



Winchester Council March 2023



CWR development partner selected....

On Monday a development partner for the Central Winchester Regeneration was agreed. This six hour discussion was another important part of the step-by-step approach to regenerate this critical and long neglected part of the city. This meeting was the outcome of a process that has lasted for several years, to set up a solid base of evidence, of consultation and of a developing a robust process that will avoid the pitfalls, mantraps and obstacles that have caused the previous two attempts to sort out Silver Hill to collapse. This administration is determined that after this sequence of failures that this one will succeed. There are of course constant accusations that too much effort is expended on the City, but Winchester is the economic, social, and cultural hub for the Itchen Valley and benefits will ripple outwards.

Both of your city councillor cabinet members have been very fully engaged in the selection process, spending days reading papers, scrutinising, revising, and debating, over the last two years. Ironically, because of the strict selection protocol the name of the development partner, cannot be revealed. Ten days must pass before this can be in the public domain. Watch this space.....

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The Winchester Council portion of Council Tax for 2023/24 for a Band D house will be £155.29 per annum, an increase of £4.00 and reflecting an average Council tax increase of 2.65%.

There is no certainty of funding beyond 23/24, we have only an indication for 24/25. The long term pressures remain and justifies the investments necessary to do more with less.

Sun Hill Access

The debate between Hampshire Highways and Taylor Wimpey on the problem of the most feasible construction route for the new roundabout off the by-pass continues. This is very much the case of the lesser of several evils. Your councillors will continue to push for the route that causes the minimum disruption to all residents in the ward.

West Street Improvements

It might be that there is at long last some glimmering of light at the end of this rather long and dark tunnel as HCC realise that they need to action this. They have allocated additional funding to the CIL money given by Winchester several years ago.

20's Plenty

On the doorstep there seems to be general support for this in Alresford and great enthusiasm for it in the villages, particularly for those families with children. Please let us have your views.

Fly tipping

There has been a rash of these appearing in the Itchen Valley Parish. The council contractors are swiftly removing these piles of rubbish and carefully sifting for evidence. The problem is very much on the Councils radar and their Fly Tipping Officer is very active. There have been several successful prosecutions, and more are in the pipe line.

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