

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 7

DATE: FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2011

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 (Democratic Support 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

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 JOANNE WILDSMITH (Democratic Support Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 25 February 2011.**
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
1	All Wards	<p>Telecare Service – Prices for 2011-12 to take effect on 1 April 2011</p> <p>Proposal: To implement the following charges for the Telecare service from 1 April 2011 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing customers paying £3.30 per week to pay £3.60 per week. • New and existing customers paying £5.00 per week to pay £5.28 per week. • New and existing customers paying £7.00 per week to pay £7.38 per week. <p>The rationale for the new price structure is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cabinet Members for Housing and for Health and Social Care approved the current price structure, which was introduced in April 2010. • The two higher charges that were introduced for new customers from April 2010 are to be increased in line with the RPI. • The increase on the lower charge is slightly higher than the rate of inflation, and reflects the need for an exponential rise year on year to reduce inequality in the cost for customers taking up the service before and after 2010. • These prices will now include the fitting of a key safe at the time of the Telecare installation. 	<p>Caroline Elder Community Housing & Regeneration Tel: 9283 4532</p>

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2		<p>Extension of Electrical Measured Term Contract</p> <p>Proposal: To extend the Electrical Measured Term Contract from April 2011 to April 2012, as outlined below.</p> <p>The existing Electrical Measured term Contract for reactive electrical repairs and statutory servicing and testing ends on the 1st April 2011. There is provision within the contract to extend it for a further year. Extension of the contract to April 2012 would enable the contract to be tendered together with the Mechanical Engineering contract which also expires in April 2012. Combining both contracts into a single tender may deliver economies of scale and reduced rates/costs.</p>	<p>John Bean AMS Building Maintenance Tel: 9283 4651</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 25 February 2011**. 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
3	10/01239/FUL Cosham	<p>Land Rear Of 26 Fifth Avenue Portsmouth</p> <p>Construction of a detached chalet bungalow (re-submission of 10/00714/FUL)</p>	<p>Representations have been received from the occupier of the adjacent property to the south raising the following objections: plans inaccurate, proposal not in compliance with Portsmouth Planning Strategy, proposal would decrease security of own property, proposal does not relate well to area and would be out of character, parking area would affect amenities. Two further letters have been received from residents of Ashurst Road objecting on the grounds that the proposal would exacerbate existing parking problems.</p> <p>This application follows a number of previous applications for more intensive residential developments on the site. It is considered that the proposal would be in accordance with the prevailing planning framework and is acceptable in principle. Whilst bungalows are not a character of the locality, it is considered that the proposal would harmonise with the streetscene and not be unduly out of character. The proposal makes provision for parking in accordance with the Parking Standards SPD. The proposal includes the use of acoustic fencing to mitigate any noise or disturbance from the proposed parking area which is considered to be acceptable such that the proposal would not significantly affect the residential amenities of the occupiers of adjacent dwellings. The submitted drawings are considered to accurately reflect the application site and the extent of the applicant's ownership.</p>	<p>Simon Barnett</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>
4	10/01223/ PLAREG Milton	<p>6 St Georges Industrial Estate Rodney Road Southsea</p> <p>Retrospective application for change of use from light industrial unit (Class B1) to vehicle hire centre</p>	<p>Three letters of representation have been received from the occupiers of other units in the Industrial Estate objecting to the lack of parking associated with the application site and the impact that the use has had on access to and from other units. Concern is also raised regarding the washing of cars and the disposal of waste water.</p>	<p>Simon Barnett</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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			<p>The application site benefits from a total of 7 external car parking spaces in the Industrial Estate with drawings submitted with the application demonstrating that up to 12 vehicles can be accommodated within the building. It is considered that the application site has sufficient car parking available to it such that the proposed use could be operated without adversely affecting other businesses within the Industrial Estate or users of the adjacent highway. The proposed use is considered to be an appropriate alternative employment use having regard to the sites located within a designated retained employment site. The disposal of waste water from the washing of vehicles is considered to be a matter that it would be inappropriate to control through this planning application, however an informative could be imposed drawing the applicants attention to information and guidance provided by the Environment Agency that relates to vehicle washing and cleaning.</p>	
5	11/00016/FUL Cosham	<p>Shop 48c High Street Portsmouth</p> <p>Change of use from retail shop (Class A1) to cafe/sandwich shop (mixed use Class A1/A3)</p>	<p>Three emails of objection have been received on the grounds that a) there are too many sandwich shops on the High Street and shops that sell sandwiches ancillary to other goods, b) other eateries are already struggling financially, c) the loss of another A1 premises would detract from the centres marketability to new and incoming businesses and, d) the loss of another A1 unit would give shoppers less of a reason to visit the centre.</p> <p>Cosham High Street is a district centre and in order to maintain and enhance the vitality and viability of the centre in addition to shopping (class A1) uses policy DC32 supports other retail (classes A2, A3, A4 and A5) uses at ground floor level provided that an appropriate mix of uses is maintained throughout the centre. Uses within the District Centre are primarily within shops (Class A1) such as a Tesco and Iceland supermarkets mixed with other retail uses including cafes, restaurants and other hot food takeaways. Whilst the Local Authority record the land uses within the district centre, there is no frontage based policy for the centre. It is not considered that the addition of another mixed use to include cafe would detract from the primary function of this district centre in terms of providing a range of services.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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6		<p>Charter Community Sports Centre Joint Management Committee (JMC) – 15 February</p> <p>At this meeting, the JMC was informed that discussions are continuing about the future management arrangements for the centre, which it is hoped will be ratified at the next meeting. The centre continues to operate well although overall attendance has fallen, this is as a consequence of a change in collating utilisation information and the reduction in swimming numbers partly due as a result of the ending of the early morning swimming. However, it was noted the City Council decided at the recent budget meeting to reinstate the free swimming which will be relaunched in April. Additional marketing has been undertaken and officers have been asked to pursue promoting the centre via Housing Service publications such as Housetalk.</p> <p>The JMC will next meet on 12 July, unless there is a need for an earlier meeting to decide on the future management arrangements.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>
7		<p>Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel – 16 February</p> <p>The Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel, met on Wednesday 16th February 2011 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue their review of "discharge of patients from Queen Alexandra and St James's Hospitals" • The panel received presentations from the Emergency Pathway Manager and Associate Director of Communications & Engagement from QA Hospital as well as a Senior Manager from Adult Social Care. <p>The panel will next meet on Thursday 10 March 2011 to receive the stage 1 report for this review.</p>	<p>Anthony Quinn Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4002</p>
8		<p>The Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel – 21 February</p> <p>The Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel will meet on Monday 21 February at 2pm in Conference Room A to continue its review into paediatric cardiac services.</p>	<p>Jane Di Dino Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4060</p>

