# City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 2 DATE: FRIDAY 11 JANUARY 2013

The Members' Information Service produced in the Customer, Community & Democratic Services 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 (Local Democracy 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

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WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1	Cabinet – 7 January 2013	Joanne Wildsmith CCDS
	Decisions were taken on the following items:-	Tel: 9283 4057
	The City Centre Masterplan – Supplementary Planning Document	
	DECISIONS the Cabinet	
	i) noted the outcomes of public consultation on the Draft City Centre Masterplan - SPD that took place from July / November 2012 and agree the proposed responses (within Appendix 1);	
	ii) adopted the City Centre Masterplan as a supplementary planning document (within Appendix 2);	
	iii) noted the Strategic Environmental Assessment & Sustainability Appraisal Screening Statement report accompanying the City Centre Masterplan, (within Appendix 3),	
	iv) authorised the Assistant Head of Planning Services to make editorial amendments to the wording and images of the SPD prior to publication, in consultation Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development. These amendments shall be restricted to correcting errors and formatting and shall not alter the meaning of the document	
	v) revoked the Station Square and Station Street SPD (December 2007) and	
	vi) agreed that any changes to pedestrianised areas which propose use by cyclists be subject to extensive public consultation before decisions are taken.	t
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WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
	Calculation of the tax base for 2012/13 and estimation of Council Tax Collection fund balance at 31 March 2013	
	DECISIONS:	
	i) That in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Portsmouth City Council as its Council Tax Base for 2013/14 shall be 50,500.7	
	ii) That in accordance with The Local Authorities (Funds) (England) Regulations 1992 as amended, the amount calculated by Portsmouth City Council as the deficit on its Collection Fund at 31 March 2013 shall be £200,000.	
	NB Call-in date: Tuesday 15 January 2013.	

# 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 (Local Democracy Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 18 January 2013.

An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
2		Transfer of Budgets relating to installation of Variable Speed Drives to Civic Plant	John Bean Head of Building
		<b>Proposal:</b> to transfer the £44,000 cost from the Carbon Management Reserve budget to the Civic Plant Upgrade budget to undertake the works as outlined below.	Maintenance Tel: 9283 4651
		In 2011 the Carbon Management Board on the 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2011 minute 3, accepted a bid to reduce energy at the Civic Centre by introduction of Variable Speed Drives to improve control of the air circulation fans.	
		These works were carried-out together with other engineering works at the Civic under the capital code for Civic Plant Upgrades in 2012.	

#### 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** (23 9283 4826 or 023 9283 4339 answerphone) and must be received by not later than **5 pm** on **Friday 18 January 2013**. You can also make contact by letter or by email 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
3	12/01261/ADV Milton	253 Milton Road Portsmouth  Display of 3 illuminated fascia signs	An objection has been received from the Portsmouth Society on the grounds that illuminated signage is unnecessary and spoils the streetscape. Allowing illuminated sings will set a precedent and waste of energy.  Paragraph 67 of the National Planning Policy Framework	Simon Barnett Tel: 023 9284 1281 Conditional Consent
			advises that "only those advertisements which will clearly have an appreciable impact on a building or on their surroundings should be subject to the local planning authority's detailed assessment". In this case it is considered that the signs (which have been installed) are acceptable and relate appropriately to the recipient building and the wider locality. It is considered that the signage does not adversely affect either amenity or public safety. The issue of the energy used to illuminate the signs is not material to this application for advertisement consent.	

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Case Officer Proposed Decision
4 4	Ward  12/01293/FUL  Charles Dickens	Merefield House Nutfield Place Portsmouth  Change of use of 1st & 2nd floors & part of ground floor from offices (Class B1) to school (Class D1) and remainder of ground floor for office (Class B1) or school (Class D1) purposes; external alterations to include up to 2.4m high boundary railings & weld-mesh fencing, provision of hard surface play area & car park for 24 vehicles	One representation has been received from St Marys Road Secondary School raising objection to the proposed school on the following grounds: the development may undermine the outstanding community that currently exists; and, the school has a high proportion of Muslim students currently studying and OFSTED has in the past recognised this strength in the school and in their last report stated that "Taking responsibility for community development and embracing diversity are central to the school's ethos and underpin students' outstanding spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development".  The proposal for a private (fee paying) primary school for day pupils aged 5 to 11 years, although in planning terms it would not normally be considered reasonable or necessary to restrict the age of students if the principle of a use for education/training purposes is acceptable at the site. The desire of the school not to undermine the outstanding community that already exists is understandable but this would not be considered to justify refusal for a new school site that is an appropriate re-use of the former office building and a use compatible with the surrounding area.	Alan Banting Tel: 023 9283 4324  Conditional Permission

