

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

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The Members' Information Service produced in the Democratic & Community Engagement 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

NB: 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 Monday 7 September 2009.**
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
1		<p>Extension of Replacement Window Contract</p> <p>Proposal: Authorisation is sought to extend the contract for a final year until September 2010.</p> <p>Further to Item 1 within Issue 31 of 7 August, the extension date for this contract needs to be amended.</p> <p>The Measured Term Contract (MTC) for window replacements (non Housing) was started with Wessex Windows in September 2005 for a period of 3 years with the option to extend the contract for a further 2 years. The initial contract proved to be successful and was subsequently extended in September 2008. Authorisation is now sought to extend the contract for an extra year until September 2010.</p>	<p>John Bean Asset Management Service 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 Monday 7 September 2009**. 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
2	09/01052/HOU Milton	8 Hollam Road Southsea Construction of single storey outbuilding to form hobby workshop and store	<p>Two letters of objection have been received from residents of Catisfield Road on the grounds that: (i) the proposed extension will have an overbearing impact and (ii) the workshop use could result in an increase of noise and disturbance.</p> <p>Permission is sought for a single-storey outbuilding to form a hobby workshop and store to the rear of the garden, and would measure 5.7m deep and 5m wide with a mono-pitched roof 3m at its highest point on the west elevation adjacent to a narrow pedestrian rear access between the Hollam Road and Catisfield Road properties. The workshop would be constructed of rendered blockwork walls with a felt roof.</p> <p>There are a number of sheds/outbuildings to the rear of Hollam Road which vary in style, materials and colour. The rendered blockwork and felt roof, whilst functional, would not be unacceptable in visual terms given the variety of materials on the existing sheds/outbuildings in the locality. Turning to the issue of amenity the hobby workshop is not considered to be of an excessive size in terms of either the proportion of garden covered or in terms of its height in relation to the adjoining gardens, and would not give rise to an increased sense of enclosure or loss of light. The outbuilding would be used for purposes ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse and in these circumstances should its use give rise to noise and disturbance nearby residents would have recourse to the Head of Public Protection in relation to nuisance. The proposal would therefore be in accordance with policies DC1 and DC5 of the Local Plan.</p>	<p>Michelle Blaikie</p> <p>Tel: 023 92834323</p> <p>Permission</p>

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Application Type Case Officer Proposed Decision
3	09/00986/HOU Drayton & Farlington	77 Courtmount Grove Cosham Construction of single storey front extension and single storey rear extension	<p>One email of objection has been received from the neighbouring resident on the grounds that the proposed rear extension would result in a loss of light to their existing rear projection and would restrict access for maintenance to their window at ground floor level on the common boundary. The objection for the front extension is on the grounds that it would be out of character and would be domineering against the adjoining semi-detached house. The objector further comments on the proposed drainage and the potential for loss in value to their property if the scheme gains support of the planning service.</p> <p>The proposed ground floor rear extension, whilst projecting 4m along the common boundary, would have external finishes and fenestration that complements the recipient building and would not amount to an unacceptable addition to the bulk of the building. Furthermore, it is not considered that the flank wall would result in a loss of outlook, light or undue sense of enclosure sufficient to withhold permission.</p> <p>Turning to the proposed front extension, it is not considered to result in an imbalance to the pair of semi-detached houses and given the number of other similar front extensions within the surrounding area the extension would not be out of keeping. In terms of increased building bulk it is not considered to affect the amenity of the occupiers of the adjoining property by way of loss of light, outlook or privacy. In these circumstances the scheme is considered capable of support.</p>	Nicola Frampton Tel: 023 9283 4305 Permission
4	09/00688/HOU St Thomas	12 Margate Road Southsea Construction of single storey rear extension	<p>One letter of representation has been received raising objection on the following grounds: a) increase in the number of occupants within the building; b) impact to the existing water, gas and electric systems; c) impact to an existing water main between Nos 10 and 12 Margate Road; d) increase in noise and general disturbance; and e) increase in rubbish produced by the premises.</p> <p>The proposal is for a bathroom extension that does not directly result in an increase in the occupancy of the building and therefore not result a significant increase in noise and general disturbance or rubbish. It is not anticipated that the proposal would place any greater strain on the existing water, electricity or gas systems or impact the existing water main between Nos 10 and 12 Margate Road. It is considered that the proposal would not result in a significant loss of light, outlook, or the creation of a strong sense of enclosure to adjoining houses and would be visually acceptable in relation to the existing house and its surroundings.</p>	Jonathan McDermott Tel: 023 9284 1470 Conditional Permission

