

## COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2019

2018/9 Budget:

- No Council Tax increase
- 'Free after 3' parking retained
- All other charges frozen

Publica starts operating everyday services on behalf of our Council plus West Oxford District Council (DC) and Forest of Dean DC.

Parking:-

- Plans for 'Park and Stride' started, negotiations with the Cirencester Rugby Club and Bathurst Estate commenced. Planning applications due to be considered soon.
- Project to build a multi-storey car park at the Waterloo continue to progress, currently investigating the site for archaeological remains. Likely build date (subject to all approvals etc.) will be summer 2020
- Short term temporary decking of other car parks being considered to ensure sufficient parking whilst the Waterloo car park is under construction.

Local Plan approved: The Local plan to 2031 was approved following a thorough review by HM Inspector. This gives us more control over our planning and should stop the 'planning by appeal'.

2019/20 Budget:-

- Council tax increase of 2% (one of the lowest in the Country)
- Increase spend on the prevention of littering and fly tipping
- Continuing allowances to Councillors for local spending (i.e. Defibrillators, Youth funding etc.)

£1.5M refurbishment of the Corinium Museum, with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Continuing Council Tax and Business Rates support schemes for those in need.

Purchase of new refuse collection vehicles and enhancements to the service to increase recycling. (Changes to place at the end of this year).

Finalising your Neighbourhood Plan

Updating and revising your Conservation area

WW1 celebration funding

Liaising on planning matters