

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 3

DATE: FRIDAY 21 JANUARY 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

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport Decision - 20 January</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport, Councillor Lee Hunt made the following decisions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation of search room <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The archive searchroom in the City Museum & Records Office and the Local Studies Library in the Central Library be merged to create a new local studies centre ('Portsmouth History Centre') situated in the Central Library; 2. The balance remaining of the Museum Feasibility Funding awarded in 2007/08 be approved for expenditure to deliver the above works; 3. The most frequently used archives be moved into the Central Library and appropriate storage to accepted professional standards be created; 4. The draft budget for the project, as in Appendix 3 of the report, be accepted; 5. A 'front end' IT solution be developed to allow public access to archive collections information on-line; 6. A long-term solution for storage of, and access to, the remaining archive collections be implemented once the outcome of the Joint Storage Project is known; 7. Staff resources across the Museums & Records Service, and the Library Service, be restructured as part of the implementation of the proposals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Arthur Conan Doyle Collection, Richard Lancelyn Green Bequest <p>DECISION the Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure & Sport acknowledges the progress made on the Collection by all the staff and volunteers involved.</p> <p>Music In Portsmouth Concert Season</p> <p>DECISION the withdrawal of complimentary concert tickets be continued for all future Music in Portsmouth concerts.</p>	<p>Karen Martin, Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton Village Hall Improvements <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval be given for the transfer of £20,500 from the Community Support revenue budget to the Milton Village Hall capital budget; 2. The revised Milton Village Hall capital scheme was approved at a total cost of £130,500, utilising £100,000 in the approved capital budget for improvements at Milton Village Hall, the £10,000 donation by Langstone Church and the revenue contribution given above; 3. Officers were instructed to start the works immediately. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stamshaw and Tipner Community Centre Improvements <p>DECISION the release of the allocated £133,000 capital funds was approved and instructions for the work to start immediately issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Services - Cultural diversity strategy <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The contribution of Cultural Diversity services to increase library use and engagement with all sections of Portsmouth's BME communities, was noted. 2. Cultural Diversity services be embedded in the wider Library Service Reading Strategy. 3. In order to support first languages, the Cabinet Member endorsed that a proportion of the library budget should continue to be allocated for resources in other languages in agreement with the Information and Learning Manager. 4. ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) resources should be available and promoted in all city libraries, working with other agencies to target their use. 5. The outreach work of the Cultural Diversity Service be continued in order to promote and support community cohesion within culturally diverse communities. 6. The reorganised Central Library has a separate, dedicated languages section where all the language resources will be sited in one place. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great South Run 2012-13 <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PCC agreement runs for a further two years to 2013; 2. PCC agrees an equivalent fees to be paid to Nova International so that they can deal direct with various suppliers and that this is contained within the present budget; 3. PCC retains sufficient funds to provide the operational requirements as detailed in schedule 4 of the agreement (attached to the report); 4. PCC retains all benefits as detailed in Appendix A attached to the report; 5. Options for 'value added' options for the residents of Portsmouth be explored with Nova International. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events on Castle Field <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New events be organised for Castle Field in conjunction with the events team; 2. All Training Ships bands be allocated Southsea Common for one major weekend over the summer, charged at the charity rate, with the potential for them to hire Castle Field for high quality individual events at other times; 3. Other charity events on Castle Field such as the Multicultural and Thai Festival and the Lifeboats Fundraising Event be continued. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and Open Space Green Flag Awards <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The successful award of a Green Flag for Hilsea Lines be noted; 2. The application for Baffins Pond for 2011 be noted; 3. The need for resources, as outlined in paragraph 3.2 of the report, for future Green Flag applications, be noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External funding and Value for Money review <p>DECISION that this report be noted.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees and charges for the Museums and Records Service DECISION the fees and charges presented in Appendices 1-5 of the report were approved. • Parks, Recreation and Seafront Charges for 2011-12 DECISION the fees and charges were approved in accordance with the schedules attached to the report. • Annual seafront update DECISION that this report be noted. • Hot Walls Project (AI 16) DECISION that £42,000 be released from the grant to be used for the ARTches project. <p>NB Call-in date: Friday 28 January 2011</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 (Democratic Support Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 28 January 2011.**

