

Winchester City Councillor Report

February 2022

1. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Winchester City Council has issued guidance and self-help information on its website to assist those looking to organise street parties and other events to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. Details can be found at: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/community-recreation/queen-s-jubilee-celebrations>

The information includes details as to how to apply for road closures. Note that residents must apply prior to **11 March** in order to ensure that their application is processed in time. I understand that the traffic team have already received a number of them. A link to relevant webpage is at <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/roads-highways/special-event-road-closures>. Any queries regarding event road closure applications should be addressed to trafficteam@winchester.gov.uk.

Organisers may also wish to consider applying for grants from the council to help fund costs which will enable the event to run, such as marketing, signage/banners, equipment, gazebos, venue hire and other supplies to enable the event (e.g. glasses, cutlery, first aid kits etc.).

The grants are available as part of the council's Small Grants programme. Further information on the eligibility and criteria for the Small Grants programme, along with how to make an application, can be found [here](#). For further details contact Jane Chuhan, Funding and Development Officer, on email jchuhan@winchester.gov.uk or phone 01962 848 256.

2. Residents survey

The council has commissioned the independent research agency, M.E.L Research Ltd, to undertake a residents' survey and separate young persons' survey. This will ask at the doorstep the opinions of 1,600 residents from across the district (100 residents in each ward).

The young persons' survey will include five hundred 18-24 year olds and also be carried out face to face. This will include a mix of locations across the district taking in the two universities, shopping and leisure centres. Each survey is expected to take around fifteen minutes.

The fieldwork will commence 31 January and run until 20 March 2022 with interviews conducted between the hours of 10am to 8pm, Monday to Sunday.

All interviewers will have a letter of authorisation from the council and they will be carrying M.E.L identification badges and wearing a branded hi-vis vest. They will also comply with the latest COVID-19 advice and guidance issued by the Government and the Market Research Society.

For more information contact Simon Howson (email showson@winchester.gov.uk) or telephone 01962 848 1041.

3. Southampton to London pipeline project

ESSO has permission to construct a replacement aviation fuel pipeline from Southampton to London. This development was treated as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and permission was given by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in October 2020. A section of the 97km pipeline runs through this area, including and works involving vegetation clearance are underway. This will be followed by construction work over the summer, with planting and seeding from September.

An interactive map showing the area affected and other details can be found at <https://www.slpproject.co.uk/interactive-map/>.

4. Mayor of Winchester's Community Awards

The annual Mayor of Winchester's Community Awards have been launched, aimed at individuals and organisations that have made a real difference in the Winchester district. The award recognises and celebrates those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help others – which has been especially important as we continue to support each other with the pressures placed upon us by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To nominate a person or organisation, complete the online form at winchester.gov.uk/mayors-awards with the details of your nominee(s).

The closing date for nominations is 18 February 2022.

5. 2023 Parliamentary boundaries review

Residents will recall the consultation last year on proposed changes to the constituencies. The process has now moved to the second consultation phase, with the Boundary Commission announcing the locations and dates for public hearings. It is possible to book speaking slots at these; to book, [visit the dedicated public hearings page on our website](#) and click on your chosen hearing.

The Boundary Commission currently propose to publish the representations received during the first consultation period on their website at www.bcereviews.org.uk on 7 February. The consultation on these starts on 22 February.

6. Priority Outcomes Fund

Winchester City Council's Priority Outcomes Fund opens for applications on **7 February 2022**. This competitive fund will award core funding grants for up to three years, from April 2022 - March 2025. Grants aim to support voluntary and not-for-profit groups and organisations in the district that can clearly demonstrate how their services and projects help residents and create cohesive, sustainable, resilient communities.

Further information will be available on the council's [website](#) as the fund opens. For further details contact Jane Chuhan, Funding and Development Officer, on email jchuhan@winchester.gov.uk or phone 01962 848 256.

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