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5		Employment Committee – Tuesday 15 January 2013 at 12.15pm in Conference Room A, Floor 2, Civic Offices, Portsmouth	Vicki Plytas Senior Local Democracy Officer
		The committee will be considering the following items:	Tel: 9283 4058
		<ul> <li>Report on Sickness Absence</li> <li>Report on Long Service Awards</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Report on Public Health – in relation to those transferring from PCT to PCC</li> <li>Employment Law Update</li> </ul>	
6		Governance and Audit and Standards Committee (Special) - Wednesday 16 January 2013 at 2pm in Executive Meeting Room, Third Floor, Guildhall	
		At the special meeting of Governance and Audit and Standards Committee the following item will appear on the agenda	
		Members' Allowances Review 2012	
		The Committee will be asked to confirm that it is satisfied with the way the Independent Remuneration Panel undertook the review.	
		The report produced by the Independent Remuneration Panel will then be considered at the full Council Meeting on 22 January 2013.	
7		Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel – Thursday 17 January at 10am in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3 of the Guildhall	Joanne Wildsmith Local Democracy Officer, CCDS
		The panel will be continuing its review into "advancing the use of technology in Adult Social Care (Telecare & Telehealth)" and will receive evidence from witnesses from the Wessex Health Innovation & Education Cluster (HIEC) and Housing 21.	Tel: 9283 4057
8		Licensing Policy Committee Meeting – 21 January	Jane Di Dino Local Democracy
		The committee will meet on Monday 21 January at 9.30 in the Executive Meeting Room, the Guildhall to consider the review of licensing fees – consideration of objections.	Officer, CCDS Tel: 9283 4060

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9	Cabinet Member for Resources – Cancellation of Meeting  The Cabinet Member for Resources Decision Meeting that was scheduled for Thursday 24 January has been cancelled owing to lack of urgent business.	Vicki Plytas Senior Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4058
	The next scheduled meeting is on Thursday 7 March 2013.	
10	Licensing Sub Committee meeting – 9 January	Jane Di Dino
	Licensing Act 2003 – The application for the grant of a premises licence <b>32 Queen Street</b> , Portsmouth PO1 3HN was withdrawn by the applicant.	Local Democracy Officer, CCDS Tel: 9283 4060
11	Planning Committee - 9 January	Joanne Wildsmith
	The committee confirmed a Tree Preservation Order at 55 Dysart Avenue, Farlington.	Local Democracy Officer, CCDS Tel: 9283 4057
	An information report was received regarding the Planning Inspector's decision on 74 Telephone Road, Southsea – the appeal was allowed with planning permission being granted for use as shared accommodation of 7 persons (a sui generis House in Multiple Occupation).	
	Decisions were taken on the following planning applications:	
	<ul> <li>12/01093/FUL - Farlington Marshes Car Park Eastern Road Portsmouth - Change of use of part of car park to allow for the siting of a mobile catering trailer, for the period March to October – consideration was deferred pending further information.</li> </ul>	
	12/01105/FUL - The Point Broad Street Portsmouth - Installation of memorial – was withdrawn from consideration.	
	<ul> <li>12/01123/HOU- Bourn Lodge 20 Outram Road Southsea PO5 1QY - Installation of new boundary gate and brick piers up to 1.8m high fronting Outram Road – was granted conditional permission.</li> </ul>	
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	Retrospective application for change of use of land from private residential gardens to car parking and trailer storage in association with the existing marine business use of the land, for a temporary period of 2 years – was withdrawn from consideration.	
	<ul> <li>12/01209/HOU - 87 Havant Road Cosham Portsmouth PO6 2JD - Construction of 2 storey rear extension (following removal of existing conservatory) and detached single garage with store to rear garden (to replace the existing) – was granted conditional permission.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>12/01217/FUL - 59 Edmund Road Southsea PO4 0HZ - Change of use from house in multiple occupation (Class C4) to purposes falling within Class C4 (house in multiple occupation) or Class C3 (dwelling house) – was granted permission.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>12/01220/FUL - 240 Fratton Road Portsmouth PO1 5HH - Construction of a new roof to form 2 flats and extension of existing stairwell (resubmission of 12/00982/FUL) – was withdrawn from consideration.</li> </ul>	
	NB It was decided that in future the Planning Committee meetings will start at 2pm (rather than 3pm).	
2	Young People Helped into Apprenticeships	Linda Taylor Employment
	At the end of November 67 young people attended an event to match them with employers and apprenticeship providers who had vacancies. The event was organised by PCC, Jobcentre Plus and the National Apprenticeship Service in partnership with the ALPHE partnership of colleges and training providers. These young people will be tracked into work or college during the next year and offered additional assistance if they do not find their next opportunity. The event was held in the Lord Mayor's Banqueting Suite. A second event will be held on 20 March 2013.	Initiatives Manager Tel: 9284 1501

