

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 31

DATE: FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2013

The Members' Information Service produced in the Customer, Community & Democratic Services Unit 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 democratic@portsmouthcc.gov.uk 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

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>The Cabinet Member for Children & Education and the Leader of the Council held a combined special Children & Education and Culture Leisure and Sport portfolio meeting at 2pm on Monday 29 July 2013 in the Executive Meeting Room, The Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>Councillor Rob Wood and Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson made decisions on the following item:</p> <p>Expansion of Westover Primary School and options for Baffins Community Association</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Education approved the implementation of Option 7 (as set out in section 5 of the report) to refurbish the community centre to create additional classrooms for the school and to relocate the Baffins Community Association to a mobile unit behind the existing centre at a total cost of £350,000. The City Solicitor is to ensure that the land for the mobile unit which will house the Community Centre is retained by the council for use by the Association.</p> <p>NB: Call in date - Wednesday 7 August</p>	<p>Karen Martin, Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</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 democratic@portsmouthcc.gov.uk and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 9 August 2013.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: CHILDREN & EDUCATION

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
2	Milton	<p>Works at Moorings Way Infant School</p> <p>Proposal: that approved Education Capital Expenditure be re-allocated in order to expand the administration/staff room area and provide a secure lobby/reception area.</p> <p>On 14 March 2011 the Cabinet Member for Education approved the allocation of £200,000 to replace defective roofs at The City of Portsmouth Girls' School. The project has been successfully completed and has an underspend of £27,000.</p> <p>Moorings Way Infant School is seeking to expand the administration and office area and create a secure lobby to prevent unauthorised visitors gaining access to the school. The project is not only addressing a safeguarding issue but is also ensuring that there is sufficient space for administration and office functions in order to cope with the increase in pupil numbers that the school has experienced in recent years. The estimated cost of the scheme is £36,000 and the school is willing to contribute the majority of its capital balance (£20,000) towards this important scheme, leaving a balance of £16,000.</p> <p>Approval is therefore sought to re-allocate £16,000 from the capital scheme at The City of Portsmouth Girls' scheme to the scheme at Moorings Way Infant School in order to complete the expansion of the administration / staff room area and provide a secure lobby/reception area.</p>	<p>Mike Stoneman Strategic Commissioning Manager Tel: 9284 1712</p>

PORTFOLIO: RESOURCES

	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
3	St Thomas	<p>Repairs to Victoria Pier</p> <p>Proposal: that £14,000 be transferred from Landlords Maintenance Revenue budget to this capital project</p> <p>The portfolio member authorised capital expenditure of £47,500 for repairs to Victoria Pier on 25 September 2012. During the project the level of corrosion was greater than anticipated necessitating replacement of additional handrails and balustrades together with compliant removal of the existing lead paint. The additional cost to the project is £14,000.</p>	<p>John Bean Housing & Property Services Tel: 9283 4651</p>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

The Head of Planning Services will exercise his powers to determine the following applications in accordance with the proposed decision for each application unless a Councillor requests the application be referred for decision to Committee.

Your request should be made to the **City Development Manager** by telephoning **Julie Watson** (☎023 9283 4826 or 023 9283 4339 answerphone) and must be received by not later than **5 pm on Friday 9 August 2013**. You can also make contact by letter or by e-mail to - planningreps@portsmouthcc.gov.uk - If you wish to know more about a particular application, please contact the Case Officer indicated.

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Case Officer Proposed Decision
4	12/01318/HOU St Jude	1C Merton Road Southsea Construction of new brick pier up to 2m high	Three objections have been received in relation to this application, two of which have withdrawn following an amendment to the proposal reducing the width of the opening. The third objection concerns the size of the gap created in the wall to allow vehicular access. This proposed gap has now been reduced. The objection does state that 'It is appropriate to remove a small part of the wall to enlarge the opening and of course to rebuild the pillar (provided it matches the wall).' The amended scheme is considered to adequately address this concern. The proposal is now considered acceptable in heritage and highway terms. See related MIS item (consent for demolition).	Peter George Tel: 023 9283 4326 Conditional Permission
5	12/01319/CON St Jude	1C Merton Road Southsea Retrospective application for the partial demolition of front boundary wall	This application relates to consent for demolition only and should be read in conjunction with the application for planning permission for construction of a boundary wall/pillar (which would reinstate part of the removed section of wall) ref 12/01318/HOU. Three objections have been received, two of which have since been withdrawn following amendment (reducing the width of the opening). The third objection concerns the size of the gap created in the wall to allow vehicular access, stating that 'It is appropriate to remove a small part of the wall to enlarge the opening and of course to rebuild the pillar (provided it matches the wall).' The amended scheme is considered to adequately address this concern. The proposal is considered acceptable in heritage terms.	Peter George Tel: 023 9283 4326 Conditional Consent

