

City of Portsmouth

MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 7

DATE: FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 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>Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport - 10 February</p> <p>Councillor Lee Hunt took the following decisions:</p> <p>Hotwalls Project</p> <p>DECISION: That £30,000 to include contingency be released from the grant to be used for Phase C of the Hot Walls Project, which is for the replacement and or repair of the up lights to the land side of Hot Walls.</p> <p>Friends of the Library Service</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A Friends of the Library Service scheme is implemented in Portsmouth Libraries to offer active support, function independently with their own constitution, funds and objectives. (2) That friends groups act independently of the Library Service and City Council with their own constitution and objectives but do communicate with Library staff and officers when appropriate. (3) An initial recruitment campaign should be funded to the cost of £700, to be found from the existing library budget, to ensure the scheme is successful (4) A six month evaluation of the scheme should be carried out by library management to assess the success. <p>For information items:</p> <p>Councillor Lee Hunt also received information reports on the following items. No decisions were taken and these items are not therefore subject to call in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southsea Library Update Report • Forestry Commission Woodland Grant for Hilsea Lines • Yellow Kite Review of the 2011 Season at Southsea Castle <p>NB: Call-in date – Monday 20 February 2012</p>	<p>Karen Martin, Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4052</p> <p>David Evans Seafront Manager Tel: 9282 8112</p> <p>Clare Forsyth Service Development Manager Tel: 9268 8064</p>

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2		<p>Cabinet Decision Meeting – 13 February 2012</p> <p>At the special budget meeting the Cabinet made the following decisions:-</p> <p>Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2016/17</p> <p>This report stands referred to Council on 14 February and is therefore not subject to call-in.</p> <p>The City Council (Revenue) Budget 2011/12 to 2015/16</p> <p>This report stands referred to Council on 14 February and is therefore not subject to call-in.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4057</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 JOANNE WILDSMITH (Local Democracy Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 24 February 2012.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIOS: HOUSING AND HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
3		<p>Telecare - Prices for year 2012-13 to take effect on 1 April 2012</p> <p>Proposal: to implement the following charges for the Telecare service from 1 April 2012 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing customers paying £3.60 per week to pay £3.90 per week.• New and existing customers paying £5.28 per week to pay £5.40 per week.• New and existing customers paying £7.38 per week to pay £7.50 per week. <p>The rationale for the new price structure is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Cabinet Members for Health and Social Care and for Housing approved the current price structure, and that future increases would be in line with the RPI, on 2 February and 8 February 2010 respectively.• The increase on the lower charge is above the rate of inflation in order to reduce inequality in the cost for customers taking up the service before and after 2010. The overall rise in charges is below the rate of inflation.• These prices include a free key safe and extra Telecare equipment needed to help them live independently.	<p>Caroline Elder Community Housing and Regeneration Tel 023 9284 1996</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 24 February 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
4	11/01266/FUL Hilsea	Land Adjacent 124 Compton Road Portsmouth Retrospective application for the change of use of land to private garden and retention of shed	<p>One letter of objection has been received from the adjoining neighbour to the north. Their objection can be summarised as follows: (a) proximity of the fence/shed to the conservatory; (b) loss of light; (c) height of the fence; and (d) fire risk. Fire risk and the removal of an escape route across land not within the objector's control are not considered to be a material planning consideration.</p> <p>This application relates solely to the change of use of the land to private garden and the retention of a shed. The boundary treatment in the form of timber fence panels does not form part of this application as it is covered by the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended). There is a dispute over the position of the fence. However, this is considered to be a private legal matter between the applicant and the objector. In this respect the proximity of the fence in relation to the conservatory is not considered to be material to the determination of the application.</p> <p>The shed is positioned approximately 0.6 metres from the eastern elevation of the conservatory which is fully glazed. Notwithstanding the proximity of this structure, it is considered that its modest height and the fully glazed nature of the conservatory reduce the impact of the structure in terms of loss of light. It is not considered that the retention of the shed between the conservatory and 4.5 metre high advertising hoardings would be so injurious to the amenity of the adjoining occupier to warrant the refusal of the application. The use of this piece of land behind the advertising hoardings as an extension to an existing residential garden is also considered to be acceptable.</p>	<p>Gary Christie</p> <p>Tel: 023 92688592</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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5	11/01304/FUL Drayton & Farlington	Land Rear Of 234 - 236 Havant Road Portsmouth Construction of 2 new dwelling houses	<p>One objection has been received on the following grounds: danger to pedestrians; no parking provision; impact on highway safety; no access to rear of properties; proposal involves building in back gardens; loss of privacy; impact on construction works; and houses too small.</p> <p>The application comprises land at the rear of numbers 234 and 236 Havant Road, which are commercial premises that back onto Aldsworth Close. The proposal involves the construction of a pair of semi-detached, two-storey one-bedroom dwellings with integral carports that would front Aldsworth Close. The proposal is considered acceptable in principle and in terms of its design and appearance. The proposal would have an acceptable relationship with neighbouring properties and would not significantly affect the living conditions of the occupiers of those properties. The proposed units would meet the space standards set out in policy PCS19 and provide car parking in accordance with the SPD. Any construction work inevitably brings some inconvenience and degree of disturbance to neighbouring properties; however, this cannot represent justification for withholding permission.</p>	<p>Simon Barnett</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>
6	12/00007/FUL Hilsea	1C Amberley Road Portsmouth Change of use from dwelling house (Class C3) to purposes falling within Class C3 (dwelling house) or Class C4 (house in multiple occupation)	<p>One letter of objection has been received from an adjoining property. The objector considers that this type of use would be inappropriate within the context of the surrounding area.</p> <p>The applicant seeks a planning permission that will enable the use of the property to interchange between a Class C3 dwelling house 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.</p> <p>Having regard to the aims and objectives of national guidance, policy PCS20 of the Portsmouth Plan and the mix of uses in the surrounding area, it is considered that the introduction of a Class C4 use in this locality would not result in an over-concentration of such uses or result in an imbalance between houses and properties in multiple occupation. Whilst the concerns of the objector are noted, it is considered that the continued use of the property either as a dwelling house (Class C3) or as an HMO by up to six persons would not significantly affect the living conditions of the occupiers of neighbouring properties.</p>	<p>Gary Christie</p> <p>Tel: 023 92688592</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Case Officer Proposed Decision
7	12/00021/FUL Fratton	91 Newcome Road Portsmouth 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>One letter has been received from the neighbouring occupier at No 97 raising objection to: (a) too many houses in multiple occupation in the area; (b) noise, general disturbance and litter; and (c) parking issues.</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 dwelling house 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. Having regard to the aims and objectives of local and 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 relating to negative social and environmental impacts of the use 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 dwelling house (Class C3) would not significantly affect the living conditions of the occupiers of neighbouring properties.</p> <p>The application site does not benefit from any off-street parking and none is proposed as part of this application (the constraints of the site are such that none can be provided). However, given that the site is in an area of medium peak accessibility to public transport (within 800 metres of Fratton railway station), it is considered that an objection on car parking standards could not be sustained.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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8	12/00022/FUL Central Southsea	66 Telephone Road Southsea Retention of use as house in multiple occupation for more than 6 persons	<p>One letter of objection has been received from the adjoining occupiers at No.57 Manners Road. Their objections can be summarised as follows: (a) noise and disturbance; (b) rubbish; and (c) problems with rodents. The representations also raise concerns in relation to overlooking as a result of the extension; however, this projection does not form part of the application as its construction did not require planning permission.</p> <p>The applicant seeks permission for the retention of the use of the property as a 7 bedroom house in multiple occupation (HMO). Such a level of occupation is considered to be a sui generis use.</p> <p>Given that the property was previously occupied as a Class C4 HMO, it is considered that the retention of the HMO in sui generis use would not have a significant impact on the balance of uses in the surrounding area nor would it create an imbalance or undue concentration in the established community.</p> <p>Whilst I note the objector's concerns, it is considered that the level of activity that could be associated with the occupation of the property by seven persons would not be materially greater than the occupation of the property by six persons in Class C4 use. As such, it is considered that the retention of the use would not significantly affect the living conditions of the occupiers of neighbouring properties.</p>	<p>Jade Ellis</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Permission</p>

