

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 20

DATE: FRIDAY 22 MAY 2009

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 1 June 2009.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: HOUSING

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
1	Paulsgrove	<p>Redevelopment of two former lockup garage sites at Credenhill Road and Walford Road, Paulsgrove</p> <p>Proposals</p> <p>(i) That two redundant garage sites be sold to Portsmouth Housing Association Ltd (PHA) at nil consideration.</p> <p>(ii) The Head of Asset Management Service be authorized to conclude terms for the disposals and the City Solicitor be authorised to conclude the disposal.</p> <p>(iii) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Housing to agree the final scheme details.</p> <p>The two former sites are situated to the rear of No 9 Credenhill Road and No 2 Walford Road, Paulsgrove. The sites are no longer required for vehicular parking and have attracted anti social behaviour in the past. Following consultation with Housing Options and Occupational Therapy it is proposed the two sites are transferred to PHA to provide two semi detached, disabled persons, two bedroom bungalows and one disabled persons five bedroom house.</p> <p>Housing Management will receive 100% nomination rights to the three dwellings.</p> <p>Copies of the financial appraisal have been placed in the Group Rooms.</p>	<p>Alison Cloutman Housing Service Tel: 9284 1039</p>

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2	St Thomas	<p>61 Earlsdon Street, Somerstown</p> <p>Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To dispose of 61 Earlsdon Street to the existing Tenant for the purpose of facilitating a comprehensive redevelopment of the area providing some commercial space on the ground floor and residential above. (ii) That the Head of Asset Management and Head of Legal Services be authorised to negotiate and dispose of the property to the existing tenant subject to agreeing terms of disposal. (iii) That the Council waives the application of the October 2006 resolution 180/06 to the disposal of this site. <p>The site extends to 252.083sqm and is let on a ground lease for 99 years with effect from 14/12/1950. The original tenant erected a 2-storey building with a single storey extension, which has now fallen into disrepair.</p> <p>The current tenant approached PCC in 2005 with an offer to purchase the freehold of the property known as 61 Earlsdon Street. The Head of Asset Management started negotiations. The disposal did not proceed following dispute over what the purchaser intended to achieve on the site and how the Area Action Plan for Somerstown and North Southsea affected it.</p> <p>The tenant has again expressed an interest in purchasing the site and has presented to AMS and Planning a new outline proposal based on the existing planning application consent dated 24/2/2006 but now including the commercial space required under the AAP and student accommodation above, which is supported by the Head of Planning.</p> <p>A financial appraisal is available on request from Sophie Naëssens – AMS (Property).</p>	<p>Sophie Naëssens Valuer AMS (Property) Tel: 9283 4262</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 1 June 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
3	09/00479/FUL St Thomas	5 Battery Row Portsmouth Retention of parapet walls to roof on boundaries with 4 Battery Row and 12 Grand Parade	<p>One letter received raising objections to: a) the walls were constructed without planning permission; b) the applicant has not kept to verbal agreements on the finish of the wall; c) the original drawings showed a wall higher than the signed party wall agreement allowed for; and d) a wall higher than the existing wall would have an overbearing effect on the appearance of the surrounding area.</p> <p>At a height of 500mm and 580mm respectively the walls are not visible from Battery Row, Broad Street, Grand Parade or Point Battery. The walls, finished in render with capping stones, reflect the appearance of the existing parapet walls surrounding the roofs of these properties and are therefore considered an appropriate addition at roof level. The walls are therefore considered to preserve the character and appearance of 'Old Portsmouth' Conservation Area (No4). In light of their modest height it is considered that the walls have no effect on the amenities of the adjoining occupiers at 4 Battery Row and 12 Grand Parade.</p>	Jonathan McDermott Tel: 023 9284 1470 Permission

