

## Winchester City Council May 2021

### **New grant support for local businesses to help them adapt due to COVID-19**

Winchester City Council has launched a new grant scheme to help businesses and organisations across the Winchester area to adapt, transform, and diversify their operations due to COVID-19.

The Transformation, Adaptations and Diversification Fund (TAD) offers grants of up to £5,000 for adaptations, and up to £20,000 for transformation and diversification, and is part of the Government's Additional Restrictions Grant Fund.

Winchester City Council, said: This grant will support businesses and organisations to implement any new plans to adapt their premises to serve customers within COVID-19 restrictions guidelines. For example, by offering new take-away services, or if they have plans to diversify or transform their services, products and business model to reach new customers and markets. The amount of grant funding awarded will be appropriate to the scale of these changes.

Awards will be allocated based on the individual business case submitted and organisations may apply for one or both elements of the fund. This is a limited fund and payments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

The deadline for applications is Monday 24 May.

visit: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/business/business-grants/tad>

### **Winchester City Council is proud to be recognised as Carbon Literate**

Winchester City Council has been recognised by the Carbon Literacy Trust as a Bronze Level Carbon Literate Organisation.

Winchester City Council is committed to becoming a carbon neutral council by 2024, and the cabinet has ambition for the wider district to become carbon neutral by 2030.

A Carbon Literate Organisation (CLO) is an organisation that has been accredited by The Carbon Literacy Project as having a substantial commitment to Carbon Literacy. CLO accreditation supports the development (and recruitment and retention) of a Carbon Literate workforce and requires an organisation to engage positively with its audience or community in developing and delivering low carbon behaviour.

**The council** is working hard to reach it's goal of being a carbon neutral district by 2030.

Being recognised as a carbon literate organisation is just one of the many steps that we are putting in place to reduce our carbon emissions - from decarbonising our city offices, launching our Biodiversity Action Plan, and holding regular events to highlight this issue to our residents and how we can all work together to improve our environment.

## **Winchester Sport & Leisure Park reaches final phase of completion**

Winchester City Council announced that the state-of-the-art Winchester Sport & Leisure Park is near to completion, so it can be made ready to open to the public by the end of May.

The all-new leisure park facilities will include a 50m swimming pool and training pool, multi-use sports hall, 200 station gym, studios, fun climbing, squash courts, a hydrotherapy suite, and access for those with disabilities. The Crush café near to the entrance will offer healthy refreshments which can be enjoyed on the sun terrace.

The new centre will be offering a range of memberships, a special early bird offer, and the ability to book activities in advance

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