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9	12/00059/HOU Drayton & Farlington	27 Lower Drayton Lane Portsmouth Construction of single storey rear extension and conservatory	<p>One letter of objection has been received from the adjoining neighbour to the south. Their objections can be summarised as follows: (a) loss of light into a kitchen window; (b) inadequate down pipes; (c) impact on boundary treatments; and (d) potential damage to their patio and borders.</p> <p>Permission is sought for the construction of a single-storey rear extension across the width of the property and a conservatory to the northern half of the rear extension. The flat roof extension would project three metres beyond a single-storey 'lean-to' projection at the rear of the objector's dwelling; whilst a pitched roof conservatory would project a further three metres adjacent to the northern boundary. Due to the set back of the neighbouring property to the north which is separated by a narrow alleyway, the proposals would not extend any further to the east than the adjoining conservatory. Whilst the proposals are slightly unusual with a combination of flat and pitched roofs they are considered to be acceptable in design terms.</p> <p>Given the southerly orientation of the objector's property and the modest depth of the extension along the common boundary, it is not considered that the proposal would be significantly harmful to the amenity of the adjoining occupiers in terms of loss of light to warrant its refusal. The issues relating to the impact on the boundary treatment, the objector's property and the down pipes are considered to be a private legal matters and would not be material to the consideration of this application.</p>	<p>Gary Christie</p> <p>Tel: 023 92688592</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
10		<p>Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>The panel will meet on Thursday, 23 February to continue its review of targeted support for children and young people who demonstrate behaviours that may put them at risk. The meeting will be held at 5:00pm in the Executive Meeting Room.</p> <p>The following witnesses will be called:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlie Adie, Chief Executive, Motiv8 and Alliance Representative • Rachael Dalby, Head of Community Safety and co-chair of the 14-19 Partnership Board 	<p>Teresa Deasy Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4056</p>
11		<p>Licensing Policy Committee – Friday 24 February 2012 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room, floor 3 of The Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The committee will consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex Establishment Licensing – Consideration of proposed draft policy for consultation. Schedule 3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009. • Following the exclusion of the press and public; • Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and Town Police Clauses Act 1847. Consideration of Driver's Licence – Mr R 	<p>Lucy Wingham Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4662</p>
12		<p>Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>The Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel met on 16 February and resolved that the wording of objective 3 for its review of the impact on the rented housing market of welfare reform proposals be amended to read:</p> <p>To understand the impact of the reforms for Local Authority housing, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Under-occupation policy</i> (for working age). • Treatment of non-dependents. <p>The panel also took evidence from representatives of the Hampshire Credit Union, Two Saints and Portsmouth City Council's Health Improvement & Development Service.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4057</p>