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Winchester/People urged to attend public forums to discuss how they want to live and work

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PEOPLE in Winchester are being urged to think about how they want their lives in the city to be shaped for the next 20 years.

Winchester City Council wants to help local communities become more sustainable, which means they are not only great places to live, work and do business, but also take care of the environment and leave a good legacy for future generations.

It is working towards two important documents, the Local Development Framework, and the Community Strategy.

Both look forward 20 years and will help the council maintain and develop our communities so that the way we live in 2026 is how we all want it to be.

Cllr George Beckett, the leader of the city council, said: "It's hard to imagine what you will want for yourself, your children and your community in 20 years time, especially when things are changing so rapidly.

"But to become a sustainable community we need to be thinking at least this far ahead.

"It's really important that people take time to consider



the future of our city and district, and talk to us about what will make their communities fit for the challenges of the 21st century.

"Taking part in the 'Live for the Future' events and questionnaire, is a great opportunity for people to let us know their views, and also to understand more about the work we are doing to ensure the Winchester district continues to be one of the best places to live in the UK."

Sustainable communities have:

- Social and cultural wellbeing
- Environmental wellbeing
- A flourishing and diverse local economy
- Good transport services and communications
- Access to a full range of services
- Good governance

The council will be holding 'Live for the Future' events across the district over the next

month, asking people how sustainable their area is, and what they should maintain, or try and change.

Venues, dates and times of events are: February 13 — Wickham Community Centre, 7pm; February 21 — All Saints Church Hall, Denmead, 7pm; February 27 — Lionel Tubbs Hall, Kings Worthy, 7pm; February 28 — Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley, 7pm; March 1 — Weeke Community Centre, 7pm; March 2 — Priory Park, Bishop's Waltham, 7pm; March 6 — Otterbourne Village Hall, 7.30 pm; March 7 — Perins School, Alresford, 7pm; March 8 — Stanmore Family Church, 7pm.

Anyone who cannot attend the meetings, but would like more information, can find it on the city council's website at www.winchester.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can call 01962 840 222 for a copy of the questionnaire.