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9		<p>Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care's Decision Meeting - Tuesday 22 February 2011 at 10.00am in the Executive Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care, Councillor Leo Madden will make decisions on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portsmouth City Carers Strategy 2011-2015 • Implementation of the "Rewarding and Fulfilling Lives" The strategy for adults for autism in England (2010) • Strategy for Living Well with Dementia • Strategy for Adult Mental Health Services • Forward Plan Omissions – Additional savings proposals • Additional Savings Proposals • Generations Together Programme Report and Exit Strategy • Review of the Health Improvement and Development Service • Healthy Towns (exit strategy) • Fees and Charges and Direct Payments rate 2011/12 for Adult Social Care (ASC) & Health Improvement & Development Services (HIDS) 	<p>Karen Martin Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>
10		<p>Licensing Policy Committee – Wednesday 23 February 2011 at 9.30 am in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3 of the Guildhall , Portsmouth</p> <p>The committee will consider the following item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1982 – Schedule 3 - as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009. Power to licence sexual entertainment venues. 	<p>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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11		<p>Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel – 28 February</p> <p>The Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel will meet on Monday 28th February 2011 at 2 pm in Conference room L of the Civic Offices, to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue their review of "regeneration" in particular the potential for using a Local Asset Backed Vehicle Receive representations from senior officers from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Bournemouth Borough Council in respect of their experiences of using a Local Asset backed Vehicle for regeneration Receive a written response from Edinburgh City Council in relation to their use of Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) funding through HM Treasury for regeneration projects within their city 	<p>Anthony Quinn Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4002</p>
12		<p>Employment Committee Meeting - Tuesday 1 March - CANCELLED</p> <p>Please would members note that owing to lack of business, the meeting of the Employment Committee that had been scheduled for 1 March at 12.15 pm has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is for 12 April but if there is any urgent business arising in the meantime, an additional meeting may be needed.</p>	<p>Vicki Plytas Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4058</p>
13		<p>Royal British Legion Hampshire Link Newsletter February 2011</p> <p>A copy of Hampshire Link, including the calendar of events for 2011, is available from Lin Chaplen in Democratic Services if any member wishes to see it.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>
14	Central Southsea	<p>17 Rochester Road, Southsea, PO4 9BA Ref No: 10/00995/HOU Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 14 February 2011</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for Installation of new upvc windows to front elevation.</p> <p>The appeal was decided by the fast track appeal procedure, the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton Planning Services Tel: 9283 4305</p>

