

## Winchester City Councillor Monthly Report November 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.

### Fly-tip Orr's Meadow A31

As of 1 November the fly-tip has been cleared and officers have discovered a number of pieces of evidence to follow up for investigation which we hope will lead to prosecution. A final sweep and clean will be conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. To date Winchester City Council are the only Council with a 100% record for successful prosecutions.

### Play Equipment Inspections

WCC are able to offer a chargeable service for inspections and undertake minor repairs. If you would like details, please contact : Karl Butcher [kbutcher@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:kbutcher@winchester.gov.uk) or 01962 848574

### Living with and beyond cancer

A recent event hosted by the Hampshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust at the Holiday Inn, highlighted the need for self-care during and after cancer treatment. An important part of which is physical activity and the mental support this can provide individuals taking part in classes offered at River Park run by their own staff and also WCC officers. There are a number of other rehabilitation programmes, as part of the exercise referral scheme, to support individuals with long term health conditions.

### Gypsy & Traveller DPD

A consultation is under way on the modifications and is open **until 23 November 2018**

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy-and-planning/modifications-gypsy-traveller/>

### Sports Awards for Winchester District Sports Clubs 2018

The Awards will be held at the Holiday Inn on Thursday 7 February 2019. Please ensure this information is passed on to any local sports clubs to nominate individuals – it can be high level rugby to indoor bowls. If you have a local club which has committed members or organisers, then ensure they get a nomination. Link here:

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/sport/winchester-district-sports-awards-2018> Closing date for nominations : 4 January 2019.

### Sports funding and CPD Opportunities

There are a number of opportunities to access funding.

[www.energiseme.org/funding](http://www.energiseme.org/funding)

[www.energiseme.org/news-events-courses/](http://www.energiseme.org/news-events-courses/)

[www.winchester.gov.uk/grants](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants)

[www.ukcoaching.org/courses](http://www.ukcoaching.org/courses)

### Citizens Advice Bureau

Due to the need for additional meeting space to meet clients, the Winchester branch will relocate to the City Council's Colebrook Street offices in early 2019. Annual requests are made by the CAB for a donation from Parishes as this is a

Charity, receiving no Government support to offer services which are provided by volunteers. All volunteers are trained and qualified to offer financial or other advice in order to deliver a high quality service. Debt problems are a particular problem for many and huge savings have been made for residents across the Ward. As Parishes a grant is greatly appreciated to ensure the CAB continues to support those in need. As you will no doubt know, no charge is made and although some clients do make donations, some are unable. Individuals can become regular donators to the Charity should they wish.

#### **Vehicle parked long term on Broad Street, Alresford**

The police and WCC are aware of the circumstances behind this vehicle remaining and statutory processes are under way to tackle the matter. However, this has highlighted the need to ensure that traffic orders cover the right to remove vehicles in future when a major event is occurring and that we have support available to tackle parking transgressions should they occur again.

#### **Winchester Sport & Leisure Park, Bar End**

The planning application was passed on the 31 October 2018 following a healthy debate. Opposers raised the reduced court size but equally wanted to see mitigation for the increased CO2 emissions. Costs and the reality of what actually delivers are a continuing challenge to provide a centre of this size – set to have a BREAM rating of Excellent, some very few achieve with a centre of this size.

A number of preparatory tasks will commence on site to prepare paths (needed now due to slowworm hibernation) and demolition of the old boxing club, who have relocated to the Old Depot Site. You have never seen a happier bunch of sports people in a drafty building – a group of enthusiastic volunteers have completed a tremendous job revamping the building. They run all sorts of fitness classes too, including disability. <https://www.winchesterboxingclub.co.uk/>

Next step : get the business case ready for Full Council budget approval in February 2019.