

City of Portsmouth

MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 4

DATE: FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 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 Friday 5 February 2010.**

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

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WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT	
1	<p>Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation Decision Meeting was held on Thursday 28 January 2010 at 10.00am in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, The Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>Cabinet Member, Councillor Lynne Stagg, made the following decisions at her meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Regulation Order: The Portsmouth City Council (St Thomas Ward) Review of Parking Restrictions) (No 32) Order 2009 <p>DECISION: That the Order be made as advertised with the following exceptions:</p> <p>(1) Delete Item A6 relating to Oyster Street</p> <p>(2) Delete Item D2 relating to High Street, Old Portsmouth</p>	<p>Karen Martin Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>	

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Contd/...	<p>(3) Delete Item D3 relating to Pembroke Road</p> <p>(4) Delete Item D4 relating to Penny Street</p> <p>(5) Delete Item D5 relating to St George's Road</p> <p>(6) Delete Item D6 relating to St Thomas's Street</p> <p>(7) Delete Item G2 relating to Grand Parade</p> <p>(8) Amend Item A7 relating to Pains Road to read: The north side, a 3m length alongside No.64 Somers Road The south side, a 3m length alongside No.62 Somers Road</p> <p>(9) Delete Item A12 relating to St Ursula Grove</p> <p>(10) Delete Item B1 relating to Brunswick Street</p> <p>(11) Delete Item B3a relating to Norfolk Street</p> <p>(12) Delete Item E1a relating to Little Southsea Street</p> <p>(13) Delete Item E2 relating to St Edward's Road</p> <p>(14) Amend Item F relating to Cecil Place to read: The east side, a 9m length alongside Portsmouth High School</p> <p>• Traffic Regulation Order: The Portsmouth City Council (Fratton Ward) (Review of Parking Restrictions) (No 33) Order 2009</p> <p>DECISION: That the Order be made as advertised with the following exceptions:</p> <p>(1) Delete Item B13 relating to Woodland Street</p> <p>(2) Delete Items A6, A7, A8 and A18 relating to Ernest Rd, George St, Hampshire St and Shearer Rd</p> <p>(3) Amend Item B3 (b) (i) relating to Claremont Road to read (i) a 4m length alongside No. 13 Selbourne Terrace</p> <p>(4) Delete Item B3 (b) (ii) relating to Claremont Road</p> <p>• Results of Statutory Consultation for One-Way Roads</p> <p>DECISIONS that:</p> <p>(1) Prior to the statutory consultation period, informal consultation was carried out with the distribution of a letter and option drawings to residents in July 2009. The letters were distributed to each of the households seeking their views. After the consultation period the results were collated for each of the proposed schemes. In each case, the option that was decided upon was the option that received the majority of votes from the residents (Option 1).</p> <p>(2) To implement a one-way system within Jubilee Road, Bath Road and Henley Road</p> <p>(3) To make Jubilee Road one-way southbound</p> <p>(4) To make Bath Road north of Delamere Road, one-way northbound</p> <p>(5) To make Bath Road south of Delamere Road, and Henley Road one-way southbound</p>	

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Contd/...	<p>Councillor Stagg also asked officers to install a mobile speed activated sign for use in the new one-way system to monitor car speeds for a reasonable period following implementation of the order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fratton Park Experimental Orders <p>DECISION that Experimental Order 31/2008 be made permanent with the exception of item 10 in the schedule relating to Velder Avenue and that Experimental Order 36/2009 be made permanent and be incorporated into the permanent order with Order 31/2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways Management PFI Contract - Provision of Vehicular Access <p>DECISION that the revised policy on the provision of vehicle crossings be approved and that the application of the approved policy be delegated to the Head of Transport and Street Management.</p> <p>Hardening of Grass Verges</p> <p>DECISION that the Head of Transport and Street Management be authorised to spend £75,000 allocated in the 2009/10 Capital Programme for the hardening of grass verges in the specified roads in Paulsgrove.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of Build Outs <p>DECISION that the Head of Transport and Street Management be authorised to spend £50,000 allocated in the 2009/10 Highways Routine Revenue the removal of the build outs shown in Appendix A of the report with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampshire Street – O/s 23 • Methuen Road – opp 78 and opps 96-98 • Meyrick Road – O/s 28 • Kassassin Street – O/s 38 <p>Councillor Stagg also asked officers to check the following sites and to keep the build out if residents object to their removal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bettsworth Road – S/o Ernest Road – check whether resident of 10 Bettsworth Road objects to removal of this build out. • Ernest Road – O/s 24 • Newcome Road – O/s 92 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending from the Off Street Parking Reserve <p>DECISION that the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation recommended to Council that:</p> <p>(1) The schemes in Appendix A where the Off-Street Parking Reserve has already been approved as a funding source be noted.</p>	

