



## City Councillors Report for August 2022



### Parking

Hampshire County Council plans to take over on street parking in Winchester Council area has been deferred again, until September 2023. Perhaps letters from parish councillors, thank you Bighton, were persuasive. Perhaps the implementation just before an election was seen as a bad idea. Or both?

The 20-minute free limit is to be implemented in Lynton this month; we expect to hear of the impact on local shops in due course.

### Cost of Living

Although many are suffering already the full impact will not be felt until the cold weather. Targeted support is likely to be directed to those in receipt of benefits.

Please encourage all those that are worried about the cost of living to check if they are entitled to benefits. The results are confidential, this is one of the easiest sites to use.

<https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/>

### Station Approach Winchester

Although we don't live there, we all use the Station area of Winchester at some point or another, and the area for re-development includes the Cattle Market Car park. A newsletter is being sent to over 5,000 homes near to Station Approach to set out details of how to contribute ideas and all information will be available on the Council's website at the start of August.

Two consultation events are also planned in the Autumn. The first is on Thursday 15 September from 2-7pm, outside the main entrance to the station, and the second on Saturday 24 September from 10 – 2pm in a market stall on the high street. The consultation will run for twelve weeks, concluding on Friday 21st October 2022.

Please give your views at <https://winchesterstationapproach.co.uk/>

### Public Toilets.

A considerable effort has been going on to improve the standards of the public toilets belonging to WCC, in both the short and long term. Discussions are going on with the external contractor, responsible for cleaning and minor maintenance in regard to the quality of their work. For longer term improvements, The British Association of Public Conveniences has completed an assessment of all eleven of the facilities belonging to WCC and will be providing a report very soon. The WCC Estates Team is commissioning full condition surveys of the buildings of all eleven facilities for underlying problems. From these two studies an improvement programme and costs will be produced. On a more local note: The ladies in the Alresford public toilets will be out of commission for some more weeks. Unfortunately drains below the floor need to be taken up and replaced. This involves breaking into the tiled and concreted floor, neither a quick nor easy task.

### Missing Bins

For a number of reasons, on some rounds bin collections have been carried out by replacement crews. Although the cabs have detailed maps and notes, crews can miss bins, particularly brown bins and glass bins, if the collection points are up side streets or other locations off set from the larger roads. Please