

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 31

DATE: FRIDAY 6 AUGUST 2010

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>Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure and Sport Special Decision Meeting – 30 July 2010</p> <p>At his meeting Councillor Lee Hunt took the following decisions:</p> <p>Development of Street Performance Across the City</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the current scheme be amended so that street performers are permitted to utilise agreed performance pitches across the city free of charge; b) That the current scheme of issuing permits be rescinded and replaced with authorisations subject to compliance with PCC's written terms and conditions; c) That the proposal to increase the number of pitches across the city be agreed and that the City Solicitor be authorised to finalise exact numbers and locations; d) That providing performers agree to and comply with PCC's written terms and conditions, that the requirement for them to provide Public Liability Insurance be waived; e) That the City Solicitor be authorised to prepare appropriate terms and conditions subject to which authorisations will be granted to street entertainers; f) That street entertainment across the city shall not be permitted after 2100 hours daily. <p>Following the conclusion of the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport Special Decision meeting on Friday 30 July 2010, the Licensing (Policy) Committee met to consider a Change in the Scheme of Delegation for Officers in respect of Licensing Matters in relation to Street Performers.</p> <p>Members of the Licensing (Policy) Committee RESOLVED to support the decisions made by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport, Councillor Lee Hunt at his meeting, and added a further decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) That street entertainment shall not be permitted after 1800 hours daily in the high density entertainment area of Guildhall Walk. <p>NB: Call-in – Monday 9 August</p>	<p>Karen Martin Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</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 13 August 2010.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: LEADER

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
2		<p>Fitzherbert & Moody Charity – Reappointment of Trustee</p> <p>Proposal: To seek the re-appointment of the Reverend Karina Green to the above charity for the period to 1 October 2010 – 30 September 2014, subject to there being no other nominations.</p> <p>This charity makes grants to assist those in conditions of need, hardship or distress living in Portsmouth. The City Council appoints two nominative trustees, who serve for a period of four years. They need not be elected members. No remuneration or expenses are paid. The charity meets twice a year at St Mary's Vicarage. Trustees should have local knowledge of and be able to relate to the community. The current trustees nominated by the City Council are Mr Mike Blandford (until January 2012) and the Reverend Karina Green, whose period of service expires on 30 September 2010. The Charity would welcome the continued service of Reverend Green, and she is willing to continue her service.</p> <p>Unless there are any other nominations, it is proposed to re-appoint the Reverend Karina Green to the Fitzherbert and Moody charity for the period to October 2014. If there are any other nominations for this vacancy, an item will be taken to the Cabinet on 13 September. Notice of any nominations should be given to Lin Chaplen, Customer, Community & Democratic Services (4053) by 31 August.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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3	Charles Dickens	<p>To Advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for the Updated Arrangements for Coaches at the Hard Interchange</p> <p>Proposal: To advertise a Traffic Regulation Order in relation to the updated arrangements for short stay coach parking: The Portsmouth City Council (Hard Interchange) (Short Stay Pay & Display for Coaches and Amendments to Parking Restrictions) (No.28) Order 2010.</p> <p>Following recent efficiency savings and the interim procedures put in place, a Traffic Regulation Order is required to facilitate charging via parking meters for short stay parking by coaches. Enforcement and consistent signage will also be enabled.</p>	<p>Nikki Musson Transport & Street Management Tel: 9283 4461</p>