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	Contd/...	<p>(2) The Off-Street Parking Reserve as a funding source for the following schemes as noted in Appendix A “Seeking Approval by City Council in this Report” be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) London Road - Puffin Crossing (approved by T&T Cabinet 29/10/09): £35,000 b) Commonwheels Car Share Club (approved by T&T Cabinet 29/10/09): £12,000 c) Canoe Lake Car Park repairs (detail of the scheme to be approved by T&T Cabinet): £50,000 d) Bicycles for Civil Enforcement Officers: £5,000 e) Parking Strategy - consultants: £25,000 f) The schemes in Appendix A of the report that approval will be sought at a later date to use the Off-Street Parking Reserve as a funding source be noted. <p>• Isambard Brunel Multi-storey car park pay on foot replacement</p> <p>DECISION that the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation recommended to Council that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The replacement of the pay on foot system for the Isambard Brunel (City Centre South) Multi Storey Car Park be approved. (2) A new system outright at a capital cost of £159,500 be purchased or to a new system be rented or leased if this alternative funding method provides better value for money. (3) In the event that outright purchase being the most financially beneficial funding method, that the capital cost of £159,500 associated with this scheme be funded from the Off Street Parking reserve. (4) The ongoing revenue implications of the scheme of £10,000 per annum be funded from within the Parking Service revenue budget 	

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 5 February 2010.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: RESOURCES

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
2	Cosham	<p>Land at Highbury College, Dovercourt Road, Cosham</p> <p>Proposal: That the City Council waive a provision contained in a Deed of Covenant relating to Highbury College, Dovercourt Road.</p> <p>The land hatched black and cross hatched black on the plan no.TS/AMS.27.01.10 (copy available from Tom Southall, AMS) is the subject of a Deed of Covenant entered into in 2008 by Highbury College when the City Council released the land edged in black on the plan from certain rights. The Deed provides for compensation to be paid by Highbury College to the City Council in the event of the City Council incurring additional costs in providing services to its adjoining lands as a result of the release of the rights. The Deed provides a mechanism for successors in title to Highbury College to be bound by the Deed.</p> <p>Highbury College has transferred the land shown cross hatched black on the plan (which forms a roadway) to Taylor Wimpey UK Limited as part of its disposal of the land edged black on the plan. The City Council has been requested to waive the requirement for Wimpey Taylor to be bound by the provisions of the Deed of Covenant in respect of the land cross hatched black. As the land hatched black will remain subject to the provisions of the Deed of Covenant this is sufficient to protect the City Council's position and it is proposed that this waiver be granted.</p>	<p>Tom Southall AMS Property Tel: 9283 4289</p>