An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

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2		<p>The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Prohibition of Waiting and Amendments to Waiting Restrictions) (No 3) Order 2011</p> <p>Proposal: To advertise a Traffic Regulation Order to address parking issues in various roads citywide, as outlined below.</p> <p>Council's reasons for the Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To introduce parking restrictions in various roads listed below, to improve road safety and traffic management, especially access for the emergency services, public services, delivery vehicles and refuse collection vehicles. ▪ To amend parking restrictions to better accommodate local needs. ▪ Guildhall Walk: to install a raised table (speed cushion) outside the New Theatre Royal. This proposes to improve access to the theatre for disabled people, and also act as a visual reminder of the prohibition of driving operating each evening and overnight. <p>Wards and Roads</p> <table data-bbox="412 1018 1612 1473"> <tr> <td>Charles Dickens:</td> <td>Carlisle Road, Coburg Street, Guildhall Walk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drayton & Farlington:</td> <td>Havant Road, Drayton; Pangbourne Avenue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eastney & Craneswater:</td> <td>Kassassin Street, St Ronan's Road</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fratton:</td> <td>Kingston Road access road (rear of No.52)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paulsgrove:</td> <td>Portsdown Road, Willersley Close</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Milton:</td> <td>Pleasant Road</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Copnor:</td> <td>Adstone Lane, Althorpe Drive, Domum Road, Hartwell Road, Kensington Road, Sywell Crescent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cosham:</td> <td>Court Lane</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nelson:</td> <td>Flying Bull Close, Malins Road</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hilsea:</td> <td>Compton Road, Kipling Road</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Central Southsea:</td> <td>Chetwynd Road, Henley Road</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Jude:</td> <td>Exmouth Road, Lawrence Road</td> </tr> </table>	Charles Dickens:	Carlisle Road, Coburg Street, Guildhall Walk	Drayton & Farlington:	Havant Road, Drayton; Pangbourne Avenue	Eastney & Craneswater:	Kassassin Street, St Ronan's Road	Fratton:	Kingston Road access road (rear of No.52)	Paulsgrove:	Portsdown Road, Willersley Close	Milton:	Pleasant Road	Copnor:	Adstone Lane, Althorpe Drive, Domum Road, Hartwell Road, Kensington Road, Sywell Crescent	Cosham:	Court Lane	Nelson:	Flying Bull Close, Malins Road	Hilsea:	Compton Road, Kipling Road	Central Southsea:	Chetwynd Road, Henley Road	St Jude:	Exmouth Road, Lawrence Road	<p>Nikki Musson Transport & Street Management Tel: 9283 4461</p>
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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 28 January 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	10/01194/HOU Drayton & Farlington	58 Merthyr Avenue Portsmouth Construction of single storey building to rear garden, dormer windows to front and side roof slopes, extend existing porch & installation of bay window to replace existing garage door	<p>One letter of objection has been received from the occupier of the adjoining property to the north. Their objections relate solely to the construction of the single-storey building to the north-east corner of the rear garden adjacent to the boundary of 60 Merthyr Avenue. Their concerns relate to a) loss of privacy, b) loss of view, c) the affect on the value of their property, and d) that the plans are misleading. Whilst the potential loss of privacy is a material consideration, the loss of a view and potential impact on property value is not. Whilst the height of the fence shown on the submitted drawings is considered to be reasonably accurate, other unrelated elements of the scheme are being addressed.</p> <p>The applicant seeks permission for the construction of a single-storey building to the rear garden, dormer windows to front and side roof slopes, extension to the existing porch and the installation of a bay window to replace the existing garage door. The proposed building to be located to the end of the garden, some 13 metres from the rear of the dwelling, would measure 5 metres wide by 3.6 metres deep. The building would have a pitched roof with gables to the north and south, a ridge height of 3.5 metres and an eaves height of 2.3 metres. Constructed in block work and rendered with a tiled roof, the building will have a single door to the west elevation and folding patio doors to the south elevation.</p> <p>It is considered that the proposed building to the rear of the garden is acceptable in terms of its design, scale and relationship with the adjoining properties and surrounding area. Given the location of the building away from dwellings fronting Merthyr Avenue and Aberdare Avenue and the position of the windows/doors, it is not considered that the building would result in any significant loss of privacy to the occupiers of the adjoining properties.</p>	<p>Gary Christie</p> <p>Tel: 023 92688592</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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4		<p>Standards Committee – 17 January</p> <p>A meeting of Standards Committee was held on Monday 17 January 2011 when the following items were considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revising the City's Neighbourhood Fora – Verbal Update • Proposed Further Revisions to Standing Orders • Quarterly report on complaints received into alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by Members of the Council • Verbal update on the future of Standards Committees • Consideration to be given to arranging an extra meeting post elections in case constitutional changes are to be made in preparation for the new Municipal Year • Members' Use of Council Resources • Review and Update Protocols for Officer Member Relations • Exempt Investigation Report 	<p>Vicki Plytas Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4058</p>
