

# City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

**NO 45**

**DATE: FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2009**

The Members' Information Service produced in the Democratic & Community Engagement Unit by Joanne Wildsmith has been prepared in three parts -

Part 1 - Decisions by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet Members, subject to Councillors' right to have the matter called in for scrutiny.

Part 2 - Proposals from Managers which they would like to implement subject to Councillors' right to have the matter referred to the relevant Cabinet Member or Regulatory Committee; and

Part 3 - Items of general information and news.

## **Part 1 - Decisions by the Cabinet**

**The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet (or individual Cabinet Members), and will be implemented unless the call-in procedure is activated. Rule 15 of the Policy and Review Panels Procedure Rules requires a call-in notice to be signed by any 5 members of the Council. The call-in request must be made to JOANNE WILDSMITH (Democratic Support Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on the date shown in the item.**

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the officer indicated. You can also see the report on the Council's web site at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p><b>Cabinet Decision Meeting - 9 November 2009</b></p> <p>At this meeting the Cabinet Members took the following decisions:-</p> <p><b>Housing &amp; Social Care Scrutiny Panel Enquiry into Ways to Improve as Neighbour Relationships with Private and Social Lets</b></p> <p>(1) The Panel was thanked for its work in undertaking the review;</p> <p>(2) The Cabinet noted that many of the recommendations have already been implemented which should further improve the way that PCC and other agencies deal with neighbour relationship issues;</p> <p>(3) The Cabinet noted that recommendations 2, 7 and 9 of the review would incur considerable additional expenditure to implement;</p> <p>(4) The cabinet supported the principle of investigation of alternative options for delivery of the neighbourhood management project.</p> <p><b>Traffic, Environment &amp; Community Safety Scrutiny Panel's Review of the Council's Contract with Colas</b></p> <p>The Cabinet</p> <p>(1) thanked the Scrutiny Panel for its work in undertaking the review;</p> <p>(2) noted that recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 have been acted upon or will be in the near future;</p> <p>(3) noted recommendation 7 for the provision of £25,000 to £50,000 per annum for replacement materials in conservation areas;</p> <p>(4) noted that the Panel's recommendation No 3 concerning the best value review will be an in-depth assessment of the Highways Management PFI contract;</p> <p>(5) following the Best Value Review, that the report be referred to the Scrutiny Management Panel for further consideration.</p>	<p><b>Joanne Wildsmith</b>  <b>Democratic Support Officer</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4057</b></p>

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	<p><b>Anti-Poverty Strategy</b></p> <p>The Cabinet</p> <p>(1) adopted the anti-poverty strategy at Appendix A of the report;</p> <p>(2) approved in principle the appointment of an anti-poverty co-ordinator, subject to the funding being identified for the post.</p> <p><b>Efficiency Review</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Members</p> <p>(1) noted the work carried out under the Efficiency Review to date;</p> <p>(2) approved the transfer of £190,000 from the MTRS Reserve in order to continue the Efficiency Review on a spend-to-save basis until the 31/03/2011 (equates to £60,000 for the remainder of 2009/10 and £130,000 for the year 2010/11). This recommendation to go forward to Full Council as part of future budget report;</p> <p>(3) would provide a strategic steer for the future direction of the Efficiency Review with particular regard to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shared services</li> <li>closer structural links with partner organisations</li> <li>externalisation of the services</li> <li>service re-design</li> <li>scenario planning</li> <li>increasing income</li> <li>more efficient use of assets</li> </ul> <p><b>Trafalgar Gate Link Road – Site Assembly</b></p> <p>The Cabinet's recommendations to make a compulsory purchase order for land acquisition need the approval of the full City Council, and therefore this is not subject to call-in.</p>	

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	<p><b>Concessions Income on the Seafront</b></p> <p>The Cabinet agreed</p> <p>(1) to request that all new concessions income from April 2009 are passed to the maintenance budget for the Seafront;</p> <p>(2) that all new concession contracts, leases and licences ('the Contracts') include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minimum opening times subject to prevailing weather</li> <li>• all deliveries to the concession must be completed by 10 am</li> <li>• vehicles will not be allowed to service the concession after 10 am if it means driving off the highway and onto the Promenade</li> </ul> <p>(3) that all new Contracts include an element of quality standards on products offered for sale;</p> <p>(4) that new Contracts include a specific clause to ensure the concessionaire complies with PCC policies on Equalities and Diversity, Freedom of Information and other PCC policies.</p> <p><b>Update on the Review of Housing Finance</b></p> <p>The Cabinet agreed that</p> <p>(1) the issues raised in the report in relation to the Government's consultation paper be noted;</p> <p>(2) the City Council, in partnership with other Councils, continue to support the campaign for the Government to cancel the Council housing debt and so enable Councils to build new affordable homes for rent.</p> <p><b>Review of the Commission Charge for Mobile Home Sites</b></p> <p>The Cabinet agreed</p> <p>(1) there be <b>no</b> commission charge, in any form, on the sale of any caravan or mobile home on the two sites at Cliffdale Gardens in Cosham and Henderson Park in Eastney;</p> <p>(2) there be no action taken on sales as from 1 April 2007 and if there has that the commission charge be repaid.</p>	