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13		High Expectations Course helps young people into work and training  Jobcentre Plus provided finance for specialist job-coaching help to get young people aged 18 and 19 back to work. The 6 week course also included a Sports First Aid Qualification and a RYA Skipper Qualification. The attendees also had an opportunity to take the helm of a power boat, under supervision, in Portsmouth Harbour. 16 young people were assisted. The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth presented certificates to the young people in his Parlour. Captain Mike Davis-Marks OBE represented the Royal Navy Recruitment Service at the event. Kerry Dedman from Open Door Training Ltd, the specialist job-coach spoke at the event and said that the participants had made great progress in a relatively short space of time, 5 had gained work and she was very proud of what they had achieved. One of the course participants is aiming to enter the Royal Navy as an officer in early 2013.	Linda Taylor Employment Initiatives Manager Tel: 9284 1501
14		Public Toilet Consultation  As requested by Members, a consultation exercise is open until 31 January 2013 regarding the future of public toilets in Portsmouth. The consultation contains proposals to reduce the number of toilets, charge for entry to at least two, and work with other providers wherever possible to maintain the number of toilets available.	Emma Cole Transport & Environment Tel: 9268 8619
		Posters informing residents have been put up at all toilet facilities in the city and information leaflets with surveys are available at all libraries, community centres, housing offices and the civic offices. All information, including an online survey, can be found at <a href="https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk">www.portsmouth.gov.uk</a> by searching 'public toilets'.	
		Residents with comments should be encouraged to complete the survey either online or by filling out a paper survey and returning it. Alternatively they can email comments directly to toilets@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.	
		Comments received through the consultation will help inform the report which will be taken to Cabinet for decision in March 2013.	

#### LICENSING ACT 2003 – APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

The Licensing Authority has received the following applications in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003. The table below outlines the premises location, a brief description of the application and the closing date by which responsible authorities or other persons may make representations.

Members should be aware that representations may only be made on the grounds of one or more of the licensing objectives. These are: "the prevention of crime and disorder", "the prevention of public nuisance", "public safety" and "the protection of children from harm". Any representation must be in writing and should, where possible, include evidence to support the licensing objectives. Representations should not be frivolous or vexatious.

If you have any queries relating to any of the applications outlined below, please contact the Licensing Section, Telephone number: 023 9283 4607 or email: Licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.

Item No	Ward	Licence No:	Premises Name and Address	Brief description of application:	Closing date for representations:
15	Eastney and Craneswater	12/04822/ LAPREM	Number 4 69 Festing Road Portsmouth PO4 0NQ	Grant of a Premises Licence  Sale of Alcohol Mon-Sun 12:00 until 03:00  Late Night Refreshment Mon-Sun 23:00 until 05:00	18/01/13