

**Winchester City Council Report**  
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### **Fair Bin Policy Campaign**

When your bin wears out or is damaged you would expect Winchester City Council to replace it. Yes? Free of charge?

Well, as current policy stands this is not the case. If you need a new bin because yours is damaged, the Council currently expects you to fork out £33.

I think this is unfair on hard pressed council tax payers. I think that we deserve more. That is why as your local councillor I am launching my Fair Bin Policy. If your bin is damaged through no fault of your own you should be entitled to a replacement free of charge.

After all we are now concerned more than ever about preserving the environment: about waste segregation and recycling.

It is time for a policy that encourages the replacement of bins as they get older and that seek to reduce this burden on residents. A fair bin policy would take into account the current economic challenges experienced by residents who are already paying for waste collection services, including council taxes. Paying additional fees for replacement bins may be an unnecessary financial burden and unfair .

In 2004 and 2006 the conservatives ensured every resident had a free bin provided (black and then green) Where is the LibDem plan for replacement of these bins? If the bin breaks because it is old then well done to the resident for looking after it so well. It is not the fault of the resident or Biffa. The current Administration, the Liberal Democrats, need to urgently review their policy and look at how they will replace bins as they get older.

With revised policy guidelines in place, this Council can successfully reduce the burden on residents and encourage fair practices that promote a cleaner and healthier environment. Have formally raised a question to the next Full Council meeting on this.

**Closure of Lloyds bank** - It's extremely sad news to hear about the upcoming closure of Lloyds Bank in Alresford. I know many residents and businesses alike are very concerned. I am working closely with Steve Brine MP who will be visiting Lloyds Bank to discuss things further. We are contacting LINK to ensure two cashpoints remain in Alresford and there is no gap in provision I will let everyone know as soon as there is positive news.

### **Overnight parking charges !**

The current Administration, the Liberal Democrats, have introduced overnight parking charges in Winchester City car parks. I have joined businesses and residents in raising concerns over this introduction of overnight parking charges. The lack of consultation has rightly worried many along with concerns about this potentially being introduced in Alresford .

**Grass cutting project** - I attended the latest project meeting and was pleased to feed back that finally after 2 years of raising these issues areas that previously had been miss-managed have received cuts on time, sight lines and cuttings removed. I did highlight

some areas where safety cuts had not been done due to tall flowers which then hindered visibility at a junction. I asked for reassurance that sight line cuts will take priority as safety must come first.