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6	13/00615/FUL Milton	27 Bonchurch Road Southsea Change of use from dwelling house (Class C3) to purposes falling within Class C4 (house in multiple occupation) or Class C3 (dwelling house)	<p>One letter has been received raising objection on the grounds that: a) there is inadequate parking in the area to support a HMO; b) the property is not maintained effectively; and c) introduction of an HMO into the area would have a detrimental impact upon surrounding occupants. The applicant has indicated that there have been previous incidents relating to antisocial behaviour which have involved the police being called out to the application site.</p> <p>This proposal seeks permission for a change of use from purposes falling within Class C3 (Dwellinghouse) to purposes falling within Class C3 (Dwellinghouse) or Class C4 (House in Multiple Occupation).</p> <p>The lawful use of this property currently lies within Class C3. In the 50m radius surrounding this property, out of 71 properties, none are currently in HMO use. As a result of this application, this would increase to 1 or 1.4%. This is below the 10% threshold set out in the Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD and subsequently, this application would not have a detrimental impact upon the balance of uses within the local community. This application is therefore capable of support.</p>	<p>Laura Grimason Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>
7	13/00612/HOU Eastney & Craneswater	4 Cousins Grove Southsea Installation of new UPVC double glazed windows to ground floor bay windows	<p>One letter has been received raising objection on the ground that the replacement windows would have a detrimental impact upon the character and appearance of the Craneswater and Eastern Parade Conservation Area.</p> <p>This proposal seeks permission for the installation of new UPVC double glazed windows to the ground floor bay windows.</p> <p>The proposed windows would be of a similar style to those of the existing. Several properties in the immediate vicinity have installed similar UPVC windows and subsequently, this proposal would be acceptable in design and heritage terms in accordance with policy PCS23 of the Portsmouth Plan.</p>	<p>Laura Grimason Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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8		<p>Licensing Sub Committee - 31 July 2013</p> <p>The committee made the following decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application for the grant of a premises licence by Morrison, 104-108 Elm Grove, Southsea, Portsmouth was granted as applied for so as to permit the following licensable activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supply of alcohol daily from 0600 hours until midnight for consumption off of the premises. ○ The premises being open to the public daily for the same times. • The application for the variation of a premises licence for Twyford News, 205 Twyford Avenue, Portsmouth was granted as applied for, with the conditions agreed, so as to permit the following licensable activities: • Supply of alcohol from 0500 hours to 0100 hours daily (for consumption off of the premises); • Removal of conditions numbers 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 4 of Annexe 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule. 	<p>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
9		<p>Cancellation of Meeting - Planning Committee - 14 August 2013</p> <p>Members are asked to note that the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14 August 2013 at 2 pm has been cancelled due to a lack of planning applications at this time needing a committee decision.</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
10	All	<p>Pay and Display Machines</p> <p>With effect from 12th August 2013, the council's Pay and Display machines will only give paid for parking time in accordance with the published tariffs. For example, if somebody want to pay for an hour's parking that costs £1.80 but they put £2 into the meter, the 20p will accrue to the council; they will only get a pay and display ticket for an hour and not be given extra minutes as was previously the case. This follows a change in VAT rules.</p>	<p>Michael Robinson Transport & Environment Tel: 9268 8497</p>

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11	All	<p>Portsmouth Academy Transfer Programme</p> <p>Since the Academies Act 2010 was passed, only two academy transfers have been approved in Portsmouth: Paulsgrove Primary School (transfer to United Learning Trust); and Lyndhurst Junior School (transfer to Lyndhurst Academy Trust). A third, The Mary Rose School (transfer to Solent Academies Trust) is nearing completion. However, it is anticipated that at least six transfers will need to be approved on or before 1st October 2013 with a significant number to follow during 2013/14. By 1 April 2014 it is anticipated that over a third of schools in Portsmouth will have converted to Academy status.</p> <p>The council receives no direct source of funding to cover the costs linked to academy transfers, however, there is a great deal of officer time required to ensure smooth transfer arrangements are undertaken within a reasonable timeframe and that the council's liabilities are transferred appropriately to the new Academy Trusts. It is therefore essential that the council invest sufficient resources in supporting Academy transfers in order to mitigate against key risks to the council and to retain some control over each transfer. Without this investment, transfers will be delayed and the DfE is likely to intervene and insist the transfer goes ahead with or without the Local Authority's approval of the Commercial Transfer Agreement. Furthermore, the Academy Transfer Programme is currently displacing other work due to insufficient resources.</p> <p>An estimated £227,400 is required in 2013/14 to fund several posts in Legal (1.5fte), HR (1fte), Education (1fte), Corporate Landlord (0.5fte) and Finance (1fte). An estimated income of £60,000 is forecast based on a minimum of 12 transfers and a minimum contribution of £5,000 from each school undergoing a transfer. This leaves a shortfall of £167,000.</p> <p>The S.151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the council has approved the release of £167,400 from the council's central contingency provision for 2013/14 in order to secure the additional resources that are needed in the current year.</p> <p>The S151 Officer advises that the academy conversion programme is likely to span at least 2 financial years and that a budget pressure will need to be funded in 2014/15 (as part of the budget setting process) should the council wish to fully support the process on a continuing basis</p>	<p>Mike Stoneman Strategic Commissioning Manager Tel: 9284 1712</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items (cont'd)

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12	Drayton & Farlington	<p>3 Manor Mews, Lower Drayton Lane, PO6 2EJ Appeal Ref: 13/00391/TPO Appeal Start Date: 29 July 2013</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal to fell Lime tree (T6) within Tree Preservation Order No 68</p> <p>The appeal is being dealt with by the written representation procedure, as this appeal is proceeding under the Fast Track Appeals Service, there is no opportunity for <u>you to submit</u> further comments.</p>	<p>Carrie Whittaker Planning Services Tel: 9283 4323</p>