

City of Portsmouth

MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 36

DATE: FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2012

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>Special Cabinet – 3 September 2012</p> <p>Decisions were taken on the following items:-</p> <p>Council Tax Reform</p> <p>DECISIONS</p> <p>(1) Given that the City Council needs to have a local scheme ready by 31 January 2013, the Leader writes to the Prime Minister outlining the unfairness of the cut in Council Tax Benefit/Support;</p> <p>(2) Cabinet gave agreement to the scheme proposal as a basis for consultation;</p> <p>(3) Cabinet agreed the proposed scheme and the financial implications for the Precepts for the purposes of consultation with the Council's precepting authorities (Police and Fire & Rescue Authorities);</p> <p>(4) Cabinet noted the potential reduction in Council Grant funding (£1.87million) due to the abolition of Council Tax Benefit subsidy and the introduction of a Council Tax Reduction grant;</p> <p>(5) Cabinet noted the planned timetable for Council Tax reforms, and that Special meetings may be required to meet the City Council's completion date;</p> <p>(6) Cabinet noted that progress is dependent on the status of the Local Government Finance Bill.</p> <p>NB: Call-in date: Tuesday 11 September 2012</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4057</p> <p>Ed Woodhouse Head of Revenues & Benefits Tel: 9283 4902</p>

Part 2 - Proposals from Managers for Implementation

APART FROM THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS THERE ARE NO PART TWO ITEMS THIS WEEK

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 14 September 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
2	12/00547/HOU Central Southsea	178 Bath Road Southsea Construction of 2 storey rear extension	<p>Representations have been received from the occupants of a property on St Augustine Road to the rear of the site regarding loss of light and overlooking. The representation states that they have no objection provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The height of the proposed extension does not exceed the current guttering level at the rear of the property; and 2. All windows are obscured (frosted) to prevent overlooking. <p>It is considered that an acceptable distance will remain between the proposed extension and the rear of the facing properties in St Augustine Road and that the extension would not be not likely to give rise to any significant increase in overlooking. It is therefore considered that the imposition of a condition requiring any rear facing windows to be obscure glazed would be unreasonable and unnecessary.</p> <p>The current guttering level at the rear of the property is lower than the original guttering level. While the height of the extension will be higher than the current guttering, it will not exceed the original guttering level and therefore would not result in any significant loss of light to neighbouring properties.</p> <p>This development will significantly enhance the design and appearance of the rear of this property. It is not considered to have any adverse impacts upon the amenity of neighbouring properties relating to overlooking, loss of light or overbearing relationship and is therefore capable of support.</p>	<p>Laura Grimason</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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3	12/00799/FUL St Thomas	25 Margate Road Southsea 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)	<p>Three objections have been received on the grounds that there are too many HMOs in the area that adversely affect the appearance of the area and the make-up of the community.</p> <p>Although already in use as shared accommodation within Class C4 (HMO), the applicant seeks a planning permission that will enable the use of the property to interchange between a Class C3 dwellinghouse and a Class C4 HMO should the applicant wish to let the property to a family/related group of individuals for a period of time.</p> <p>Having regard to the aims and objectives of national guidance and the mix of uses in the context of the surrounding area, and given that the property is already in a Class C4 use, it is considered that the introduction of a level of flexibility that would enable an interchange between Class C3 and C4 uses would not result in an unacceptable imbalance of uses in the context of the surrounding area. Whilst the concerns of the objectors are noted, it is considered that the continued use of the property either as a HMO by up to six persons or the occupation of the property as a dwellinghouse (Class C3) would not significantly affect the living conditions of the occupiers of neighbouring properties.</p>	<p>Nicola Clayton</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Permission</p>

