

Winchester City Councillor Monthly Report September 2018



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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 will help.

WCC Cabinet Meeting in Alresford

Our next Cabinet meeting will be held at the Alresford Recreation Centre at Arlebury Park, 4.30pm on Wednesday 19th September 2018. This is a public meeting and all are welcome.

Providing Affordable Homes

The new homes in Mitford Road, Alresford, are now completed. WCC will continue with plans to support residents on the issues of renting, to social housing, and those looking for affordable homes to get on the housing ladder. We are one of the leading councils building social housing in the country.

Loan Sharks

On 17th September, WCC Councillors will attend a briefing on Loan Sharks where the Council will sign up to a Charter to support residents who are prey to such schemes. Fortunately, the majority in our Ward are unlikely to be affected, however there are areas of our community that may be affected. Further information will be available on the WCC website after the briefing. If you are aware of a resident who needs support, please ask them to get in touch.

Dementia Friendly

Film : On 24th September at 10.30 (for 11am start) at The Screen, Winchester, there is a Dementia Friendly showing of 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie@', which is funded by Home Instead. They show monthly 'relaxed' viewings at the 95 seat screen. There is no charge and priority is given for those with dementia and their carers.

Exercise : On Thursdays, 2-3pm, running weekly at River Park Leisure Centre.

Boomtown Festival 2018

There is a feedback event at the Alresford Recreation Centre, starting at 18.30 on Monday 10th September. Residents are welcome to attend or give feedback in writing. If you wish to attend please let me know : info@boomtownfair.co.uk (just to make sure there is sufficient capacity). Feedback can be sent to Boomtown's Community Liaison Officer at local_community@boomtownfair.co.uk

Winchester City Council's Local Plan 2036

The consultation runs **until midday Friday 21 September** 2018 on the Local Plan to 2036. We are all stakeholders, so all have a right to a say! An online consultation is available at <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy-and-planning/winchester-lp-launch/> with key questions to help shape the plan. Further information and supporting evidence for the Local Plan can be viewed at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy>

Winchester Sport & Leisure Park, Bar End

The planning application is due to be heard in October 2018. Sport England have removed their holding objection and South Downs National Park have raised no objections. The new football pitches at King George V playing fields have now opened – to great success and delight of the Winchester City Flyers! The Amateur Boxing Club has moved to its new venue! We continue to seek a venue for a rebound centre (or gymnastics and trampolining).

Sports Clubs largely use a sports hall after 6pm, although junior level may commence earlier with after school activities. During the opening hours, this means that from 6am through to say 4pm, and it is the same across the country, sports halls often have surplus capacity. Our task is to ensure that we can provide activities to attract residents into the centre during those times; we cannot force people to take up activity – even though we all know we should perhaps! Population and participation levels, including anticipated growth based on our above average activity levels, have resulted in 8 court being more than sufficient capacity. We have an excess of hall space around the district and not all participants wish to have to travel to Winchester City. We also need to bear in mind that a larger building, which some are still calling for, would mean certain objection from SDNP due to increased bulk, lower the building further is inadvisable due to underground water courses and risks to flooding (frequently raised by local residents), and from Sport England and the Football Association as we would be certain to lose a further football pitch. The increased cost would mean a burden on all residents across the District, including those who will never use the centre.

Chesil Lodge, Winchester – Extra Care development

Love it or loathe it, this development has been shortlisted for ‘Best Older People’s Housing Development’ (under 70 homes) in the prestigious Inside Housing Development Awards which celebrate the very best residential developments across the UK from the past year. This award recognises a completed or planned development that creates homes for older people that are desirable and well designed to meet current and future care and support needs. Residents who have moved in are full of praise.