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	<p data-bbox="398 194 707 225"><b>Seafront Cycle Route</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 264 703 295">The Cabinet approved</p> <ol data-bbox="398 335 1720 719" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="398 335 1720 475">(1) the scheme for phase 1 for implementation as outlined in the draft drawing. The drawing outlines the extension of a solution previously put forward for South Parade to St George's Road. The proposed extension of the agreed separate cycleway scheme to cover the full length to Henderson Road.</li> <li data-bbox="398 515 1720 616">(2) that the capital cost of £138,000 associated with this scheme be funded from the Healthy Towns Access2cycling budget (£90,000), the Local Transport Plan (£30,000) and the S106 Sustainable Transport fund (£18,000);</li> <li data-bbox="398 655 1720 719">(3) that the ongoing revenue implications of the scheme of £70,000 be funded from the S106 Sustainable Transport fund.</li> </ol> <p data-bbox="398 759 1249 790"><b>New Southsea Library, Cultural Centre and Contact Centre</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 829 703 860">The Cabinet Members</p> <ol data-bbox="398 900 1765 1437" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="398 900 1016 930">(1) considered the opportunity described;</li> <li data-bbox="398 954 1742 1023">(2) authorised the Acting Head of Asset Management Services to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of the former Woolworths site;</li> <li data-bbox="398 1046 1742 1115">(3) agreed that should these negotiations be successful the Acting Head of Asset Management Services will bring back any proposal to the Cabinet for approval to proceed;</li> <li data-bbox="398 1139 1765 1230">(4) agreed that the Acting Head of Asset Management be authorized to proceed with the design development of the project through feasibility and to bring back a scheme for approval for the refurbishment of the former Woolworths Store;</li> <li data-bbox="398 1254 1659 1355">(5) The costs of a conceptual design development and feasibility works for the former Woolworths Store in the sum of £30,000 be funded from the feasibility studies budget contained within the Resources Portfolio cash limit;</li> <li data-bbox="398 1378 1765 1437">(6) agreed that if a retail bidder for the former Woolworths site makes a formal offer then the City Council reconsiders its intent to acquire the site.</li> </ol>	

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2		<p><b>Somerstown Regeneration Private Finance Initiative (PFI)</b></p> <p>The Cabinet agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) that £410,000 be approved to fund technical and financial consultants to identify the full scheme cost and funding required from the City Council;</li> <li>(2) to authorise the Head of Housing Management in consultation with the Head of Procurement to commence a tendering exercise for the procurement of technical and financial consultants;</li> <li>(3) the Housing Investment Programme capital planned works budget for 2009/10 be reduced by £410,000 and authority delegated to the Section 151 Officer to amend Housing Revenue Account and Housing Investment Programme budgets within this sum as required.</li> </ol> <p><b>Purchase of Portsea Ambulance Station</b></p> <p>This item was due to be withdrawn from consideration at this meeting, and had not appeared on the Forward Plan. As the recommendations would need Council approval and will no longer be considered at Council on 24 November, the decision will not be implemented.</p> <p><b>NB: Call in date - Wednesday 18 November</b></p> <p><b>Cabinet Member for Education, Children &amp; Young People - Decision Meeting - 6 November 2009</b></p> <p>At his meeting Councillor John Ireland took the following decision:-</p> <p><b>School Improvement Policy</b></p> <p>DECISION:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member endorsed the policy for immediate implementation.</p> <p><b>NB: Call in date - Tuesday 17 November</b></p>	<p><b>Teresa Deasy</b>  <b>Democratic Support</b>  <b>Officer</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4056</b></p>

## **Part 2 - Proposals from Managers for Implementation**

The following proposals have been brought forward. The Managers indicated will exercise their powers to approve the proposal unless a Councillor requests the item be referred for decision to the relevant Cabinet Member or Regulatory Committee. **Your request must be made to JOANNE WILDSMITH (Democratic Support Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 20 November 2009.**  
**An email or handwritten letter will suffice.**

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the Officer indicated.

