

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 16

DATE: FRIDAY 24 APRIL 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 Friday 1 May 2009.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: PLANNING, REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>Extension of MTC Building Works</p> <p>Proposal: to extend the contract for 3 years and increase the contract threshold level to £100,000 as outlined below.</p> <p>The existing Measured Term Contract (MTC) for repairs and maintenance contracts commenced in April 2005 with the options to extend the contract to its full term of 10 years if performance was satisfactory. The existing contract extension expired in April 2009 and it is proposed to extend the contract for a further 3 years. It is also proposed to increase the contract threshold level to £100,000 to enable PCC to have a quicker response to larger repairs and maintenance projects.</p>	<p>John Bean Asset Management Service Tel: 9283 4651</p>
2		<p>Extension of MTC Mechanical Works</p> <p>Proposal: to extend the contract for 3 years and increase the contract threshold level to £100,000 as outlined below.</p> <p>The existing Measured Term Contract (MTC) for Mechanical Engineering Servicing and repairs and maintenance commenced in April 2005 with the option to extend the contract to its full 10 years if performance was satisfactory. The existing contract expired in April 2009 and it is proposed to extend the contract for a further 3 years. It is also proposed to increase the contract threshold level to £100,000 to match the Electrical MTC and to enable PCC to have a quicker response to larger Mechanical Engineering repairs and maintenance projects.</p>	<p>John Bean Asset Management Service Tel: 9283 4651</p>
3		<p>Procurement of Condition Database</p> <p>Proposal: to acquire the necessary database, as outlined below.</p> <p>Condition surveys of all PCC properties have been undertaken by external consultants NPS and recorded onto a database named 'Concerto'. To update and interrogate this data it will be necessary for Asset Management Services to acquire the database at an annual cost of £5,000 which will be funded from the Landlords Maintenance Budget.</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 Friday 1 May 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
4	09/00353/FUL St Thomas	161A Elm Grove Southsea Retention of single storey side extension	<p>One letter has been received from the proprietor of a hair dressing salon in Elm Grove wishing to object on the grounds that, (a) the extension has already been built; (b) that there are no other similar extensions in the locality; (c) the applicant carried out works to the properties either side of the salon disrupting drainage; (d) applied for retrospective permission for the use of 173 Elm Grove as a coffee shop; and (e) has yet to apply for permission for alterations to the boundary wall fronting St Andrew's Road.</p> <p>This application follows on from a recent refusal where it was concluded that the rendered external finish to the extension did not complement the face-brickwork and detailing on the remainder of the house. The applicant now proposes to smooth render and paint both the extension and front wall of the remainder of the house. The latter has been partly altered without the need for permission. Whilst the provision of a hipped roof to the extension would have been more preferable, the lean-to roof in the context of the street scene is nevertheless acceptable. With the application of a painted smooth render finish to both the extension and front wall of the remainder of the house, that would be sufficient to overcome the reason for refusal in that it would give the property its own identity from the remainder of the building and complement the similar external finish to the townhouses on the opposite side of the road.</p> <p>Turning to the issues raised by the objector, the alterations to the drains did not fall within the remit of the planning authority; the retrospective application for No.173 Elm Grove has been refused; and the applicant has been advised to submit an application for the retention of the front wall and steel sliding gate.</p>	<p>Ian Parkinson</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4301</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

5	09/00390/FUL Copnor	<p>113 Copnor Road Portsmouth</p> <p>Change of use from car vehicle repair workshop (Class B2) to pharmacy (Class A1) and installation of new shopfront</p>	<p>90 letters of representation received (including a letter from Baffins Ward Councillor Lynne Stagg) raising objection to: a) loss of the pharmacy within Chichester Road; b) no justified need for the development; c) the location of an existing chemist within Copnor Road; d) the development is in an out-of-centre location; e) the development would be out of keeping with the residential appearance of the block; f) the previous use as a garage would render the building unsuitable as a chemist; g) there are other empty premises within the street; h) no off-street parking proposed; i) no mechanism for refuse collection; j) highway safety; k) no place to make deliveries to the premises; l) safety and security of adjoining houses; m) impact to the safe access/egress of vehicles using the surgery car park; and n) no pedestrian crossing nearby.</p> <p>The applicants have forwarded a letter from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Practitioner and Patient Services Agency in support of the application.</p> <p>The property is within an out-of-centre location. The proposal seeks to change the use of the premises to a pharmacy (Class A1) use. No supporting information or sequential test has been submitted to show compliance with the requirements of policy DC36. The pharmacy (Class A1) use would have a floor area of 230sqm; however, the use is not in an area of identified deficiency. Furthermore the included Design & Access Statement does not demonstrate that there is a need for the proposed use. There is another pharmacy at No151 Copnor Road (within Copnor Road South Local Centre approximately 230m to the north of the site). It has therefore not been demonstrated how the proposed pharmacy (Class A1) use would comply with policies SP6, DC34 and DC36 of the Local Plan. In comparison to the existing car repair workshop (Class B2) use it is considered that the proposed pharmacy (Class A1) use would not have a significant effect on the amenities of adjoining and surrounding occupiers in terms of a localised increase in noise and general disturbance. In an appropriate location the proposed shopfront would be visually acceptable.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Refuse</p>
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Part 3 - Information and News Items