THERE ARE NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS THIS WEEK

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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4		<p>Charter Community Sports Centre (Formerly St Luke's Community Sports Centre) Joint Management Committee (JMC)</p> <p>At this meeting the JMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • elected Councillor John Ireland to chair the meeting • received an update on the revised management arrangements. A review of the contractual arrangements with Parkwood Leisure is being undertaken with a view to implementing any required changes at the end of the year • in view of the school now being the Charter Academy, changed the name of the sports centre to Charter Community Sports Centre. For the time being the strap line "Here for you in the heart of the community" will be used in publicity and promotional material; an agreement has been reached between the school and Parkwood to meet the modest additional costs that will arise from this change • considered the operational review, which showed that the centre is performing well with usage up compared to the same period last year. There is a settled staffing team which is providing a quality service. It was noted that the centre has benefited from Community in Partnership (CIPS) funding for free swimming and boxing lessons. This funding is due to stop next year and consideration is being given to how the benefits can still be secured for the centre. <p>The JMC is next due to meet on 22 November at 4.30pm.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>
5		<p>Additional Meeting of the Employment Committee</p> <p>A meeting of the Employment Committee had been arranged for Monday 6 September at 12.15pm in the Executive Meeting Room on the third floor of the Guildhall.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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6		<p>Release of Funds from Contingency 2010/11 – Dickens Celebrations</p> <p>2012 will be the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens in what is now the Charles Dickens Museum in Old Commercial Road. The newly appointed Literature Development Officer will be establishing a framework of activities and events which can be built on towards the celebration of Dickens 2012. He will also be the link officer with the national celebrations that are being co-ordinated by the Charles Dickens Museum in London.</p> <p>Strategic aims for the celebrations and activities for Portsmouth are to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a strategic link with the national Cultural Olympiad celebrations • To contribute towards addressing current low literacy achievement levels in the city • To engage and enthuse both the local community and Dickens fans through exploring literature and popular culture • To stimulate a debate regarding the social issues raised in Dickens' novels and their relevance to Portsmouth today • To see the project as a potential for cross partnership working across the city to raise the profile of Portsmouth's literary heritage • To provide a range of activities both celebrating and themeing existing provision and to develop an exciting range of new activities linked to the national programme of Dickens celebrations <p>The Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure has requested that a sum of £10,000 be released from the Contingency in 2010/11 and committed to the project to develop initial activities with a range of partners and to ensure that the maximum profile is given to the Dickens celebrations in all the necessary promotional literature produced in 2011 for the 2012 market.</p> <p>Following consultation with the Leader of the City Council, the Strategic Director and Section 151 Officer reports that, under his delegated powers, he has approved funding of £10,000 from the General Fund Contingency Provision in 2010/11 towards the Dickens 200th Anniversary Celebrations.</p>	<p>Valerie Lane Head of Financial Services Tel: 9283 4447</p>

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7		<p>Release of Funds from Contingency 2010/11 – Cockleshell Heroes Memorial</p> <p>A Memorial is to be built at the mouth of the River Gironde in France to pay tribute to the 10 Royal Marines, the crew of the submarine HMS Tuna and the courageous French citizens of Aquitaine who helped the Royal Marines carry out Operation FRANKTON, better known as the “Cockleshell Heroes” raid on enemy shipping in Bordeaux Harbour in December 1942. Of the ten men who took part in the raid, only two survived to return home. One of the ten Royal Marines, Blondie Haslar, moved with his parents to Southsea when he was one year old so there is a personal link between with the City of Portsmouth. Blondie Haslar was one of the two men who survived.</p> <p>The Memorial will cost £70,000 and so far donations of over £55,000 have been received. Towns and Cities with a personal link to the Royal Marines who carried out the operation are being invited to make a donation to the Memorial on behalf of the Town or City, and are invited to write a few words for the Tribute Book.</p> <p>Following consultation with the Leader of the City Council, the Strategic Director and Section 151 Officer reports that, under his delegated powers, he has approved a donation of £500 from the General Fund Contingency Provision in 2010/11 towards the Memorial.</p>	<p>Valerie Lane Head of Financial Services Tel: 9283 4447</p>
8		<p>Licensing Sub Committee – Wednesday 11 August 2010 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room, floor 3 of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>The committee will consider the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Street Trading Consent – Guildhall Square, Portsmouth • Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the grant of a premises licence – Best One, 329 Copnor Road, Portsmouth, PO3 5EG • Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the variation of a premises licence – The Belle Isle, 39 Osborne Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO5 3LR 	<p>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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9	<p>Take Part's 'Community Budget Challenge' at Southsea Carnival 2010</p> <p>The council's Take Part Pathfinder team had a stand on Southsea Common during Southsea Carnival 2010 to promote active citizenship in the city. As well as giving away the Take Part newspaper and 'How to' guides, the team ran a budget challenge for local people. Each person was given 4 cards, each representing £10,000 and asked to choose between 6 areas to spend the money: Crime, Education, Employment & Economic Well-being, Environment, Health & Youth.</p> <p>They could put all 4 cards in one area, or spread it around. It lead to some great discussions about the challenges that the council faces with prioritising areas of spend and lots of 'How to' guides were given out, that explain who makes the decisions within the council and the role of councillors.</p> <p>104 people took part and £416k was allocated over the following areas:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="394 751 1146 1043"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>£k</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Health</td> <td>101</td> <td>24%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education</td> <td>78</td> <td>19%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crime</td> <td>65</td> <td>16%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth</td> <td>63</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employment, Economic Well-being</td> <td>57</td> <td>14%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Environment</td> <td>52</td> <td>13%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For more information on the Take Part project visit: http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil/17236.html.</p>		£k		Health	101	24%	Education	78	19%	Crime	65	16%	Youth	63	15%	Employment, Economic Well-being	57	14%	Environment	52	13%	<p>Clare Seek Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9268 8508</p>
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10	<p>Cabinet – Change of date of September meeting</p> <p>Members of the Cabinet have agreed to move the date of the scheduled meeting of 6 September back a week, so this will now take place on Monday 13 September at 1pm in the Executive Meeting Room. Please note in diaries.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>																					