### **PORTFOLIO: RESOURCES**

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	<b>WARD</b>	<b>SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL</b>	<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
<b>3</b>		<b>Caen Foundation Grant - Miltoncross School</b>  <b>Proposal:</b> that a grant of £160 be approved, as outlined below.  An application for a grant from the Caen Foundation has been received for Miltoncross School to represent Portsmouth at the Halloween Festival in Caen taking place on 13 to 15 November 2009. A party of 8 children from year 10 and 2 adults will attend at the invitation of the Mayor of Caen. A grant of £160 is supported by the Resources portfolio holder.	<b>Peter Smith-Parkyn</b> <b>Democratic &amp;</b> <b>Community</b> <b>Engagement</b> <b>Tel: 9268 8361</b>

THERE ARE NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES THIS WEEK.

## Part 3 - Information and News Items

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4		<p><b>Council and Cabinet Meetings on Tuesday 24 November - Amended Start Times</b></p> <p>Please note the amended timings of these meetings, as agreed with the Lord Mayor and Leader of the Council:</p> <p>Cabinet will start at 10am</p> <p>Council to start at 12.30pm</p>	<p><b>Stewart Agland</b>  <b>Local Democracy</b>  <b>Manager</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4055</b></p>
5		<p><b>The Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel - Wednesday 18 November at 2pm</b></p> <p>The Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel meeting will be held on 18 November at 2pm in the Executive Meeting Room, The Guildhall and will consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Co-Responder Service</li> <li>• Possible Scrutiny Reviews</li> <li>• Update on the Council's decision regarding the Health Panel's terms of reference</li> <li>• The Guildhall Walk Healthcare Centre</li> <li>• The Kaleido Project</li> <li>• Primary Care Trust's Quarterly Letter</li> <li>• South Central Ambulance Service's stakeholder letter</li> <li>• St Mary's HealthCare Campus' birthing unit</li> <li>• Urgent &amp; Emergency Care</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jane Di Dino</b>  <b>Democratic &amp;</b>  <b>Community</b>  <b>Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 3060</b></p>
6		<p><b>Education, Children &amp; Young People Scrutiny Panel</b></p> <p>The Education, Children &amp; Young People Scrutiny Panel met on Thursday 12th November and continued their review into the "Protection of Vulnerable Children".</p>	<p><b>Anna Martyn</b>  <b>Scrutiny Support</b>  <b>Officer</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8360</b></p>



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7		<p><b>Housing &amp; Social Care Scrutiny Panel - 17 November</b></p> <p>The Housing &amp; Social Care Scrutiny Panel will meet on Tuesday 17th November at 3.00 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Guildhall to continue their review into whether to recommence building council homes.</p>	<p><b>Anna Martyn</b>  <b>Scrutiny Support Officer</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8360</b></p>
8		<p><b>Governance &amp; Audit Committee - 20 November 3.30pm Conference Room A</b></p> <p>At this meeting the Committee will consider these reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External Audit progress report from the District Auditor</li> <li>• Annual Audit Letter 2008/09 from the District Auditor</li> <li>• Performance Management Update</li> <li>• Audit Performance Status report to 23 October for Audit Plan 2009/10</li> <li>• Anti Fraud and Corruption Revised Policy and Update on Response Plan (also for City Council)</li> <li>• Update on outstanding items in the 2008/09 Accounts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>
9		<p><b>Licensing Sub Committee - Wednesday 18 November 2009 at 9.30am</b> in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3 of the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following item will be considered:</p> <p>Licensing Act 2003 - Temporary Event Notice - Consideration of objection notice by the Police - <b>Drift in the City, 10 Isambard Brunel Road, Portsmouth, PO1 2DU</b></p>	<p><b>Lucy Wingham</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>

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10		<p><b>Executive Arrangements – Forward Plan of Key Decisions</b></p> <p>The next Forward Plan, produced in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000, will be published on 16 November 2009.</p> <p>The Plan covers matters that are likely to be the subject of a key decision (as defined in Article 13(3) of the Constitution) in the next 4-month period, commencing on 1 December 2009.</p> <p>A copy of the Plan will be sent to those members of the City Council who have requested a paper copy, and a copy placed in each Members' Room.</p> <p>Key decisions will be taken by the whole Cabinet (formerly referred to as the Executive), or by individual Cabinet Members, on or after the dates shown in the Plan.</p> <p>The financial threshold for key decisions is £250,000 or 25% of the relevant budget item, whichever is the greater. Key decisions may also be made in relation to matters that have a significant effect on local communities.</p> <p>The Forward Plan contains a list of the documents (when available) due to be considered in relation to the key decisions to be taken, and gives a contact for each item.</p> <p>The Forward Plan also contains details of Budget and Policy Framework decisions to be made by the City Council, in accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution (general reservation of powers to the City Council).</p> <p>The Plan is available for inspection by the public during normal office hours at the Civic Offices Information Desk, and the City Council's web site at <a href="http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil">http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil</a></p> <p>The Forward Plan will be published for each following four calendar month period on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of each month or the nearest working day.</p>	<p><b>Karen Martin</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4052</b></p>