4	09/00518/FUL Hilsea	<p>20 - 22 Beechwood Road Portsmouth</p> <p>Conversion of two houses to form one dwelling including construction of single rear extension (to replace existing) to rear of 22 Beechwood Road</p>	<p>Two e-mails of objection have been received from residents along Beechwood Road, on the grounds that the proposed conversion would; (a) be detrimental to the area; (b) set a precedent for the area; (c) result in extra traffic to the road; and (d) enable at a later date the change of use to small hotels/guest houses. One of the residents raised an objection to the removal of the front boundary wall and the hardstanding which is being dealt with separately.</p> <p>This application relates to two neighbouring houses located on the northern side of Beechwood Road. The applicant seeks permission to convert these two neighbouring properties into one single family dwelling. The applicant is the owner of both the properties and is a member of a large family. The conversion would involve forming 3 access points to improve passage between the two houses. There would be no change to the first floor accommodation, and the conversion would result in a 6 bedroom family dwelling. The houses could be easily converted back to two separate properties as all the services, except for the kitchen would remain the same. There are no proposed external alterations to the front elevation of the properties. The single storey extension to the rear is acceptable in terms of its design and size. Therefore the proposed conversion is considered acceptable.</p> <p>Should the properties be used as a hotel/guesthouse a separate application would be required and the merits or otherwise of such a use would be considered at that time.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Permission</p>
5	09/00525/FUL Milton	<p>23 Clegg Road Southsea Portsmouth</p> <p>Construction of single storey rear extension after demolition of existing.</p>	<p>One letter of objection has been received from the occupiers of an adjoining property to the north on the grounds that; (i) the proximity and size of the development will have an overbearing effect; (ii) it will reduce the amount of light; and (iii) loss of outlook.</p> <p>Permission is sought for a single-storey rear extension. The extension would be constructed of brick to match the existing with glass roof sections. In design terms the extension is considered to be appropriate in relation to the recipient house and the surrounding properties. The extension replaces an existing single-storey extension, with the main difference being the new extension would be built onto the boundary with the property to the north. The proposed extension projects 4m along the boundary, 1.095m further than the existing and would be to the width of the property. The height will be approximately 2.65m to the eaves with a hipped roof on the north elevation. It is therefore considered that the extension would not have a significant impact on the amenity of the adjoining occupiers. In these circumstances an objection would not arise under policies DC1 and DC5 of the Local Plan.</p>	<p>Michelle Blaikie Tel: 023 92834323</p> <p>Permission</p>

6	09/00529/FUL Paulsgrove	<p>Land Adjacent To 1 Coleridge Road Portsmouth</p> <p>Construction of new dwellinghouse</p>	<p>Three letters received, including one from Ward Councillor David Horne, raising objections to:</p> <p>a) impact on the proposed neighbours caused by a diesel van which parks at an adjoining property; b) a double drive will have an impact on on-street car parking within Coleridge Road; c) loss of natural light; d) loss of a view; e) loss of privacy to an adjoining house and rear garden; f) height of the building will result in an increased sense of enclosure; g) impact from noise and dust during building operations; and h) overdevelopment of the site.</p> <p>Planning permission was refused for the construction of a two-storey house on this site in July 2008. The reasons for refusal related to impact to the adjoining occupiers in terms of loss of light, outlook, privacy and the creation of an oppressive sense of enclosure, and inappropriate design in relation to a streetscene characterised by bungalows. Whilst the overall height and width of the proposed house has not been significantly altered the building has been reduced in depth and the design of the building has been significantly altered to reduce the mass of the building on the boundaries with adjoining properties. It is therefore considered that the development would not have a significant effect to the amenities of adjoining occupiers in terms of loss of light, outlook or privacy. The proposed house has been designed as a 'chalet' bungalow and is therefore considered to reflect the appearance of the streetscene which is characterised by bungalows.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>
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Part 3 - Information and News Items