5		<p>Employment Committee – 18 January</p> <p>A meeting of Employment Committee was held on Tuesday 18 January 2011 when the following items were considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Employment Issues in relation to the Budget Position – wholly exempt • Reductions to Senior Management Structure – partially exempt • Employee Appeals 	<p>Vicki Plytas Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4058</p>
6		<p>Special Cabinet – 25 January</p> <p>A special meeting of the Cabinet will take place on Tuesday 25th January at 10am in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3 of the Guildhall. The items for consideration are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra Care Services and Affordable Housing Project – Closure of Alexandra Lodge • The Pyramids (with exempt appendix) which will need Council approval later that day <p>These items are omissions from January's published Forward Plan which have been advertised accordingly.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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7		<p>Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel – 26 January</p> <p>The Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel will meet on Wednesday 26 January at 3 pm in Meeting Room 2, Third Floor, The Guildhall to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence their review into discharge of patients from Queen Alexandra and St James's Hospitals, on behalf of the Health, Overview & Scrutiny Panel 	<p>Anthony Quinn Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4002</p>
8		<p>Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 1 February</p> <p>The Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel will meet on Tuesday 1 February at 3 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Third Floor, The Guildhall to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence their review of Personal Health Budgets, on behalf of the Health, Overview & Scrutiny Panel 	<p>Jane Di Dino Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4060</p>
9		<p>Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel – 1 February</p> <p>The Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel will meet on Tuesday 1 February at 10 am in the Executive Meeting Room, Third Floor, The Guildhall to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence their review of the Local Asset Backed Vehicle element of the Regeneration Strategy 	<p>Anthony Quinn Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4002</p>
10		<p>Environment & Community Safety Decision Meeting – 26 January 10am Conference Room A</p> <p>At her decision meeting on 26 January, the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety, Councillor Eleanor Scott, will be considering reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of cemeteries fees Review of CCTV and proposals for increased efficiency within the service Transfer of funds to Early Intervention and Protection Services (EIPS) Waste Collection Contract – additional service options 	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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11		<p>Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation's Decision Meeting – Thursday 27 January at 10am in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, Guildhall</p> <p>At his decision meeting Councillor Fazackarley will consider the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Regulation Order: The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Pay and Display, Prohibition of Waiting and Amendments to Waiting Restrictions) (No.31) Order 2010 • London Road (Northern Parade Weight Restriction) • Parking Operations Annual Report, Accounts and Parking Reserve Statement 	<p>Karen Martin, Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>
12		<p>The Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel – 27 January</p> <p>The Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel will meet on Thursday 27 January at 2pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, Guildhall to consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The South Central Ambulance Service's Quarterly Letter • The report into alcohol-related hospital admissions • Fluoridation of water supplies. 	<p>Jane Di Dino Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4060</p>
13		<p>Governance & Audit Committee – Friday 28 January 10am Conference Room A</p> <p>At this meeting, the committee will consider reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External audit progress • Certification of claims and returns annual report from the District Auditor • District Auditor's Audit Plan for the 2010/11 audit • Audit Performance Status report to 17 December 2010 for Audit Plan 2010/11 • Concessions Audit results • Audit Strategy for the 2011/12 Audit Plan • Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) – update for the period April to December 2010 • Draft Annual Governance Statement 2010/11 and actions update from 2009/10 statement • Procurement Management Information update 	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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14	Central Southsea	<p>85 Devonshire Avenue, Southsea, PO4 9EB - Appeal Ref No: 10/00374/FUL Decision – Dismissed Decision Date: 14 January 2011</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for conversion to form second floor apartment in existing loft areas and construction of dormer window to rear roofslope.</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p>Simon Barnett Planning Service Tel: 9284 1281</p>