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11	Eastney & Craneswater/ St Jude	<p data-bbox="398 188 909 220"><b>Contaminated Land Capital Grant</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 261 1738 405">The Contaminated Land Section of the Environment and Public Protection Service has successfully submitted bids under the DEFRA contaminated land capital grants programme for the financial year 2009/10. DEFRA has awarded grant funding for the contaminated land projects as listed below:</p> <p data-bbox="398 443 1227 475"><b>Canoe Lake, Southsea</b> – DEFRA capital grant of £22,924</p> <p data-bbox="398 517 1760 810">Based on limited investigations at the area of public open space known as Canoe Lake, (associated with the proposed extension to the children's playground), low level concentrations of contamination have been identified in shallow soils. As a result the site has been identified for further consideration by PCC to establish its status under the Contaminated Land regime which is implemented as Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act,1990. Funding for additional comprehensive site investigation works has been granted by DEFRA. If further details are required please contact the contaminated land manager Sarah Haines on 023 9284 1399 or sarah.haines@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</p> <p data-bbox="398 852 1568 884"><b>Sirius House, Victoria Road South, Southsea</b> - DEFRA capital grant of £46,261.</p> <p data-bbox="398 925 1760 1145">Sirius House has been identified for further consideration by PCC to establish the site's status under the Contaminated Land regime which is implemented as Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act,1990. This is because it is a residential site, located on the Morass, with a recent history of use as a petrol service station. Funding for comprehensive site investigation works has been granted by DEFRA. If further details are required please contact the contaminated land manager Sarah Haines on 023 9284 1399 or sarah.haines@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</p> <p data-bbox="398 1187 1639 1251">These capital schemes will now be added to the Capital Programme of the Environment Portfolio.</p>	<p data-bbox="1787 188 2069 331"><b>Jim Gunston</b> <b>Environment &amp; Transport Finance</b> <b>Tel: 9283 4242</b></p>

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12		<p><b>Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) - Forthcoming Meetings</b></p> <p>Please note the following LSP meetings:</p> <p><b>Housing Partnership</b> - meeting to be held on Monday 16 November at 3pm in Conference Room A, Civic Offices.</p> <p><b>Community Involvement Partnership Board</b> - meeting be held on Wednesday 18 November at 3pm in the Chief Executive's Conference Room, Civic Offices.</p>	<p><b>Leah Feltham</b>  <b>Strategy Adviser</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8789</b></p> <p><b>Rio Caldwell</b>  <b>Strategy Adviser</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8558</b></p>
13	Baffins	<p><b>Mariners Walk One-Way System Petition</b></p> <p>A petition has been received which included 83 signatures from the residents of Warren Avenue, The Haven and Moorings Way regarding the one-way system implemented within Mariners Walk in March 2009.</p> <p>The petition suggests that the one-way system has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased levels of traffic affecting Moorings Way and Warren Avenue during peak times</li> <li>• Routed all traffic past Moorings Way infant school</li> <li>• Increased speeds far in excess of the 20mph speed limit</li> <li>• Increased congestion at peak times at the junction of Warren Avenue/Moorings Way</li> <li>• Encouraged vehicles to drive on the pavement outside of the school.</li> <li>• Increased levels of noise and pollution within Moorings Way and Warren Avenue</li> </ul> <p>As part of the on-going post scheme monitoring, further investigations will be carried out, including the analysis of traffic survey data. Partnership working with the Police will continue in the form of Education and Enforcement days.</p> <p>A Public Meeting to discuss speeding traffic within Moorings Way is due to take place on Wednesday 25 November 2009 from 6pm at Moorings Way School. Residents will be invited to attend and to discuss their observations/issues.</p>	<p><b>Tracey Savage</b>  <b>Transport and Street Management</b>  <b>Tel: 9284 1312</b></p>

