

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 26

DATE: FRIDAY 28 JUNE 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

NB: THERE ARE NO PART ONE ITEMS THIS WEEK

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 5th July 2013.**

An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT																				
1		<p>The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Prohibition and Restriction on Waiting and Amendments to Waiting Restrictions) (No.20) Order 2013</p> <p>Proposal: that a new Traffic Regulation Order be introduced to address parking issues in various roads citywide. Public consultation is a statutory requirement when proposals are put forward, and this will take place between 15th July - 5th August 2013.</p> <p>Council's reasons for the Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To introduce parking restrictions in various roads across the city to improve road safety, pedestrian safety, visibility and traffic management, especially access for the emergency services, public services, delivery vehicles and refuse collection vehicles. (ii) To amend and introduce parking restrictions to accommodate local needs and make the most effective use of the public highway. (iii) To reduce and/or remove parking restrictions where they are no longer required. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Wards</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Roads</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Central Southsea:</td> <td>Outram Rd, Devonshire Ave</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drayton & Farlington:</td> <td>Lodge Ave,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eastney & Craneswater:</td> <td>P&D Eastney (increase to all year round instead of Mar-Oct only)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paulsgrove:</td> <td>Farmlea Rd, Bourne Rd, Elkstone Rd, Ludlow Rd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Milton:</td> <td>Anson Rd, Devonshire Ave</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nelson:</td> <td>Knox Rd / Stamshaw Rd, Lomond Cl, London Rd, Derby Rd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Jude:</td> <td>Albert Rd (creation of a 24 hour taxi rank)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Thomas:</td> <td>Broad St, existing Prime Parking locations,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charles Dickens:</td> <td>Dorothy Dymond St, existing Prime Parking locations,</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Wards</u>	<u>Roads</u>	Central Southsea:	Outram Rd, Devonshire Ave	Drayton & Farlington:	Lodge Ave,	Eastney & Craneswater:	P&D Eastney (increase to all year round instead of Mar-Oct only)	Paulsgrove:	Farmlea Rd, Bourne Rd, Elkstone Rd, Ludlow Rd	Milton:	Anson Rd, Devonshire Ave	Nelson:	Knox Rd / Stamshaw Rd, Lomond Cl, London Rd, Derby Rd	St Jude:	Albert Rd (creation of a 24 hour taxi rank)	St Thomas:	Broad St, existing Prime Parking locations,	Charles Dickens:	Dorothy Dymond St, existing Prime Parking locations,	<p>Nikki Musson, Transport & Environment Tel: 9283 4461</p>
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2	Cosham	<p>New Traffic Regulation Order: The Portsmouth City Council (Cosham High Street Area) (One Way Traffic, Amendments to Waiting Restrictions and Environmental Improvements) (No.16) Order 2013</p> <p>Proposal: that a formal public consultation be carried out to make the one-way system permanent with environmental improvements in High Street, Cosham via a Traffic Regulation Order, as outlined below:</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The current one-way system was installed earlier this year in High Street, Cosham, as part of the traffic management measures for the Northern Road bridge replacement. The road layout has been well-received and, as funding has become available to undertake environmental improvements in Cosham High Street, a new project aims to bring the measures together into a permanent scheme.</p> <p>Pre-consultation has taken place on the environmental improvements aspect, and permission is now sought to carry out formal public consultation on the designs to make the one-way system permanent with environmental improvements, via a Traffic Regulation Order. The scheme has been programmed with the involvement of the Leader of the Council, the City Centre Manager, the Head of Transport & Environment and Cosham business owners.</p> <p>Formal 21-day public consultation is a statutory requirement when proposals are put forward, and this is scheduled to take place in July 2013.</p>	<p>Anna Turner Transport & Environment Tel: 9268 8445</p>

