Planning Policy, Local Plan Part 2, National Planning Policy Framework and Highways England requirements.

Fly-tipping

WCC has a 100% record of successful prosecutions for fly-tipping, and although it may come as a surprise, there is fall of 100 tonnes for Winchester District, so perhaps people are less inclined than it seems. As well as financial penalties for offenders, prison sentences have also been given, so it's not worth it! If residents have work done and the workmen are responsible for removing waste, ensure they dispose of it responsibly otherwise it could come back to haunt you too. Please report fly-tipping use this link <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling/flytipping> giving details of the easiest way.

Grass cutting

Spectacular warm, wet weather finds me mowing the lawn twice a week to keep it tidy! However, the scheduled service for those areas maintained by IdVerde (our contractor) has not kept up with the growth. They are out and about NOW, with extra crews to get it back under control. Although they are required to ensure cutting debris is blown off the paths, they do not collect as they mow, so it's not going to be great. WCC will review the schedule with Parish Councils to reschedule the cutting in 2019/20 so we get more cuts early on when the grass grows more vigorously.

If there are particular areas which are dangerous, report to the Customer Service Centre on 0300 300 0013. Voicemail messages can be left or use the online reporting app. This will allow us to keep track of particular areas when programming.

Winchester Sport & Leisure Park

Cabinet have approved the Design Framework, along with the playing pitch improvements and feasibility study into replacement the boxing club facility with a multi-purpose facility on the King George V playing fields at Bar End. The planning application for the new Sport & Leisure Centre can now be submitted! Later in June, an exhibition will be held and residents are encouraged to come along to see the fantastic design and new facilities proposed. We remain on time and on budget.

WCC has joined the Wayfarer Consortium

Becoming a member of the Consortium allows WCC to have access to government funding to accelerate the plans to build 600 new homes in Winchester by 2020. Wayfarer is a consortium of 18 different registered housing providers, including housing associations and local authorities, who provide affordable housing. The council intends to use the partnership to bid for funding under the Shared Ownership Affordable Homes Programme.

Life-changing adaptations for homes

This funding is always available, including for private home owners. Adaptations can involve extending properties to help disabled and vulnerable residents to be able to continue to live independently and avoid the disruption, distress and expense of being placed in care homes or needing hospital stays.

Residents can apply to the Council for Disabled Facilities Grant assistance by emailing PrivateSectorHousing@winchester.gov.uk and calling 01962 848 455.

Grants

Small Grant Scheme (up to £500) and Small Project Grant Scheme (up to £3,000) are open until 15 June 2018. Awards will be announced early July. <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants/> .

Council asks public to be 'dragons'!

A new business innovation fund has been launched by WCC, giving members of the public the opportunity to vote on which innovative business ideas the council should fund. Aimed at small businesses located within the Winchester District, focusing on innovation and the creation of new business ideas, services and projects – and the awards will be in the region of £1,500 per business. For further information on the business innovation fund, online application form and full eligibility criteria visit: www.winchester.gov.uk/business-innovation-fund or email businessgrants@winchester.gov.uk.
You have until 30th June to apply.

Consultations

- **Parks and Green Spaces Visitor Survey**
Closes 30 Nov 2018, Opened 1 Dec 2017

Contact : Landscape & Open Spaces Team 01962 848 533 slord@winchester.gov.uk

Why We Are Consulting

Your views on our parks and green spaces are important to us and help to inform how we manage these spaces in the future. WCC want to know what you think about our parks and green spaces and how we could improve them. You can fill out this survey for as many different sites as you wish, but please refer to only one site per survey.

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/landscape-open-spaces/parks-and-green-spaces-visitor-survey/>

If you have any comments or questions on the content of this report, please do not hesitate to get in touch. And of course, on any matter relating to WCC responsibilities where I may be able to help.

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