

Corhampton and Meonstoke Parish Council

Winchester City Councillor Report

January 2019

1. Rubbish collection

The current contract for refuse collection comes to an end in October this year. That contract is currently carried out jointly with East Hampshire District Council.

Winchester City Council have decided to extend the existing contract on its own for a further year (East Hants are entering into separate arrangements with Havant).

The key feature of the new arrangement will be the introduction of monthly kerbside glass collection from October 2019 -everyone will be issued with a free box and details of their collection day over the coming months.

The introduction of the kerbside collection will mean that there is less need for bottle banks in the area. Some of these will therefore be removed, depending on usage. Heavily used bottle banks are therefore likely to be retained.

There have been some reliability issues with some of the existing refuse collection lorries which has meant that on occasion collections have been late or delayed. A number of year lorries are to be acquired to address this.

As collection will now be solely in the Winchester City Council district, there will be some changes to schedules and collection days. Again, details of this will be circulated in the coming months.

WCC are also running a full bin collection procurement exercise, for an 8 year contract starting with the successful bidder from October 2020. As part of this exercise and in line with the latest Government consultation on reducing waste, we will also consider a doorstep food collection service as well as other options including textiles.

It should also be noted that the broken bin at the Meon Hall has now been replaced.

2. Grants for South Downs projects

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for non-profit organisations, parish councils and landowners in 2019 for projects that care for and enhance the South Downs National Park and promote opportunities for people to understand and enjoy it.

Daniel Greenwood, Volunteer Development Officer, for the South Downs National Park, said:

“Got an idea for a project in your community that the Volunteer Ranger Service can help deliver? Whether it’s refurbishing a community pond, creating a sensory garden, creating wildflower meadows or butterfly banks, this is your opportunity to make it happen.”

The grants are available thanks to the new South Downs Volunteer Conservation Fund, managed by the South Downs National Park Trust in partnership with the South Downs Volunteer Ranger Service (VRS) and to be eligible, projects must use the practical support of the VRS.

Almost any project which helps to conserve or enhance the National Park is eligible, provided it fits with the National Park Partnership Management Plan and makes use of the South Downs Volunteer Ranger Service.

The deadline to apply for the first round of funding is 31 March 2019 and the first grants will be awarded in June 2019. Find out more at www.southdownstrust.org.uk/volunteer-fund

3. SDNP Local Plan examination

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/national-park-local-plan/>

The scheduled hearings for the Local Plan examination have ended. The Inspector is now considering what he has heard and will be working with the National Park Authority on Main Modifications to the Local Plan. This consultation will take place in the New Year 2019.

All updated evidence and supporting documents are on pages:

[Examination Page](#) (updated regularly)
[Core Document Library Page](#)

A useful web links for SDNP Planning applications is:

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/>

4. £1m CIL funding available

Winchester City Council is urging groups from across the District to apply for a share of £1m funding to help support their essential infrastructure projects. The Council is making this funding available using some of its Community Infrastructure Levy income which is generated by new development taking place in areas outside the South Downs National Park. The opportunity to request financial support for projects will initially run from 2019 to 2022 and there will be a period at the start of each year for bids to be put forward.

The first round of bids will run between January and March 2019 and the Council is inviting groups to apply for between £10,000 and £200,000 of funding for suitable schemes.

District councillors, parish councillors and other local groups will be able to apply for funding for projects, which must meet at least one of a range of criteria. The more criteria a project meets, the higher the chance it will successfully secure funding. The criteria can be found using this link

<http://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-levy-cil/apply-for-cil>.

CIL bids will be evaluated in April, by an informal panel who will decide which schemes to recommend to Winchester City Council's Cabinet for a final decision.

Applications for CIL funding should be accompanied by supporting information about the proposed project, including costs, plans of works and confirmation of landowners agreement to any proposed scheme, where applicable. If you have a project that could benefit from CIL funding and would like further advice please e-mail cil@winchester.gov.uk.