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15	Milton	<p>2 Cheriton Road, Southsea, PO4 8FW Ref No: 10/00111/ENF Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 16 February 2011</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the serving of an Enforcement Notice that without planning permission and after the refusal of planning permission the retention of a dormer window in the rear roof of the premises constructed with a raised ridge.</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal and upheld the Enforcement Notice.</p>	<p>Simon Barnett Planning Services Tel: 9284 1281</p>
16		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 14 February 2011</p> <p>Each week the LGA sends 'LG alerts' information sheets to member authorities. The full text of all LG alerts are available to local authorities on LGAnet – the Local Government Association internet service at http://www.lga.gov.uk.</p> <p>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</p> <p>16-19 Staffing issues update January 2011 A number of local authorities either have contacted, or will need to contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to obtain estimates of redundancy or pension payments for staff who were formerly employed by the Learning and Skills Council. The DWP has produced some additional detail about how to make the request, payments, timescales and contact addresses for enquiries. LG Group Alert Reference: 29/11</p> <p>COMMUNITY WELLBEING</p> <p>Making Staff Count: Effective strategies to develop numeracy in local authorities The workplace is an ideal place for adults to learn and to encourage learning. The booklet, <i>'Making staff count'</i> outlines the benefits of addressing numeracy and shows how some local authorities have created opportunities for numeracy learning. LG Group Alert Reference: 25/11</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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	<p data-bbox="185 183 324 215">Contd/...</p> <p data-bbox="398 183 638 215">IMPROVEMENT</p> <p data-bbox="398 247 1265 279">Departmental Business Plan consultation: LGA response The LGA has responded to the consultation on the proposed indicators of performance set out in the Transparency sections of the Government Department Business Plans. LG Group Alert Reference: 26/11</p> <p data-bbox="398 422 873 454">Single data list: LGA Response On 13 October Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, announced the replacement of the National Indicator Set with a single comprehensive list of all the data returns central government expects local government to provide. A draft list containing the data collections and surveys central government demands from local government for 2011/12 was published on 17 December for consultation. LG Group Alert Reference: 31/11</p> <p data-bbox="398 678 1467 710">Taking the Lead: self-regulation and improvement in local government The Local Government Group (LG Group) on 15 February published its final proposals on self regulation and improvement in local government. The proposals are the result of a lengthy period of consultation and engagement with councils. "Taking the Lead" explains how the approach will work in practice and offers a range of local tools and support to help local authorities further strengthen local accountability and explore how effectively they are delivering services. LG Group Alert Reference: 33/11</p> <p data-bbox="398 973 705 1005">LG GROUP EVENTS</p> <p data-bbox="398 1045 1668 1077">Planning for growth: Closer working between planning and economic development This one-day event Tuesday 24 May 2011 at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ, will explore the part that the planning system can now play assisting local economies to recover and prosper. LG Group Alert Reference: 27/11</p> <p data-bbox="398 1244 1120 1276">Putting the big society into practice conference The LG Group will be holding a conference on the Big Society on 14 June 2011 at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ. The Big Society is behind much of the government's public service reform agenda, and has the stated aim of giving individuals and communities more power and responsibility. LG Group Alert Reference: 28/11</p>	

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