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4	12/00804/FUL St Jude	13A Taswell Road Southsea Change of use from dwellinghouse (Class C3) to purposes falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouse) or Class C4 (house in multiple occupation)	<p>Representations have been received from the occupiers of six neighbouring properties raising the following objections: there are too many HMOs in the area that result in noise, increased rubbish and a high demand for car parking, the presence of flats skew the figures relating to the number of HMOs in the area and that the proposal would result in the loss of a family home.</p> <p>This application seeks a planning permission that will enable the use of the property to interchange between a Class C3 dwellinghouse and a Class 4 HMO should the applicant wish to let the property to a family/related group of individuals for a period of time. The lawful use of the property is currently Class C3 (dwellinghouse). Having regard to the aims and objectives of policy PCS20 and the draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) SPD, the use of the property as a HMO would not result in an imbalance of uses within the community, falling below the 10% threshold, and is not considered to adversely affect the living conditions of the occupiers of the adjoining or nearby properties. Furthermore it considered that the proposal would be unlikely to result in a significant increase in the demand for parking. It is accepted that the area around the application site includes flats as well as houses and a small number of HMOs, however having regard to the aims and objectives of the Policy PCS20 it is considered that a mixed and balanced community should include a range of residential uses, which would flats as well as houses.</p>	<p>Nicola Clayton</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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5		<p>J F Hooper Will Trust</p> <p>Portsmouth City Council has been named as a 50% beneficiary of the J F Hooper Will Trust following the death of the life tenant. The Leader of the council provided information about charities administered by the council and the first named Trustee of the J F Hooper Will Trust has asked that funds resulting from the Trust be transferred to the World War II Memorial Fund, registered charity number 1114162.</p>	<p>Karen Martin Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4052</p>
6		<p>Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel – Change of Date</p> <p>The Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel meeting scheduled for 7.00pm on Thursday 13 September 2012 has been postponed as witnesses were not available.</p> <p>The meeting will now take place on Thursday 27 September 2012 at 7.00pm in Conference Room A in the Civic Offices, Portsmouth and will receive information for its review into 'Making community ownership work for Portsmouth'.</p>	<p>Karen Martin Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4052</p>
7		<p>Licensing Sub Committee - 5 September</p> <p>The application for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 - Milton Road Service Station, 144-160 Milton Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 8PN was granted subject to conditions.</p>	<p>Jane Di Dino Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4060</p>
8		<p>Licensing Sub Committee – Tuesday 11 September 2012 at 9:30am in the Executive Meeting Room, floor 3 of The Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The committee will determine the following applications:</p> <p>Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the grant of a premises licence – Guildhall News & Off Licence, 14 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth, PO1 2DD. Following the exclusion of the press and public: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Consideration of Private Hire Drivers Licence – Mr D.</p>	<p>Jane Di Dino Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4060</p>

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9		<p>Planning Committee – Wednesday 12 September at 3pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</p> <p>The committee will be considering the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 12/00700/FUL - Land Adjacent 157 Stanley Avenue Portsmouth - Construction of terraced block to form 3 garages with pitched roof (this item will be withdrawn from the agenda) ii) 12/00481/FUL - 158-160 London Road Portsmouth PO2 9DJ - Conversion of upper floors to form 5 flats, provision of associated parking spaces/cycle & bin stores to rear and external alterations to front/rear and side elevations including removal of existing chimneys iii) 12/00735/FUL - Ex Tourist Information Centre Adjacent Blue Reef Aquarium Clarence Esplanade Southsea - Change of use from Tourist Information Centre (Class A2) to hot food takeaway (Class A5) iv) 12/00736/ADV - Ex Tourist Information Centre Adjacent Blue Reef Aquarium Clarence Esplanade Southsea PO5 3PB - Display of illuminated fascia signs to front/side elevations and non-illuminated menu poster v) 12/00685/FUL - The White House PH Eastney Road Southsea Hampshire - Construction of 9 dwelling houses with associated car parking and cycle/refuse stores following demolition of existing building vi) 12/00823/FUL - New Theatre Royal 20-24 Guildhall Walk Portsmouth PO1 2DD - Construction of part 3 & 4-storey extension comprising a fly tower and back of house facilities for the theatre and a performing arts centre (for the University of Portsmouth) vii) 12/00824/LBC - New Theatre Royal 20-24 Guildhall Walk Portsmouth PO1 2DD - Construction of part 3 & 4-storey extension comprising a fly tower and back of house facilities for the theatre and a performing arts centre (for the University of Portsmouth); internal alterations and minor demolition work to the theatre including reinstatement of boxes, stalls, upper circle bar and orchestra pit and provision of wheelchair access viii) 12/00561/FUL - Land east of M275 Tipner Lane Portsmouth - hybrid planning application for construction of a park and ride facility with access, landscaping, boundary treatment and associated works and (part) outline application for a single-storey passenger waiting facility (approval of scale, layout & access to be considered) 	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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10		<p>Cabinet – Monday 17 September 2012 at 12 noon, in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</p> <p>The Cabinet is due to consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Right to Bid (Information Item with further report due 1 October) • Greetham Street Car Park and Dugald Drummond House • Treasury Management Outturn 2011/12 • Revenue Outturn 2011/12 Final Accounts • Budget and Performance Monitoring 2012/13(1st Quarter) to end June 2012 • Treasury Management Monitoring Report for 1st Quarter of 2012/13 • Action taken by the Chief Executive under Standing Order 58 regarding the Spinnaker Tower External Lift (Information Item) • Wimbledon Park Sports Centre 	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4057</p>