15	Nelson	<p>Outbuildings R/O 83 Kingston Crescent, Southsea, PO2 8AA - Appeal Ref No:10/00247/FUL Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 18 January 2011</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for the construction of two storey building to form 4 flats (after demolition of existing outbuildings)(resubmission of 09/01601//FUL).</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p>Ian Parkinson Planning Service Tel: 9283 4301</p>
16	Central Southsea	<p>1 Wyndcliffe Road, Southsea, PO4 0LA - Appeal Ref No: 10/00720/FUL Date Lodged: 14 January 2011</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of planning permission for the change of use from dwelling house (Class C3) to house in multiple occupation (Class C4).</p> <p>This appeal is being dealt with by the written representation procedure.</p>	<p>Simon Barnett Planning Service Tel: 9284 1281</p>
17		<p>Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development Portfolio – Decision Meeting – Monday 31 January 2011 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room, of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>Councillor Mike Hancock CBE MP, will consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 4 Direction (Art 4/HMO/01) – Houses in Multiple Occupation • Review of Proposals to support small businesses through the economic downturn 	<p>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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18		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 17 January 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 16-19 Staffing issues update January 2011(2) On 12 January, we sent an alert covering staffing issues (alert number 1/11) and the changes to the Civil Service Compensation Scheme. The Superannuation Act 2010 (which supports reform of the Civil Service Compensation Scheme (CSCS) received Royal Assent on 16 December and the Superannuation Act 2010 (Repeal of Limits on Compensation) Order 2010 (SI 2010/2966) came into force on 21 December 2010. The changes to the CSCS are contained in the Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment No.2) Scheme 2010 which was laid before Parliament on 21 December 2010 and came into effect on 22 December. When deciding on the pension and compensation awards to be paid to those staff who were transferred from the Learning and Skills Council on 1 April 2010 and who are to be made redundant, authorities will need to consider any legal protections applying to those staff. Authorities may need to take their own legal and actuarial advice. LG Group Alert Reference: 18/11</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT Preliminary Flood Risk assessments - Submission timetable We are writing with more details about the submission timetable for Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments. The Minister has created a new flexibility for Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs), in response to concerns raised by the LGA and authorities over the very challenging timetable for completing the assessments and securing internal approval and sign off by June 2011. LG Group Alert Reference: 16/11</p> <p>EVENTS ROYAL GARDEN PARTY 2011 The Lord Chamberlain's Office has informed us that the Royal Garden Parties will be held at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday 29 June, Tuesday 12 July and Tuesday 19 July 2011. LG Group Alert Reference: 12/11</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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	Contd/...	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP EVENTS LG Group free conference – Knowledge Hub, connect, collaborate, learn and innovate We would like to invite you to one of this years most exciting conferences in the public sector, on Tuesday 1 March 2011, Local Government House, SW1P 3HZ. The Knowledge Hub is a new web platform for local government, offering a suite of free on-line software and services. LG Group Alert Reference: 13/11</p> <p>Planning for growth: Closer working between planning and economic development The changes to planning law proposed in the Localism bill are as significant as any since the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act. These changes are big news for councils and the local people they represent. This one-day event will explore the part that the planning system can now play assisting local economies to recover and prosper This conference is on Wednesday 23 March 2011 at Local Government House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ. LG Group Alert Reference: 14/11</p> <p>Raising participation building skills creating jobs This free event will facilitate debate on the role of local authorities in delivering the raising of the participation age in education and training. Increasing participation for all young people brings together local authorities' twin interests in learning and in local economies. This one day conference is taking place on 9 March 2011 at Local Government House, London. LG Group Alert Reference: 15/11</p> <p>LG Group Annual conference and exhibition 'Localism works' Here are further details of our forthcoming annual conference and exhibition which will be held on 28-30 June 2011 at the ICC in Birmingham. Our theme this year will be 'Localism Works.' By July 2011, the reshaping of public service will have begun. Following a game changing spending review, a great decentralisation of accountability will have started. We are pleased to announce that the Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister has already agreed to address the audience. LG Group Alert Reference: 17/11</p>	