PORTFOLIO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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3		<p>Playground Extension at Goldsmith Infants</p> <p>Proposal: To extend the playground at Goldsmith Infants by stopping up Heywards Road to be funded as set out below.</p> <p>The proposal was included in the LEA Asset Management Plan 2004/5 and 2005/6 dated 9th July 2003, where approval for funding of £100K was secured.</p> <p>Approval is now sought for further funding of £70K from the uncommitted AMP funding for 2009/10 of £431K, due to the protracted negotiations between the Diocese of Portsmouth and the City Council, and the fees thus incurred, as well as the increased cost of construction materials and services since 2003.</p>	<p>Christine Matchett School Services Officer Tel: 9268 8663</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 5 February 2010**. 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	Application Type Case Officer Proposed Decision
4	09/01596/TPO Eastney & Craneswater	11 Bruce Road Southsea Hampshire Plane tree (T12) reduce by 30%, located within Tree Preservation Order 110.	<p>One email and one letter have been received in support of this application, on the basis that the work is required and it is a very good idea. One email of objection has also being received on the basis that a 30% reduction would reduce the scale of the tree by too much, they also do not want the tree pruned between April and June so that nesting birds are not disturbed.</p> <p>The Arboricultural Officer carried out a site inspection, his report states that the mature Plane tree (T12) is located within a small enclosed front garden, the tree appears healthy and has an ivy clad main stem. Stubs are evident to the lower canopy as a result of poor pruning cuts and damage is evident to the adjacent boundary wall fronting the highway.</p> <p>The Arboricultural Officer recommends a crown reduction by a maximum of 30% and to remove the ivy.</p>	Stephanie Hughes Tel: 023 9283 4300 Conditional Consent
5	09/01574/FUL St Jude	76 Albert Road Southsea PO5 2SN Installation of new shopfront and extract flue to rear elevation	<p>One email has been received from a resident of one of the flats that adjoin these premises. Whilst the resident does not object to the proposal an assurance is sought in relation to the future maintenance of the flue. No comments have been received in connection with the proposed shopfront.</p> <p>Public protection is satisfied that levels of odour and noise generated by the installed equipment are of a low level and will not have a significant impact on neighbouring amenity. However, if there are future complaints regarding the equipment it is considered they could be dealt with through the statutory nuisance provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. In these circumstances it is considered that the scheme is capable of support.</p>	Nicola Frampton Tel: 023 9283 4305 Conditional Permission

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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6		<p>The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care's Decision Meeting will be held at 10 am on Tuesday 2 February 2010 in the Executive Meeting Room, 3rd Floor of the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>Cabinet Member Leo Madden will make decisions on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on use of The Stroke Grant • Telecare • Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults • Generations Together Programme in Portsmouth • Continuing Health Care • Self-directed Support and Charging for Adult Social Care Services • Fees and Charges and direct payment rates 2010/11 for Adult Social Care and the Health Improvement Development Service (HIDS) 	<p>Karen Martin Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>
7		<p>Planning Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 3 February 2010 at 2.00pm in Conference Room A, 2nd Floor, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth</p> <p>The Committee will consider the following Planning Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09/01374/FUL Hilsea Rugby Camp & Playing Field, Copnor Road, Portsmouth - Construction of footpath & cycleway to link Devon Road to Hilsea Railway Station to include cycle storage adjacent to Hilsea Station (City Council Scheme) • 09/01464/FUL Lake House, 12 St Helens Parade, Southsea - Construction of five storey building to form five flats and associated garage block, new boundary walls and gates (amendment to increase height of building by 600mm) • 09/01499/FUL Beresford Arms Public House, 70 Twyford Avenue, Portsmouth - Alterations & conversion of existing building to form four houses and construction of two-storey building to form two houses, with refuse/cycle storage facilities • 09/01561/FUL 82a High Street, Cosham, Portsmouth - Conversion to form 3 flats and 1 maisonette to include construction of new mansard roof with front and rear dormers; external alterations to include new windows, doors and balconies and formation of roof garden over existing rear projection. 	<p>Karen Martin/ Lucy Wingham Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052/4662</p>

