

Winchester Town forum – 2027/8 asset transfer and budget for new Town council

11th August 2026



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Community Governance review

- 11th August Winchester Town forum consider draft list of assets to transfer to new Town council
- 12th August Licensing & Regulation Committee consider draft assets to transfer to new Town council
- 20th August full council to consider order and assets to transfer

Assets follow services

- The principle of assets to transfer to new town council is that they follow the services to be provided/ that have been provided
- WTF has historically paid for services associated with a number of assets

Assets that WTF do not currently provide services for that will transfer

- Abbey gdns and Abbey gdns play park
 - Estimated additional costs per annum £92k
 - Not an asset but a service, the Market to transfer with a net income of £ 25k (no asset transfer)

Assets that will not transfer that WTF currently funds

- King George V pavilion and park (cost of services £143k per annum)
- Cemeteries
 - Annual net cost of £97k per annum to budget
- These assets and services will be paid for by the District/Unitary council in the future

Draft Winchester town council budget 2027/8

- Cost of running a separate town council
 - £316k (includes costs of town clerk, office space , meeting space , audit fees , banking , insurance and IT) net increase of £250k
 - Costs contained within proposed budget
- Cost of running services based on new grounds mtn contract
 - £879k (comparable 2026/7 cost £ 934k not including Abbey Gdns)
- Need to achieve 3 months reserves
- Does not include Mayoralty

questions



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