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14		<p><b>Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 November at 2.00pm in the Executive Meeting Room, The Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth</b></p> <p>The Committee made the following decisions on main agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-application training</b> – the Committee noted the report and agreed that the training for officers and members should take place.</li> <li>• <b>Delegated Authority for non-material amendments</b> – the Committee granted delegated authority to the Head of Planning Services to determine applications for non-material amendments.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee considered the following Planning Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 09/01140/FUL <b>Flats 1-11, 5 Vectis Way, Cosham</b> - Construction of an additional storey at roof level to form 2 new flats was Granted Conditional Permission subject to an additional condition.</li> <li>• 09/01248/FUL <b>2 West Street, Portsmouth</b> - Construction of single storey roof extension with new steel/glass balustrading around roof terrace; external alterations to front elevation to include 2 new picture windows at first &amp; second floor levels (after removal of existing bay windows) was Deferred.</li> <li>• 09/01277/FUL <b>Cumberland Infant School, Methuen Road, Southsea</b> - Construction of single storey building for use as a Children's Centre fronting Reginald Road was withdrawn by the applicant.</li> <li>• 09/01113/FUL <b>Lake House, 12 St Helens Parade, Southsea</b> - Construction of four storey building (plus basement) to form four flats and single storey building (to rear) to form one dwelling and garage block, new boundary walls and gates was Refused.</li> <li>• 09/01239/FUL <b>The Former Oakwood Public House, 190 Northern Parade, Portsmouth</b> - Installation of condenser unit to rear was Granted Conditional Permission.</li> <li>• 09/01305/ADV <b>The Former Oakwood Public House, 190 Northern Parade, Portsmouth</b> - Display of externally illuminated fascia sign to front elevation was Granted Conditional Consent.</li> <li>• 09/01283/PLAREG <b>110 - 114 Palmerston Road, Southsea</b> - Retention of new shopfront and external alterations to rear elevation to include formation of new door with access ramp and steps (re-submission of 09/00624/FUL) was Granted Conditional Permission.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Karen Martin</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4052</b></p>

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15	St Jude	<p><b>24 Cavendish Road Southsea PO5 2DG - Planning Appeal Decision</b></p> <p><b>Ref No: 08/01383/FUL</b>  <b>Decision: Dismissed</b>  <b>Decision Date: 09/11/09</b></p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for conversion to form 9 self-contained flats including construction of two-storey side extension.</p> <p>The appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p><b>Mark Bridge</b>  <b>Planning Service</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4298</b></p>
16	Fratton	<p><b>2 Fratton Road, Portsmouth, PO1 5BX - Planning Appeal Decision</b></p> <p><b>Ref No:09/00073/FUL</b>  <b>Decision: Dismissed</b>  <b>Decision Date: 09/11/09</b></p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning of planning permission for the construction of two storey rear extension to form a new dwelling.</p> <p>The appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p><b>Jonathan McDermott</b>  <b>Planning Service</b>  <b>Tel: 9284 1470</b></p>
17		<p><b>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 9 November 2009 - Checklist 45/09</b></p> <p>Each week the LGA sends 'LG alerts' information sheets to member authorities. The full text of all LG alerts are available to local authorities on LGAnet – the Local Government Association internet service at <a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">http://www.lga.gov.uk</a>.</p>	<p><b>Local Government Association (LGA)</b>  <b>Email:</b>  <b><a href="mailto:info@lga.gov.uk">info@lga.gov.uk</a></b>  <b>Tel: 020 7664 3131</b>  <b><a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">www.lga.gov.uk</a></b></p>

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		<p><b>LGA GROUP EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>CAA and the future of inspection</b> The LGA will be holding a one day conference entitled CAA and the future of inspection on Tuesday 26 January at Local Government House Conference Centre, Westminster, London. <b>LGAlert Reference:</b> 198/09</p> <p><b>Global slowdown local solutions: international partnerships - Report launch and debate</b> This free evening event will take place at Local Government House, Smith Square, London, and will run from 6pm - 8pm. <b>LGAlert Reference:</b> 197/09</p> <p><b>SAFER COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p><b>LGA Publication - Prevent: One year on</b> The LGA Group have just published a document entitled LGA Group Prevent Publication - One Year On. This looks at the work that has been undertaken by the LGA for local authorities since the launch of the Government's Prevent strategy in June 2008. <b>LGAlert Reference:</b> 195/09</p> <p><b>Duty to reduce reoffending - changes to s17 crime and disorder act 1998</b> The Policing and Crime Bill currently before parliament contains provisions which will extend the remit of bodies with duties under section 17 of the 1998 Act. The Bill is likely to receive Royal Assent around mid November and subject to this, the provisions relating to section 17 will take effect from April 2010. <b>LGAlert Reference:</b> 196/09</p>	