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8		<p>Finance & Resources Scrutiny Panel - Thursday 4 February 2010 at 3 pm in Conference Room B of the Civic Offices</p> <p>The Finance & Resources Scrutiny Panel will meet to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formally sign off the report into the City Council's Use of Consultants • receive a presentation of the annual budget from the Section 151 Officer and Head of Financial Services 	<p>Anthony Quinn Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4002</p>
9		<p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development - Decision Meeting - Friday 5 February 2010 at 9.00am in the Executive Meeting Room, floor 3 of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>Councillor Mike Hancock CBE MP will consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework Agreement for the provision of Employment Services - for the Head of Community Housing & Regeneration to seek delegated authority to agree the terms of this and other similar Framework Agreements and Contracts for the provision of employment skills and related services. • Article 4(2) Directions - Bruce Road, Helena Road and area, Southsea Campbell Road (Nos 1-25 inclusive and 28-66 (even)), Southsea - to consider the making of Article 4(2) Directions. 	<p>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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10		<p>Governance & Audit Committee – 5 February at 3.30 pm Conference Room A, Civic Offices</p> <p>At this meeting the Committee will consider these reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from the District Auditor on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - External Audit Progress report - Organisational Assessment 2009 - Use of Resources 2010 - workforce management review - Project Management follow-up - Certification of claims and returns - annual report <p>With the consent of the Chair, all the members of the Cabinet have been invited to attend the meeting to hear the presentation from Linda Krywald, CAA Lead, about the Organisational Assessment 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the Notice of Motion at the Council on 15 December re access by Members to Financial Systems • Update on Improvement Planning • Annual Governance Statement 2008/09 actions and draft 2009/10 • Audit Performance Status report • Real Time Project final report (exempt) 	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>
11		<p>Employment Committee – 5 February 2010 at 12.15 pm – Cancellation</p> <p>This extra meeting of the Employment Committee has been cancelled as the reports due to be submitted to it will not be ready by the date of despatch of the agenda.</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting of the Employment Committee is Tuesday 2 March at 12.15pm.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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12		<p>Cabinet Member for Housing's Decision Meeting - Monday 8 February at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</p> <p>At his meeting Councillor Wylie will be considering the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealing with Empty Residential Properties • Telecare (regarding the pricing structure) • Council Housing Budget (and setting of rents and charges) • Housing Investment Programme (HIP) 2009/10 to 2015/16 	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>
13		<p>Cabinet - Monday 8 February at 1pm, Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</p> <p>The following items are due to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2014/15 • Medium Term Resource Strategy 2010/11 to 2014/15 • Portsmouth City Council Budget 2010/ to 2014/15 • Housing Investment Programme (HIP) 2009/10 to 2015/16 • Sustainability Strategy • Somerstown & North Southsea Area Action Plan (AAP) • Development of on-site cafe/bistro and catering service at Southsea Castle • The Pyramids - update on estimated costs • New Southsea Library and Contact Centre • Hampshire Safer Roads Partnership • Dealing with Empty Residential Property • Action Plan for increasing visitor numbers to Portsmouth • Appointments to outside bodies (Eastney & Milton Allotment Holders Association, the Portsmouth Environmental Forum, the Fostering Panel and the Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust - see separate MIS items inviting nominations) • Trafalgar Gate Link Road (exempt report) 	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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14		<p>Appointments to Outside Bodies 2009/10 – Urgent Vacancy – Fostering Panel</p> <p>Despite previously been advertised on the Members Information Service, there is still a vacancy on the Fostering Panel (formerly the Family Placement Panel)). This is an annual appointment and is a statutory requirement. The panel meets monthly (last Wednesday) at the Civic Offices. No remuneration or expenses or expenses are paid.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to serve on the Panel is asked to let Lin Chaplen, Customer, Community & Democratic Services (4053) know by 5 February. The appointment comes under the remit of the Education, Children & Young People's portfolio (ECYP), but in order to expedite the appointment it is proposed to include it on the agenda for the next full Cabinet meeting on 8 February, when the appointment will be made by the Cabinet Member for ECYP.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>
