

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

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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

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation 27 September</p> <p>Councillor Jason Fazackarley made decisions on the following items:</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Order: The Portsmouth City Council (North Kings Area) (Residents' Parking Places and Prohibition of Waiting) (No.19) Order 2012</p> <p>DECISION:</p> <p>This item was deferred and will be considered at a special meeting to be held on Friday 5th October 2012 at 10.00am.</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Order: The Portsmouth City Council (LB Somerstown Parking Scheme: Additional Permit Entitlement) (No.22) Order 2012</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposals A1 Nos 70-80 Elm Grove inclusive only, A2 (Sedgley Close), B1 (Windsor Mansions) were approved. 2. That permit entitlement is not extended to the remaining properties of proposal A1, due to insufficient capacity within the LB parking scheme and the impact on the success of that scheme. <p>Winter Maintenance Operational Plan</p> <p>DECISION:</p> <p>The updated Winter Maintenance Operational Plan was approved.</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
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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 5 October 2012.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
2	Fratton	<p>Works at Manor Infants School</p> <p>Proposal: that there be a re-allocation of Approved Education Capital Expenditure to Manor Infants School as outlined below.</p> <p>On 21 March 2012 the Elected Member for Children and Education approved the allocation of £607,500 for the replacement boilers and heating at Wimborne Junior School as part of the School Modernisation Programme 2012/13. The total cost of the scheme was £630,000 and included a contribution of £22,500 from Wimborne Junior School. Following a detailed survey the project engineers have reported that the project can be delivered for £450,000. This does not affect the school contribution. £140,000 from this scheme has already been allocated to another related priority scheme at Clifdale Primary School. This therefore leaves a balance of £40,000.</p> <p>Approval is therefore sought to reallocate £20,000 from this capital scheme to another related priority scheme:</p> <p>Manor Infants School – recent Asset Management Planning meetings at Manor Infants School have identified insufficient IT teaching provision and group working space. A feasibility study was undertaken which resulted in the recommendation to create two teaching spaces above existing stores within the school hall. The school will be contributing £90,000 to the project which is anticipated to be completed at a total cost of £110,000.</p>	<p>Mike Stoneman Strategic Commissioning Manager Tel: 9284 1712</p>

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3	Charles Dickens	<p>Buriton Street/Crasswell Street Junction Experimental Road Closure</p> <p>Proposal: To advertise an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to close Buriton Street at the junction of Crasswell Street and remove the existing one-way traffic flow within Buriton Street between Settlers Close and Crasswell Street.</p> <p>Representation has been received from residents via Councillor Steven Wylie, regarding the issues of stand-offs they face from opposing traffic violating the existing one-way system within Buriton Street. A traffic survey was carried out for a twelve-hour period within January 2011 to conclude how many vehicles were violating the existing one-way system. Within the twelve-hour period, 19 vehicles were observed abusing/ignoring the existing one-way system. This equates to almost one vehicle an hour rat-running through the area.</p> <p>This scheme would seek to address the issues within the area by implementing a temporary closure of Buriton Street at its junction with Crasswell Street. It would look to improve the existing layout by impairing drivers' ability of making the illegal manoeuvre from Crasswell Street into Buriton Street. By removing the ability to violate the existing one-way system, the scheme would become self-enforcing, reducing the need for Police to enforce and educate offending drivers.</p> <p>This proposal would stop access to through traffic travelling northbound along the northern section of Buriton Street towards Crasswell Street. Traffic wishing to access Crasswell Street would do so by utilising the existing one-way system within operation in Landport Street. The northern end of Buriton Street at the junction of Crasswell Street would be closed off to all traffic (except cycles) by implementing a temporary physical barrier. Due to the physical barrier there would be no possibility of violation by 'through' traffic. The benefit of such a proposal is that it is self-enforcing as there is no need for police to enforce a traffic order.</p> <p>The Experimental Order could be in operation for 6 months from its installation and will contain a provision to allow the Head of Transport and Environment to modify or suspend its operation in certain specified circumstances. The consultation period will run in conjunction with the experimental order and will be reviewed during its operation.</p>	<p>Tracey Shepherd Transport & Environment Tel: 9284 1312</p>