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	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
6	Charles Dickens	1 & 2 Seymour Terrace St Georges Way PO1 3RA – Appeal Decision Ref: 08/00027/FUL Decision: Allowed Decision Dated: 02/04/2009 An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for conversion of existing properties to houses in shared occupation for up to 13 persons; construction of additional storey (3 rd floor) to whole building, and 3 storey front extension, external alterations including new windows and rooflights, front boundary wall and associated cycle and refuse storage. This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to allow the appeal with conditions.	Mark Bridge Planning Service Tel: 9283 4298
7	Nelson	130 Lower Derby Road Stamshaw PO2 8EY – Appeal Decision Ref: 08/00932/PLAREG Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 21/04/2009 An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for retention of detached garage to rear. This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.	Nicola Frampton Planning Service Tel: 9283 4305
8		Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel – 16 April The Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel met to review ways to improve neighbour relationships with private and social lets. The meeting will consider evidence from Portsmouth Mediation Service, Portsmouth & District Landlords Association and a Local Authority Housing Service user. The panel will meet again on 7 th May 2009 to hear from Heads of Service within PCC regarding the resourcing implications and requirements of providing a city wide response to this issue.	Anthony Quinn Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4002

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9		<p>Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel – Monday 27 April</p> <p>The Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel will meet on 27th April 2009 to discuss Attainment & Achievement in National Challenge Initiative Schools in Portsmouth. The panel will discuss the evidence presented to them from the Head Teachers of the four national challenge Initiative Schools and determine how to progress this review. The panel will also have an information presentation regarding a tooth-brushing pilot scheme operating in Portsmouth.</p>	<p>Anthony Quinn Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4002</p>
10		<p>Employment Committee – Tuesday 28 April – 5.00 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</p> <p>At this meeting the committee will consider reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ICT (Information Service) Review * Changes to Library Staff Structure (part exempt) * Customer Services Review (part exempt) * Regeneration & Business Service - proposed redundant post (exempt report) * Interim Human Resources Policies (supplementary item) <p>NB: All Members are invited to a presentation at 4.00 pm in Meeting Room 2, Guildhall on Interim Human Resources Policies.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</p>
11		<p>Licensing Sub Committee - Wednesday 29 April 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"> • Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a premises licence - Churchills, 25 Marmion Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO5 2AT • Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a premises licence - 'Raj Dulal', 60 Fawcett Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 0DN 	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4662/4052</p>

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12		<p>Development Control Committee, Wednesday 29 April at 2.00pm, Conference Room A, Floor 2, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth</p> <p>The committee will consider the following main agenda item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the prosecution of Paul Harvey for the demolition of 18 Nelson Road, Southsea <p>The committee will consider the following Development Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09/00335/FUL 17 Hewett Road, Copnor, Portsmouth - Retention of use of land adjacent 117 as private garden with associated means of enclosure. • 09/00188/FUL Stores Canoe Lake, Southsea - Change of use of store to form cafe or restaurant (Class A3); external alterations to include replacement windows. • 09/00276/FUL 1 Brankesmere Terrace, Queens Crescent, Southsea - Construction of part 2/part single storey side extension (re-submission of 08/01203/FUL). • 09/00159/FUL 78 Lumsden Road, Southsea - Alterations and conversion to form 2 flats. • 09/00250/CON Concrete Shelter, Eastney Esplanade, Southsea - Demolition of concrete shelter (Re-submission of 08/00377/CON). 	<p>Karen Martin/ Lucy Wingham Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4052/4662</p>
13		<p>Mobile Phone Contract</p> <p>The city council had a contract for mobile phone requirements, with an annual spend of £180,000, which has now come to an end.</p> <p>A replacement contract has been tendered using collaboration through the OGC framework agreement and the contract will be awarded to T-mobile for the majority of our mobiles and O2 and Vodafone for those with signal difficulty (depending on the requirements).</p> <p>The contract is being let for 2 years so it will coincide in with the outcome of a review of IT network systems currently being undertaken.</p>	<p>David Pointon Procurement Manager Tel: 9283 4406</p>

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14		<p>Change of Address for Councillor Lee Hunt</p> <p>Councillor Hunt has a new correspondence address:</p> <p>c/o 3 Dock Mill Cottages Napier Road Southsea PO5 2RD</p>	<p>Members' Services Tel: 9283 4172</p>
15		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 20 April 2009 Checklist 16/09</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>URBAN COMMISSION 2009/10</p> <p>The LGA will continue to regard authorities currently in membership of the Urban Commission, together with their current representatives and voting allocations, as members for 2009/10 unless notified to the contrary. The annual meeting of the Urban Commission will take place on Wednesday 28 October 2009 at Local Government House, London. LGalert Reference: 79/09.</p> <p>SOCIAL CARE</p> <p>Working with User Led Organisations</p> <p>User-led organisations (ULOs) are local organisations, run and controlled by disabled people, carers and other people who use support. They aim to promote independent living, be accountable to their constituency and demonstrate a commitment to these throughout all their activities. As well as funding Action Learning Sites, the Department of Health (along with the LGA, IDeA and others) has recently published for a guide for councils on working with ULOs. LGalert Reference: 77/09</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>