15		<p>Eastney and Milton Allotment Holders Association – Appointment to Management Committee</p> <p>This association has decided to invite a representative of the City Council to join its management committee, and has extended a personal invitation to Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson. Councillor Vernon-Jackson currently attends some of the meeting on an informal basis. He would be happy to accept this appointment.</p> <p>If any other members of the Council would, however, like to be considered for this appointment, please would they give their name to Lin Chaplen in Customer, Community and Democratic Services (4053) by Friday 5 February.</p> <p>The appointment comes under the Culture & Leisure Portfolio. However, as the next Culture & Leisure Cabinet meeting is not until 18 March, in order to expedite the appointment it is proposed to include it on the agenda for the next full Cabinet meeting on 8 February, when the appointment will be made by the Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure.</p> <p>The management committee meets about 6 times a year at 7.30pm usually at an address in Lorne Road, Southsea. No remuneration or expenses are paid.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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16		<p>Portsmouth Environmental Forum – Vacancy</p> <p>The City Council appoints 5 members to the Environmental Forum, which also comprises representatives from community organisations. It meets about 6 times a year at 7pm in the Civic Offices. No remuneration or expenses are paid.</p> <p>The elected member representatives in 2009/10 are Councillors Jason Fazackarley, Jim Fleming, Malcolm Hey, Eleanor Scott and Lynne Stagg. Councillor Scott has indicated a wish to resign from this appointment.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to serve on the Environmental Forum for the remainder of the municipal year is asked to let Lin Chaplen, Customer, Community & Democratic Services (4053) know by 5 February. The appointment comes under the remit of the Environment portfolio, but in order to expedite the appointment it is proposed to include it on the agenda for the next full Cabinet meeting on 8 February, when the appointment will be made by the Cabinet Member for Environment.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>
17		<p>Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Vacancy for Governor</p> <p>The Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust provides specialist mental health and learning disability services for people across Hampshire and the surrounding area. Portsmouth City Council is invited to appoint one governor, who should be an elected member. The first appointment made, for the period to June 2011, was Councillor Jason Fazackarley. Councillor Fazackarley has now decided to resign and a replacement is sought. The Board meets between 2 and 4 times a year, and governors may be required to attend up to 12 meetings a year depending on which committees they join. Travel expenses are paid but there is no remuneration. Governors should have an interest in or experience of mental health and learning disability issues and be able to commit time to the trust.</p> <p>The appointment is for a full three year term to February 2013.</p> <p>Any councillor wishing to volunteer for this vacancy is asked to give their name to Lin Chaplen in Customer, Community & Democratic Services (4053) by 5 February.</p> <p>This appointment comes under the Health & Social Care portfolio. However, in order to expedite the appointment it is proposed to include it on the agenda for the next full Cabinet meeting on 8 February, when the appointment will be made by the Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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18		<p>Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>The Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel met on Thursday 28 January to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue their review into the "Protection of Vulnerable Children" 	<p>Anna Martyn Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9268 8360</p>
19		<p>Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>The Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel will meet on Tuesday 2nd February at 3 pm in Meeting Room 1, Guildhall, to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue their review into whether to recommence building council homes start scoping a review into "Allocation of housing including under-occupation policy and mental health housing provision" 	<p>Anna Martyn Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9268 8360</p>
20		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing 25 January 2010 - Checklist 04/10</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>COMMUNITY WELLBEING</p> <p>UKBA Consultation with local authority migration experts</p> <p>The Home Office's UK Borders Agency (UKBA) is very keen to hear from individuals with knowledge about the migrant populations in their local areas, who might be able to assist with a local area expert consultation taking place in early February via a range of focus groups/interviews. This is part of a feasibility study for a large-scale, face-to-face survey of migrants in the UK which will explore their activities, experiences, drivers and impacts.</p> <p>LG Alert Reference: 10/10</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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	Contd/...	<p>ENVIRONMENT Climate Projections Guide - new LGA guide The LGA/IDeA/Defra/UKCIP has produced a new publication called: <i>What Do The Latest Climate Projections Mean For You?</i> The guide is part of an LGA series on Climate Change adaptation, called '<i>Be Aware, Be Prepared, Take Action</i>'. Our new guide is aimed at elected members and clearly explains what the projections mean for councils. It includes current good practice in councils and a checklist for councils on adaptation. The guide shows how climate change might affect local councils and the need for councils to adapt their services and local areas to take account of the future impacts of climate change. LG Alert Reference: 11/10</p> <p>IMPROVEMENT CAA Evaluation: a sector Perspective on Year 1 A short evaluation of year 1 of CAA has been published. It acknowledges the challenges involved in implementing a new assessment framework of this nature the report concludes that CAA has not yet met the ambitions set out for it by Government or by the Inspectorates themselves. LG Alert Reference: 9/10</p> <p>LGA GROUP EVENTS LGA/CLOA Annual Culture Tourism Sport Conference A new programme for this premier event in the local government culture tourism and sport calendar, with new details added since the last flyer was circulated. The 2010 conference will provide an opportunity for you to feed into the LGA manifesto for the culture, tourism and sport sector, which will shape LGA lobbying and policy work over the coming year. LG Alert Reference: 12/10.</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE Final Inclusion Impact on city Economies Leeds City Council has released the findings of a major research study which has identified the economic impact on the city generated through financial inclusion initiatives - the integration of affordable credit, debt advice and welfare rights and benefits advice services. LG Alert Reference: 8/10</p>	