

Evenlode Parish Council – 21st November 2022

Town & Parish Forums

Proposed dates for future Town and Parish Forums:

16th February 2023 – Cirencester,

21st February 2023- Moreton

13th June 2023- Moreton,

21st June 2023-Cirencester

19th September 2023-Cirencester,

28th September 2023-Moreton

14th November 2023-Moreton,

23rd November 2023- Cirencester

16th February 2024-Cirencester,

23rd February 2024- Moreton

CDC Budget Consultation

CDC is in the process of reviewing the Council budget for 2023/24 and is asking residents and businesses for their views on the District Council's spending priorities.

The budget is used to plan for services including waste collections, leisure facilities, fly-tipping collection, tourism services and car parks among many others.

The Council will hold a series of engagement events at supermarkets across the district so residents can speak with Council members and officers and ask any questions they may have about the Council or its finances.

The budget consultation survey started on Tuesday 8 November and will be live on the Cotswold District Council website at www.cotswold.gov.uk/budget until Friday 9 December.

Election Costs Estimates

Details have now been circulated to clerks. The estimated costs for a contested May 2023 election for Evenlode would be £161.23. PC's are advised to make provision for potential costs.

Recycling

CDC continues to collect approx. 12,000 tonnes of food waste and dry recycling each year. In 2019/20 CDC was ranked 14th amongst UK Councils for its efforts on waste management. Residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible using the correct containers to allow for better and faster sorting.

Cotswold residents wanting to find out more about their kerbside recycling services can go online at:

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/what-to-put-in-your-bin/>

UKSPF and REPF

Now is the time to identify potential projects and work through the details needed for applications. Projects need to fit within an approved intervention from the Government's list and be capable of being delivered within the financial year in which funding is allocated. Background details below:

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)	Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF)
£1 million over three years - 2022/23 (part year), 2023/24 & 2024/25	£764,292 over two years - 2023/24 & 2024/25
Mix of revenue and capital	All capital
Funding split as follows: 2022/23 £109,563 2023/24 £219,127 2024/25 £671,319	Funding split as follows: 2023/24 £191,073 2024/25 £573,219
Three themes: Communities and Place Supporting Local Business People and Skills (2024/25 only)	Two themes: Communities and Place Supporting Local Business
Report to Cabinet approved in July: https://meetings.cotswold.gov.uk/documents/s5602/Draft%20Cabinet%20report%20-%20UK%20Shared%20Prosperity%20Fund%2002.pdf	Report going to Cabinet in November: https://meetings.cotswold.gov.uk/document/s/s6085/Cabinet%20Report%20REPF%20November%202022.pdf
Local Investment Plan submitted to Government at the end of July. Approval awaited (was due in October).	Addendum to Local Investment Plan due by the end of November. Approval expected in January 2023.
Applications to be assessed by Evaluation Panel of internal and external members.	Applications to be assessed by Evaluation Panel of internal and external members.
Prospectus: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus	Prospectus: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rural-england-prosperity-fund-prospectus
List of interventions, outputs and outcomes: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-interventions-out	List of interventions, outputs and outcomes: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rural-england-prosperity-fund-prospectus/r

The Council recently ran a 'Call for Projects' for the REPF to shape their submission to the Government. The application process will come later once there is Government approval for the plan. Those who have already put forward project ideas at this stage will not be treated any differently from those who haven't - all will be judged against a scoring matrix by an independent panel in due course. The 'Call for Projects' generated over 60 responses in little more than a week, so CDC are expecting to be oversubscribed for funds.

Rissington Road car park in Bourton-on-the-Water

The car park will undergo a significant redesign to future-proof the site and improve the user experience. The improvement works will enhance facilities and make the car park more accessible with works scheduled to start on 31 October 2022 and due for completion in Spring 2023.

For the safety of users, the car park will be **closed for approximately four months** while the works take place.

Fly Tipping

Following investigations of reports of fly tipping last month, Cotswold District Council issued three fixed penalty notices to individuals in a drive to clamp down on the illegal activity.

If your waste is fly tipped, by you or by someone else on your behalf, you could face a £400 fixed penalty notice.

Energy Saving Advice

If you would like to know if you are entitled to energy saving upgrades to your home, the Warm and Well service is delivered by Severn Wye Energy Agency on behalf of a number of local authorities, including Cotswold District Council. Anyone who thinks they could benefit or would like to find out if they're eligible for support can call the Freephone number 0800 500 3976 or go online at <https://warmandwell.co.uk/grants-and-funding/> and complete an enquiry form.

Cost of Living Support

There is a wide range of support available from the Government, your local councils, utility companies and others to help you if you are struggling to pay your bills.

To help you access all the different schemes and services, CDC has tried to pull them all together in one place, via the link:

<https://cotswold.gov.uk/costofliving>