

community strategy

As well as setting out how and when you can get involved in the City Council's work, the draft SCI tells you how you can influence the work of the Local Strategic Partnership and the Winchester District Community Strategy.

We are reviewing the Community Strategy during 2006 and would welcome your views on it. The Community Strategy sets out a vision for the future of our district and helps us join up the efforts of a wide range of organisations so that we work together and achieve more.

This year we want to do a check on what we have achieved so far and whether people agree with the aims as set out in the current Strategy.

Please see our website www.winchester.gov.uk to view our Community Strategy and to use an online comments form. Alternatively, contact **01962 848 100** for a hard copy of the Strategy and the comments form.

Comments, to arrive not later than
Thursday 27 April 2006, should be:



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statement of community involvement



It's your future...
make the connection

play a positive part in the future of **YOUR** district

The way councils plan for the future needs of their local communities is changing. We need to involve local people and organisations and make it easier for everyone to play a positive part in the future of the District.

New legislation has also changed the way the City Council must plan for the use of land within its District and the way that decisions are taken on planning applications.

To meet these requirements and also to improve the way in which the Council, individuals, local communities and groups can work in partnership, we need to build on methods of how we inform and involve people which already work well. We also need to add or develop new opportunities which can help reach more people to improve areas of contact, information giving and public participation.

All local councils must now develop a 'Statement of Community Involvement' (SCI), to explain how everyone can take part, especially where it concerns the use of land.

There are a number of stages to follow. Since Autumn 2005, we have worked on gathering information and talking to individuals, businesses and groups. This involved various events for 'stakeholders' and analysing the results of a widely-distributed questionnaire.

next steps

We have used what you told us to produce a draft Statement of Community Involvement. This sets out:

- Our Values and Principles
- Methods for Involvement we will use and support
- How to get involved
- Community Involvement and the new Planning System
- How We Will Monitor and Evaluate Progress
- The Next Steps

We have published a draft version of the SCI for a 6-week public consultation, ending on 27th April.* We are inviting everyone to provide comments and feedback, which will then help us to make improvements. At this stage we are particularly interested to know about things people think we may have missed out, or have not given enough attention to.

A revised SCI will then be submitted to government and, at the same time, there will be another chance for everyone to give more formal reactions to this version of the SCI.

A second draft will be examined by an independent Inspector who, after having taken account of views for or against the Statement's approach and content, may then tell the Council to make further changes.

The Council will then adopt the SCI as the key document that sets out its standards and methods for informing and involving residents, partners, businesses, organisations and groups in what it is doing and is planning to do.

your views

Over the next six weeks the Council would like to hear your views. The Draft SCI can be seen on the Council's website www.winchester.gov.uk where there is also an on-line Comments Form. The SCI and Comments Forms are also available at:

- The City Council's main City Offices, Colebrook Street and Avalon House, Chesil Street, in Winchester.
- Hampshire County Council Information Centres at Winchester and Waterlooville.
- All local and branch libraries in the Winchester District.
- Other libraries at Basingstoke, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Fair Oak, Fareham, Havant, Hedge End, Petersfield and Waterlooville.

*This timescale is prescribed by government regulations.

If you would like to obtain copies of the SCI or Comment Form, or need to receive a copy in another format or language, please telephone **01962 848 561**.

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