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4	All	<p>The Appointment of the city council's Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures</p> <p>In accordance with section 72 of the Weights and Measures Act 1985, and following the previous incumbent leaving the employment of PCC, Peter Emmett, Acting Trading Standards Manager will be appointed as Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures for the city council with immediate effect.</p>	<p>Alan Cufley Head of Community Housing & Regeneration Tel: 9283 4450</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 **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 5 October 2012**. 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
5	12/00864/TPO Drayton & Farlington	20 Stroudley Avenue Portsmouth Within Tree Preservation Order 92 Fell Willow tree (G1a)	<p>Three representations have been received from the occupiers of Nos.2, 3 & 4 Marsh Close which back onto the rear garden of the applicant's property. Those residents suggest that the tree blocks sunshine and when the wind blows bits come down from the tree, it causes flies, leaf litter, blocks gutters and affects a lawn. They have also suggested that all the large trees in this area should be removed and replaced with more suitable species for the area.</p> <p>The Council's Arboricultural officer has inspected the tree and has stated that it is a mature, healthy specimen which is highly visible to the public. The tree is of high amenity and landscape value. Shading may be an issue but with the correct pruning works the tree can be managed appropriately for this location. Rather than felling, which would not be justifiable in this instance, the arboricultural officer has suggested that maintenance works comprising a reduction/shortening of branches on its eastern side (nearest property) by approximately 3 metres to balance up with the remaining canopy and a crown lift to approximately 4 metres would be more appropriate.</p> <p>Having regard to the Arboricultural Officer's comments it is considered that whilst it has not been properly managed the tree is nevertheless of high amenity value and to allow its felling would result in a loss of tree cover and weaken the verdant character of the area. The felling of this tree may also set a precedent in respect of similar protected trees within this location. In these circumstances it is not considered that there is sufficient justification to allow the removal of the tree.</p>	<p>Carrie Whittaker</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4323</p> <p>Refuse</p>

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6		<p>Local Democracy Week: 15 – 19 October 2012</p> <p>Following on from the success of previous years, we are planning another week full of activities and events to promote involvement and understanding in democracy.</p> <p>You'll find some highlights below, but please visit the website for full details, and if you would like any flyers to promote the activities, please contact the Communities Engagement Team on 023 9268 8636 or email takepart@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</p> <p>Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Question Time radio debate from Kingston Prison - 'How Parliament Works' session, featuring local MPs and the Parliamentary Outreach Team - 'How Europe Works' session, featuring Catherine Bearder MEP (Lib Dem) and Keith Taylor MEP (Green), local MPs and the European Outreach Team - The Lord Mayor's Schools Debate - Attend a Full Council Meeting and see local democracy in action - Online games 'Know your Brussels from your Swedes' and 'DemGames' - And much more <p>To find out more and register to attend the free events visit http://portsmouthlocal.blogspot.co.uk/p/local-democracy-week-2012.html</p>	<p>Clare Seek Communities Engagement Officer Tel: 9268 8636</p>
7		<p>Resources Decision Meeting - Cancellation</p> <p>Please note that the meeting that was to have taken place on Thursday 4 October has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be held at 9am on Thursday 29 November 2012.</p>	<p>Vicki Plytas Senior Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4058</p>
8		<p>The Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel – 25 September</p> <p>The panel started its review of air quality in Portsmouth and agreed the scoping document. It will meet again on 23 October.</p>	<p>Jane Di Dino Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4060</p>

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9		<p>Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel - 27 September</p> <p>The panel considered the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust journey <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information provided be noted. • The application for Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust to become an NHS Foundation Trust was supported. • Bus providers be invited to a future meeting to provide further information about access to medical services by bus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing Healthcare – Section 75 Agreements <p>RESOLVED: That the information provided be noted and that an update be provided in July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to NHS Dental Services update <p>RESOLVED: That the information provided be noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Children’s Oral Health in Portsmouth and the Welsh Government’s ‘Designed to Smile’ scheme <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information provided be noted. • An update on the results of the Dental epidemiology survey of 5 years olds be provided when they are available in 2013. • The chair writes to all Local Authority school governors in the city with a request that they support children’s oral health initiatives in primary schools. 	<p>Karen Martin Local Democracy Officer Tel:9283 4052</p>

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11		<p>Employment Committee</p> <p>A meeting of Employment Committee will be held on Tuesday 2 October 2012 at 12.15 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, Guildhall, Portsmouth, when the following items will be considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pension Auto Enrolment • Proposal to bring pedal cycle mileage rate in line with HMRC rates • Buying Annual Leave Scheme for Employees • Christmas Closure 2012 • Career Break Policy 	<p>Vicki Plytas Senior Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4058</p>
12		<p>Licensing Sub Committee – Wednesday 3 October 2012 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room, floor 3 of The Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The sub-committee will consider the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Street Trading Consent – Commercial Road, Portsmouth • Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the grant of a premises licence – The Square Tower, Broad Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2JE • Following the exclusion of the press and public, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Consideration of Private Hire Drivers Licence – Mr M 	<p>Lucy Wingham Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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13		<p>Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation – Special Decision meeting – Friday 5 October 2012 at 10.00am in the executive meeting room, floor 3 of The Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>Councillor Fazackarley will consider the following item which was deferred from his decision meeting held on 27 September 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Regulation Order: The Portsmouth City Council (North Kings Area) (Residents' Parking Places and Prohibition of Waiting) (No.19) Order 2012 	<p>Lucy Wingham Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4662</p>
14		<p>Twinning Advisory Group - Wednesday 3 October 2012 - Cancelled</p> <p>Due to the lack of urgent business the next scheduled Twinning Advisory Group meeting is cancelled.</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday 28 November 2012 at 11am in Conference Room A, Civic Offices.</p>	<p>Peter Smith-Parkyn Democratic Service Tel: 9268 8361</p>