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7		<p>The Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel – 1 September, 3pm Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</p> <p>The Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel will meet on Tuesday 1 September at 3pm in the Executive Meeting Room. It will consider evidence from Ray Privett, PFI Contract Manager and Councillor Paula Riches, Ward Councillor for St Thomas' ward regarding Colas' work in Old Portsmouth.</p>	<p>Jane Di Dino Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4060</p>
8		<p>First Group – Launch of Non-Stop Coach Service from Portsmouth to London from 14 September 2009</p> <p>First Group has chosen to inaugurate a new high specification non-stop coach service with Portsmouth as one of its three destinations. If successful, First Group intend to roll out further similar services across the rest of the UK.</p> <p>This service will be branded Greyhound. It will begin its operations on 14 September 2009 and customers will be able to book on-line at www.greyhounduk.com.</p> <p>Services from Portsmouth to London begin at 6.00am from the Hard Interchange at Portsmouth. There is a further pick-up from the city centre (Edinburgh Road near the Roman Catholic Cathedral). The non-stop service is scheduled to arrive in London (Bulleid Way, Victoria) 1 hour 59 minutes after departure. The Portsmouth to London service operates daily every hour from 6.00am to 6.00pm except at 11.00am and 5.00pm.</p> <p>The London to Portsmouth service operates daily from 9.00am to 9.00pm with a service every hour except at 2.00pm and 8.00pm. This service leaves Bulleid Way, Victoria and travels non-stop to Portsmouth calling only at the city centre (Edinburgh Road) and the Hard Interchange. Journey time is scheduled to be 1 hour 59 minutes.</p> <p>There will be a similar service starting on the same date between Southampton and London.</p>	<p>Danny Johnson Transport & Street Management Tel: 9284 1346</p>
9		<p>Scrutiny Management Panel – Thursday 3 September 4 pm, Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</p> <p>The Scrutiny Management Panel will meet on 3 September at 4 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Guildhall to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine the work programme for the themed Scrutiny Panels for this municipal year • monitor the progress of previous scrutiny reviews 	<p>Anthony Quinn Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4002</p>

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10	St Jude	<p>41-47 Albert Road Southsea PO5 2SF Ref No: 09/02279/VOC Date Lodged: 10/08/2009</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of planning permission to vary condition 2 of planning permission A*14924/AB; condition 4 of planning permission A*20454/AA; condition 7 of planning permission A*21068/B and condition 7 of planning permission A*17193/C to increase the hours of opening until 00:30hrs (the following day) on Sundays to Thursdays and 01:30hrs (the following day) on Fridays and Saturdays.</p> <p>This appeal will be dealt with by the written representation procedure.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott Planning Service Tel: 9284 1470</p>
11		<p>Cabinet meeting will take place on Monday 7 September 2009 at 1.00pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, Guildhall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Role and Responsibilities of the Design and Heritage Champion • Carbon Management Plan and the Carbon Reduction Commitment • Treasury Management Outturn 2008/09 • M275 Interchange - Special Road Scheme • Portsmouth Healthy Towns Programme • List of Appointments 2009/10 - A Fostering Panel (statutory requirement and formerly the Family Placement Panel) - Appointment by the Cabinet Member for Education Children and Young People 	<p>Karen Martin Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4052</p>
12		<p>Councillor Luke Stubbs – Change of Address</p> <p>Please note that as from Monday the new address for Councillor Luke Stubbs will be:</p> <p>Flat 3, Clearwater Apartments, 38-42 South Parade, Southsea, PO4 0SN His mobile number remains 07986 037 323</p>	<p>Teresa Deasy Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4056</p>
13		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 24 August 2009 - Checklist 34/09</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>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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	Contd	<p>ARMED FORCES</p> <p>Consultation to Improve Support to the Armed Forces On 16 July, the Ministry of Defence published a wide-ranging discussion document seeking views on ways to safeguard the welfare of members of the Armed Forces. It has potentially significant implications for local authorities and other public bodies. The consultation paper, The Nation's Commitment to the Armed Forces Community: Consistent and Enduring Support, will look at how to prevent the Armed Forces community being disadvantaged due to their unique circumstances, when accessing public services such as housing, education and healthcare. It will also look at ways to provide them with tailored routes through which to address complaints. LG Alert Reference: 162/09</p> <p>CONTINGENCY PLANNING</p> <p>Local Authority Oil Pollution Training Courses The Counter Pollution Branch (CPB) of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) is offering two free training courses for maritime local authorities this year. The courses are held at various venues and dates throughout the country. Delegates would only need to meet their own travel, accommodation and subsistence costs. LG Alert Reference: 164/09</p> <p>LGA EVENTS</p> <p>Leadership for Informal Adult Learning Conference, 29 October 2009, London The White Paper The Learning Revolution published in March 2009 outlines a new national vision for Informal Adult Learning. It provides a leadership role for local authorities to secure a broad range of learning opportunities for informal adult learning that meet local needs and enhances co-ordination between activities and funding streams. This free LGA one day conference Leadership of Informal Adult Learning on October 29 in central London is being funded by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills. It is aimed at Chief Executives, Directors, Cabinet Members and Lead Members. LG Alert Reference: 163/09</p> <p>SOCIAL SERVICES</p> <p>Zimbabwe Resettlement Programme Earlier this year as the humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe declined the Government created a programme offering assistance in resettling in the UK to those older and British people who were unable to make their own arrangements. The LGA and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services are working with Government officials to ensure this programme runs as smoothly as possible. LG Alert Reference: 165/09</p>	