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11		<p>Licensing Policy Committee – Forthcoming Dates (25 August and 10 December 2010)</p> <p>Please note that there will be a meeting of the Policy Committee on Wednesday 25 August 2010 at 9.30am in the executive meeting room of the Guildhall, to approve the draft statement for public consultation. Formal public consultation will take place between 1 September and 26 November. The Policy Committee will therefore meet again on Friday 10 December at 9.30am, to consider the responses, agree the final statement and recommend its adoption by Council. The Policy meeting scheduled in the calendar of meetings for Friday 3 December has been cancelled.</p> <p>Members are asked to make a note of the above dates in their diaries.</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
12	Eastney & Craneswater	<p>Cabinet – 9 August – supplementary item</p> <p>At this meeting of the Cabinet on Monday 9 August, from 1pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall, an extra item will considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land at Fort Cumberland, Southsea – seeking to resolve the dispute between the Council and Qinetiq 	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>
13		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 2 August 2010</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>Local freedom or central control</p> <p>This report sets out the Local Government Association's proposals for a new role for councils in commissioning excellent educational provision for local children and young people. LG Alert Reference: 78/10</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>LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP EVENTS</p> <p>LG Group annual emergency planning conference The LG Group Annual Emergency Planning Conference and Exhibition on 9-10 March 2011 will explore a number of the most topical issues on the national agenda and will debate the key challenges facing the service in the future. The impact of the coalition government on emergency planning policy will be a priority area for discussion. LG Alert Reference: 81/10</p> <p>LG Group annual fire conference The LG Group Annual Fire Conference and Exhibition on 8-9 March 2011 will explore a number of the most topical issues on the national agenda and will debate the key challenges facing the service in the future. The impact of the coalition government on fire service policy will be a priority area for discussion. LG Alert Reference: 80/10</p> <p>Licensing and localism conference Recent and future changes to the licensing regime, such as the introduction of new rules for lap-dancing clubs and new powers for elected Councillors, working with local partners, to tackle alcohol related disorder, have started to redress the previous democratic deficit in the licensing regime. The LG Group want to see these improvements go further. This conference on Wednesday 20 October 2010, Local Government Conference Centre, London, will bring together elected members and licensing practitioners from local authorities, as well as key partners such as the police, health and regulatory services. LG Alert Reference: 79/10</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE</p> <p>Spending review 2010 We are requesting your assistance in building up the evidence base for the local government spending review submission. Our strategy for previous submissions was to lobby for resources to meet the full costs of existing pressures and future challenges. This will clearly not be a credible approach this spending round, given the scale of the challenge to public finances. Our strategy for the 2010 spending review is to position local government as being key to reshaping the public sector in more efficient, effective and accountable form. LG Alert Reference: 82/10</p>	