

Winchester District Councillor

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Report from Councillor Weston (Independent)

Of some concern to most local residents will be that the new administration at Winchester City Council wants to introduce charging for green waste, Sunday parking charges and remove the free evening parking in Winchester. Likely next to go will be the free half hour in our market towns which will make a quick visit to the local shops less attractive, just when we want to be encouraging shorter car journeys by all by shopping locally. Is this just an easy option for income generation disguised as part of the anti-car green agenda? In Winchester local residents can walk or cycle into the centre. Rather than relying on hard working district residents to pay more for services, tough decisions about development schemes, housing numbers and income generation that are needed right now.

Council Plan Consultation

Tackling the climate emergency is at the heart of Winchester City Council's draft five-year plan, and residents, stakeholders and businesses can comment on the proposed new plan by visiting the consultation pages on <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/council-plan-2020-2025/>

Please note that the consultation will close on November 29 and the plan, incorporating feedback from the consultation, will be presented back to cabinet in December and then formally adopted next year. The draft plan which was agreed at Cabinet on the 23rd October sets out Winchester City Council's key ambitions and focuses on five priority outcomes which are: Homes for all: Vibrant local economy: Living well: Your services: Your voice. The council is inviting residents, stakeholders and businesses to have their say about what matters to you. The draft plan places the climate emergency as the overarching priority, focusing on the council becoming carbon neutral by 2024 and the wider district carbon neutral by 2030, along with reducing levels of waste and increasing recycling rates. It also puts health and wellbeing high on the agenda and aims to address health inequalities and improve participation rates for physical and cultural activities, underpinned by the opening of Winchester's new Sport and Leisure Park in 2021.

We are told that the proposed new plan also focuses on ensuring the Winchester district economy remains vibrant by finding increased opportunities for high quality, well paid employment across the district.

The need to attract younger people to live and work in the district and to improve energy efficiency in homes as well as address homelessness is also highlighted.

The plan sets out ways in which the authority will be open and transparent, with better services for residents that are more accessible and usable. Please take the time to have a look at the plan and make your comments using the online web address.

Brexit information for residents and business

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/no-listing/brexit>

Useful information for residents and businesses about Brexit and what it could mean for you if you live or work in the Winchester district. Go online for more details on Winchester City Council website.

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A non UK citizen arriving in the UK after Brexit

A UK citizen currently living in another EU country

Your business trades goods or services with the EU

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