



Councillor Report January 2021



Decent Data for All

The increase in both the number of people working from home and the amount of data they are needing to transfer has led to five areas locally seeking the installation of Fibre to the Premises (FTTP). The grant of up to £3k per property, makes it viable to a significant proportion of our residents. We have six projects at various stages of progress locally and our role has been to share the expertise that has been developed elsewhere, and co-ordinate expert intervention when necessary. Top notch internet connections are not only essential for home working and home learning during the present crisis, but also allow for future opportunities for on-line businesses for years to come.

More information at <https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/news/2020/09/03/better-broadband-in-rural-hampshire/>

Support for Businesses

The various grant programs will be published as and when they become available. The most concise and readable source of information on this is <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/business/covid-19-support#relief>

There is a new round of discretionary grants in January, and of course the new funding for the lockdown, details awaited.

Garden Waste

There is a satisfactory uptake of garden waste bins, the new service starts at the end of February. Brown bags are available for those without room for another bin, or you can change to smaller black and green bins at no charge.

Winchester Leisure Centre

The new leisure centre is on track to open in March, if allowed.

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