PORTFOLIO: LEADER

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3		<p>Funding for the transition to Individual Electoral Registration</p> <p>Proposal: that additional funding be released for electoral registration purposes to assist in the preparations for the transition to Individual Electoral Registration (IER). The total amount requested for release from contingency funds is £18,250 for the 2013-14 financial year as outlined below:</p> <p>These funds will be used for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted canvassing activity in Spring 2014 • Software and hardware enhancements • Production of publicity materials • Staff training costs <p>Some government funding was received by the council for this purpose via a section 31 grant in April which covers approximately half the value of this request.</p>	<p>David Williams, Electoral Registration Officer Tel: 9283 4010</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 **Assistant Head of Planning Services** by telephoning **Julie Watson** (☎023 9283 4826 or 023 9283 4339 answerphone) and must be received by not later than **5 pm on Friday 5th July 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	13/00500/HOU Drayton & Farlington	95 Second Avenue Portsmouth Construction of dormer window to front roofslope	<p>One letter of representation has been received from The Portsmouth Society. The Society comments that 'A flat roofed dormer is proposed on a cottage-style property. A gabled dormer would better suit the look of the property. There is another gabled dormer close by.'</p> <p>The determining issue is whether the proposed front dormer would appropriately relate to the recipient building. The overall size of the proposed front dormer is modest and sits centrally within the front roofslope. As such it is considered to relate satisfactorily to the dwelling and will not adversely affect the appearance of the street scene.</p> <p>The letter of representation from The Portsmouth Society states that a gabled dormer would better suit the property. Whilst pitched roofs over dormers are often encouraged, in this particular case the provision of a pitch would result in an uncharacteristically squat roof in order to match the existing ridge height. The pitch of the dormer roof would consequently be much shallower than that of the main roof and therefore would not relate sympathetically. It is therefore not considered appropriate to seek amendments in this manner.</p> <p>It is considered that the proposal would not result in an objection on the grounds of increased flood risk, or otherwise have an adverse impact on the amenity of the occupiers of the adjoining or nearby properties.</p>	<p>Alison Pinkney Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Conditional Permission</p>

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Case Officer Proposed Decision
5	13/00455/TPO Drayton & Farlington	45 Stroudley Avenue Portsmouth Within Tree Preservation 92 London Plane (T1) fell	<p>The London Plane tree (T1) is within the side garden of 45 Stroudley Avenue facing Lower Drayton Lane.</p> <p>One support comment has been received from the occupier of 118 Lower Drayton Lane who has stated that the tree is overbearing and that the root system must be impacting upon their property. They suggest that houses within 7 metres of this tree must be uninsurable and that the tree is unfortunately in the wrong place.</p> <p>The applicant has applied to fell the tree because it is causing shading which is causing damp within the walls. The applicant suggests the tree is not bringing pleasure to the nearby residents and Drayton Park is nearby which has many trees. Damage is being caused to the boundary walls and walls of the property for which a structural engineer report has been submitted in support of this. Branches also fall from the tree in high winds.</p> <p>An application to fell the tree has been refused on two previous occasions most recently on 4th January 2012. The reason for this refusal was because of the high amenity value the tree provides to the local area and that the reasons the applicant applied to fell the tree could be alleviated through a crown reduction by 3 metres and a crown thin by 20% for which a new application would be required. The recommendation of the Council's arboricultural officer has not altered from the previous application. The evidence submitted in relation to the subsidence the tree may be causing is the same structural engineer report submitted with the previous application.</p> <p>The report claims that damage to the conservatory has been caused by the London Plane tree (T1). The conservatory has been constructed less than 0.5 metres away from the base of the main stem this will undoubtedly have long term consequences. The minimum distance as indicated in BS 5837:2005 (Trees in relation to construction) to avoid direct damage to a light loaded structure i.e. garages, porches etc is 1.5 metres away. The conservatory should never have been built this close to a protected tree within the root protection area where there is a high probability of damage occurring to the roots.</p> <p>The engineer's report indicated evidence of cracking at the junction of the conservatory with the main wall of the house. The forces generated through growth although relatively small are capable of causing damage to light structures. This type of damage always occurs where inappropriately designed lightly loaded structures are constructed within 2 metres of the trunk. Although the damage is</p>	<p>Carrie Whittaker</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4323</p> <p>Refuse Consent</p>

