

## District Councillor Report December 2018

**Business Innovation Fund** is for small businesses (1 to 9 employees) in the District and is open until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The fund (for amounts from £1000 up to £2.5k) is for items to help business develop new ideas, services or projects. For more information visit [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk) or email [businessgrants@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:businessgrants@winchester.gov.uk) or call 01962 848196 or 01962 848303.

**Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment** –this document will now be published on the WCC website as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan 2036. It is a register of all the sites the City Council has been told are available for development. **Residents should be reassured inclusion of a site in the SHELAA is not a judgement as to whether it should be allocated for development** –this is the role of the local plan process, development needs and national policy. Some sites are excluded (Appendix 1 of the assessment) if they are already designated in the local plan e.g. as open space or are within a flood zone.

**Christmas Park and Ride** –an extended service in the run up to Christmas (including a free Sunday service) from all our Park and Rides. For more details: <https://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/whats-on/christmas/christmas-parking/>

**Cllrs Bell, Laming and Warwick**