

# Winchester District Councillor Report – July 2019

## **Free support service launched for Winchester small businesses**

A free support service aimed at small businesses across the Winchester district launches on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The service, funded by Winchester City Council, will be delivered by IncuHive and aims to help kick-start local businesses into profitability with a range of services from one-to-one mentoring through to complete investment acceleration programmes. IncuHive, based in Westgate Chambers in Staple Gardens, Winchester is the brain child of local entrepreneur Steve Northam. Businesses interested in taking advantage of the business support service should contact IncuHive via their website [incuhive.co.uk](http://incuhive.co.uk) by e-mail [hello@incuhive.co.uk](mailto:hello@incuhive.co.uk) or phone 0800 689 3564.

## **Sport & Leisure Park reaches first milestone**

Construction of Winchester's sport & leisure park is well underway with the site having reached its first key milestone – the piling and the 50-metre pool tank excavation is now complete. Building partner, Willmott Dixon, is currently undertaking pipe work and concrete works, and the pad foundations of the building are also underway.

## **Winchester City Council declares climate change emergency**

Winchester City Council has joined more than 70 authorities across the country in declaring a climate emergency. The council will be aiming to make itself carbon neutral by 2024 and achieve the same with the wider district by 2030. An action plan, setting out how this will be achieved, will follow the declaration, which was declared by the city council's Cabinet. A focus on the environment has been named as the top priority for Winchester City Council's new Liberal Democrat administration. The new administration said its focus would fall on three key areas - reducing the carbon footprint of the council and wider district, balancing the budget, and building homes for all sectors of the community.

## **Council working with Biffa to address issues with bin collections**

Winchester City Council is working closely with its waste contractor Biffa UK to address problems with bin collections across the district. If your bin has not been emptied on the scheduled day please leave it out and report a missed bin collection by visiting <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/report>

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