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7	Eastney and Cranewater	<p>Lake House, 12 St Helen's Parade, Southsea – Appeal Decision</p> <p>Ref: 08/02270/FUL Decision: Allowed Decision Date: 20/05/09</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for construction of a 4 storey building including semi-basement with rooms in roof to form 7 flats.</p> <p>The appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to allow the appeal.</p>	<p>John Pike Planning Service Tel: 9283 4303</p>
8	Paulsgrove	<p>Vacant Petrol Station 140 Southampton Road Paulsgrove</p> <p>Date Lodged: 1/05/2009 Ref: 09/00160/ADV</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of advertisement consent for display of 2 externally illuminated 96 sheet panel signs with associated fencing for a temporary period until March 2011.</p> <p>This appeal will be dealt with by the written representation procedure.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton Planning Service Tel: 9283 4305</p>
9	Cosham	<p>1A Widley Road Portsmouth PO6 2DS</p> <p>Date Lodged: 6 April 2009 Ref: 09/00061/TPO</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of TPO consent for Monterey Cypress (T1) fell and replant with appropriate replacement species within Tree Preservation Order 102.</p> <p>This appeal is being dealt with by the written representation procedure. As this appeal is proceeding under the Fast Track Appeals Service, there is no opportunity for you to submit further comments. We will however forward copies of all representations made to us in relation to the application, before it was determined, on to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellants.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton Planning Service Tel: 9283 4305</p>

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
10	Milton	<p>1-20 West Court Highland Road Southsea PO4 9HA</p> <p>Date Lodged: 11/05/2009 Ref: 08/01766/FUL</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of planning permission for construction of three-storey rear extension and additional storey to roof to form 6 additional flats with glazed courtyard area (Re-submission of 08/01336/FUL).</p> <p>This appeal will be dealt with by the written representation procedure</p>	<p>Mark Bridge Planning Service Tel: 9283 4298</p>
11		<p>Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel – 22 May</p> <p>The Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel met on 22nd May to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review a report from the Interim Head of Children's Services to inform the panel of the scope of the review • to agree the work programme for this review. 	<p>Anthony Quinn Senior Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4002</p>
12		<p>Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 28 May</p> <p>The Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel will meet on Thursday 28th May at 4.00 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Guildhall to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the draft report of the inquiry into improving neighbour relations between social and private lets • agree final version to be submitted to the portfolio holder for consideration 	<p>Anthony Quinn Senior Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4002</p>
13		<p>Finance & Resources Scrutiny Panel – 29 May</p> <p>The Finance & Resources Scrutiny Panel will meet on Friday 29th May at 4.00 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Guildhall to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the financial data on the cost of external consultants across the authority • to agree the work programme for this review 	<p>Anthony Quinn Senior Local Democracy Officer Tel: 9283 4002</p>

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14		<p>Changes to Commercial Bus Services in Portsmouth from 28 June 2009</p> <p>First Hampshire & Dorset Bus Company have made a number of changes to commercial bus routes in Portsmouth. These are commercial decisions taken by the bus company.</p> <p>13 City Centre-Fratton-Goldsmith Avenue-Milton-Furze Lane –Moorings Way-Eastern Road-Baffins-Copnor Bridge-New Road-Lake Road-City Centre (Circular Route)</p> <p>14 City Centre-Lake Road-New Road-Copnor Bridge-Baffins-Eastern Road-Moorings Way-Furze Lane-Milton-Goldsmith Avenue-Fratton-City Centre (Circular Route)</p> <p>The frequency of these two routes will be reduced from every 15 minutes to every 20 minutes. Additionally, these two circular routes will be extended from the City Centre to serve the Hard Interchange (Gunwharf Quays).</p> <p>16 City Centre – Eastney</p> <p>This service will be de-registered and no longer run. As a result of this change, buses will no longer serve Lawrence Road, Southsea. Crucially, this means the loss of three commuter early morning journeys from the Lumsden Road/Hayling Ferry Terminus to the City Centre and one later journey from the City Centre to the Hayling Ferry Terminus at 5.00pm. This loss has been mitigated by negotiating with First Hampshire & Dorset, two additional week day early morning journeys and one later journey on the financially supported 15 service, to replace those commuter journeys lost on the 16 service. This has been achieved at no additional cost to the City Council.</p> <p>40 Wecock – Waterlooville – Hilsea – North End – City Centre – Palmerston Road</p> <p>41 Clanfield - Waterlooville – Hilsea – North End – City Centre – Hard Interchange (Gunwharf Quays)</p> <p>There have been further changes to timetables (frequencies) on the 40 and 41 bus services. Additionally to help improve reliability the 41 service will now go via Kingston Crescent and Mile End Road to the Hard Interchange. As a result of this change, the 41 service will no longer serve Kingston Road and Lake Road, however the 40 route will continue to serve both Kingston Road and Lake Road.</p>	<p>Danny Johnson Transport & Street Management Tel: 0294 1346</p>