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6	Contd/... 13/00488/TPO St Jude	44 A-D Victoria Road South Southsea Within Tree Preservation Order 49 - Felling of Lime tree (T24) in rear garden	<p>causing concern to the applicant it is relatively minor. Incremental growth of the trunk and major roots will continue throughout its life but as this is a mature specimen and anticipated future growth will be minimal.</p> <p>In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority the London Plane tree has a high amenity value and the reasons to fell can be alleviated by completing maintenance works to the tree, therefore preserving the amenity value and reducing the nuisance the tree may be causing. The felling of the tree would have a major detrimental impact on the amenity of the local area. The application is therefore recommended for refusal.</p> <p>The Lime tree (T24) is within the rear garden of 44 Victoria Road South fronting Nelson Road.</p> <p>Two representations have been received from residents at 40 Nelson Road. The residents suggest the tree shapes our landscape and can be seen from two streets in Southsea. The residents suggest the tree adds value to the properties and is located a clear distance from surrounding houses. The residents quote from the arboricultural report suggesting the Local Planning Authority should consider the alternative maintenance works rather than allowing the tree to be felled. They have also quoted from the report stating that water pockets should be evaluated at 3-6 month intervals in order to establish the decay rate.</p> <p>The Council's Arboricultural officer has inspected the tree and has stated that Lime tree is a mature tree displaying healthy foliage cover. The tree has been pollarded in the past resulting in a dense rounded canopy. The tree is a prominent feature within the streetscene but has a substantial cavity on the southern side of the main stem approximately 1 metre above ground level. An arboricultural report submitted with the application concluded that decay had spread longitudinally through the main stem resulting in approximately less than 50% sound wood. The evidence submitted suggests that there is a high risk of failure. In the Council's arboriculturalist opinion the tree poses an unacceptable risk to the public and adjacent properties and should be felled. A replacement tree is considered appropriate in this location of upright habit so as not to impact to the same degree as the existing Lime tree such as a Hornbeam or Birch tree.</p> <p>Having regard to the Arboricultural Officer's comments it is considered that the Lime tree (T24) should be felled due to its potential danger to the public and nearby properties. A replacement tree will be ensured through an appropriately worded condition.</p>	<p>Carrie Whittaker</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4323</p> <p>Conditional Consent</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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7		<p>Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel - 2 July at 7pm in Conference Room A</p> <p>The panel will meet to select potential review topics for submission to the Scrutiny Management Panel meeting on 5 July 2013.</p>	<p>Teresa Deasy Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4056</p>
8		<p>Twinning Advisory Group - 3 July</p> <p>The Twinning Advisory Group will meet on Wednesday 3 July 2013 at 11am in the Ground Floor Meeting Room 4, Civic Offices to consider the following main agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses regarding the visits to Twin, Sister and Friendship Cities • Updates from the twinning representatives. • Grant proposals for submission to the Resources portfolio. 	<p>Peter Smith-Parkyn Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9268 8361</p>
9		<p>Cabinet Member for Resources – 4 July</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources Decision Meeting will take place on Thursday 4 July 2013 at 9 am in the Ground Floor Meeting Room 3, Civic Offices, Portsmouth when the Cabinet Member for Resources will consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twinning Matters • Revenues and Benefits Business Plan • Customer Community and Democratic Services Business Plan • HR Legal and Performance Business Plan • Information Services Business Plan • Budget Outturn 2012/13 Revenue Cash Limits and Capital Programme 	<p>Vicki Plytas Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4058</p>

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10		<p>Scrutiny Management Panel - 5 July 2013 - Call in request</p> <p>A meeting of the Scrutiny Management Panel will be held on Friday 5 July at 2pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, Guildhall, Portsmouth to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> respond to a call-in request on the decision taken by Cabinet on 10 June 2013 concerning the Pyramids Procurement and Consideration of Options report. decide the 2013/2014 work programme for the themed scrutiny panels. <p>Please would members note that the meeting that had been scheduled for 4pm on 4 July will not now take place.</p>	<p>Vicki Plytas Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4058</p>
11		<p>Project / Scheme Name: Corpus Christi RC Primary School – Lighting Replacement</p> <p>A contract has been entered into for the sum of £26,151.69 with Graham Facilities Management for the installation of new lighting to various sections of the building at Corpus Christi RC Primary School.</p> <p>Following the issue of the order and approval of a sample area by the selected contractor, the school wish to complete the remainder of the school in the same design and quality.</p> <p>This contract was awarded in line with the City Council's contract procedure rules however due to the above it will be necessary to increase the value of the contract with Graham Facilities Management by £16,983 to £43,134.69.</p> <p>Approval for the increased contract sum has no financial risk to the Council as the school has agreed to fund the additional £16,983 from their own funds.</p>	<p>Sam Choudhury HPS Maintenance Tel: 9284 1107</p>
12	Baffins	<p>Name for New Road at St James' Hospital</p> <p>A developer is building a small development of thirteen houses on part of St James Hospital site. A new road name is required and it is proposed to name it St James Place retaining it connection to the hospital site.</p>	<p>John Shurvinton GIS & Records Manager Tel: 9283 4768</p>