

WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM

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2005 PUBLIC MEETINGS PROGRAMME

REPORT OF CITY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

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RECENT REFERENCES:

WTF31 – 2004/5 Public Meetings Programme – 26 July 2004

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report requests Members to consider a programme of public meetings for the Forum during the first half of 2005.

RECOMMENDATION:

To set the 2005 public meetings programme for the Forum.

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1. Issues Previously Considered by the Forum

1.1. Members will remember that to date, the Forum has considered:

- Planning and Housing: 7 November 2002
- Traffic and Parking (including public transport): 23 January 2003
- Youth Issues: 13 March 2003
- Broadway/Friarsgate: 7 April 2003
- Housing Issues: 17 July 2003
- Older Persons Issues: 1 September 2003
- Parking Issues: 17 November 2003
- Community Safety: 12 February 2004
- Modern Architecture and Historic Towns: 11 March 2004
- Vision for Winchester: 22 July 2004
- Street Cleaning and Repairs: 2 September 2004
- Vision for Winchester: 4 November 2004

1.2. The only public meeting set for 2005 is :

- The AQMA and Traffic Congestion: 1 February 2005

2. Possible Issues for Decision

2.1. During the past few weeks, a number of possible subjects have been suggested for future public meetings and these are set out below. However this is by no means an exhaustive list, as Members may wish to add or delete subjects as they consider appropriate.

2.2. Changes to the Winchester Primary Health Care Trust:

2.3. Tourism in Winchester: The City Council's Head of Tourism has suggested that this could include an overview of the tourism industry in Winchester setting out the facts and figures, the new tourism strategy and promotional plans for 2006, such as the new sculpture festival.

- 2.4. A Possible Ban on Smoking in Public Places: A Notice of Motion has been submitted for consideration at the 5 January 2005 meeting of Council and further investigation is likely to be necessary before the City Council is able to determine its stance on this issue.

3. Background Information

- 3.1. The previous report that set the programme for public meetings (WTF31) included a review the results of the Best Value Performance Indicator Satisfaction Survey (2003/4). Members may consider the repetition of this at Appendix One helpful. This Survey selected 2,500 people at random from the Post Office Address file and achieved a response rate of 56.4% (1,409 people).
- 3.2. An analysis of the responses of those that lived in the town centre wards (postcodes SO22 and SO23) showed no significant differences in what people thought was important to make somewhere a good place to live and what they thought most needed improving.

4. Future Possible Dates

- 4.1. The following dates list when the King Alfred Hall is free and, at the time of writing the report, there are no other evening Councillor meetings. Members are therefore requested to check their diaries and finalise as many dates from the groupings below as necessary.

- 7.00pm Monday 28 February 2005
- 7.00pm Wednesday 30 March or Thursday 31 March or Monday April 11 2005
- 7.00pm Wednesday 11 May or Thursday 12 May 2005

- 4.2. For information, Councillors' meetings of the Forum are scheduled for 3 March and 9 June 2005 at 6.30pm.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

5. CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO)

To be more open and democratic

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None beyond the cost of room hire and officer support from within current budgets.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

APPENDICES

Best Value Performance Indicators: Satisfaction Survey Results 2003/4