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15		<p>Special Planning, Regeneration & Economic Development Decision Meeting Monday 8 June 2009 - Change in date</p> <p>Councillor Mike Hancock CBE has changed the date of his next decision meeting date from 29 May to Monday 8 June at 9.00am.</p> <p>The venue remains the same. Please adjust your diary accordingly.</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4662/ 9283 4052</p>
16		<p>Licensing Sub Committee - Wednesday 27 May 2009 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room in the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following applications will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • following the exclusion of the press and public; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr G • in open session; Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the variation of a premises licence - Buddha Bar & Restaurant, 110-114 Palmerston Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO5 3PT 	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4662/ 9283 4052</p>
17		<p>Planning Committee, Wednesday 27 May 2009 at 2.00pm in The Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, The Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth</p> <p>Committee members will consider the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09/00336/FUL 138 Elm Grove, Southsea, Portsmouth - Construction of part 2-/part 5-storey building including basement to form 6 flats after demolition of existing building (Re-submission of 08/02264/FUL) • 08/01570/FUL 61 High Street & 1 Magdala Road, Cosham, Portsmouth - Construction of part two/part three storey building to form 7 flats and restaurant/cafe (Class A3) after demolition of existing • 09/00093/ADV Kingston Crescent Surgery, 92 Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth - Display of internally illuminated and non-illuminated fascia signs to front and side elevations; 2 internally illuminated free-standing monolith signs facing Kingston Crescent and Gamble Road 	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4662/ 9283 4052</p>

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18		<p>Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) - Forthcoming Meetings</p> <p>Please note the following LSP meetings:</p> <p>Portsmouth Sustainability Action Group - meeting to be held on Thursday 28th May at 3.00pm in the Chief Executive's Conference Room, Civic Offices.</p> <p>Children's Trust Board - meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd June at 2.00pm in the Chief Executive's Conference Room, Civic Offices.</p>	<p>Jasmine Fletcher Principal Climate Change & Sustainability Co-ordinator. Tel: 9268 8156)</p> <p>Hayden Ginns, Commissioning and Partnerships Manager. Tel: 9283 4160)</p>
19		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 18 May 2009 Checklist 20/09</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>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Funding for Local Flood Risk Management - consultation workshop for local authorities - 28 May 2009</p> <p>As part of its response to the Pitt Review into the lessons learned from the 2007 floods, the Government has set aside £15 million of funding to support local authorities in implementing some of the Pitt recommendations. Authorities interested in providing views on how this funding might be allocated are invited to attend a free half day workshop at the Innovation Centre in Reading on 28 May. Defra will be presenting a range of options to local authorities to seek views and feedback which will be very helpful to Defra to gauge opinion and progress current options or to develop alternatives if appropriate. LGAalert Reference: 100/09</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/Continued ...</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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	(Cont'd)	<p>LGA EVENTS</p> <p>LGA Group improvement and innovation conference 25-26 November 2009, Hilton Deansgate Manchester The LGA group annual improvement and innovation conference and exhibition will take place on Wednesday 25 - Thursday 26 November 2009 at the Hilton Manchester Deansgate Hotel. The theme of this year's conference will focus on delivering better for less - sustaining improvement and innovation in difficult times. Councils are already responding to growing pressures on services brought about by increased demand, much tighter public finances and the longer term challenges of the economic downturn. This conference will give leading councillors, senior managers and performance and procurement officers a crucial opportunity to understand how to seize the opportunities of radical new ways of working. LGalert Reference: 99/09</p> <p>Children's social services in the spotlight - where to? 15 September 2009, Local Government House, London The LGA is running an important one day conference on Tuesday 15 September 2009 at Local Government House on "children's social services in the spotlight - where to?". This national conference will bring together an impressive range of speakers from all sectors and levels of government to explore developments in safeguarding and children's social work in 2009, looking at the challenges, the responses and where we go now to make social work a profession that is respected and which attracts the brightest and best to do this invaluable work, often in the most challenging circumstances. LGalert Reference: 101/09</p>	