

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 15

DATE: FRIDAY 17 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 WILD SMITH (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

NB: Apart from Planning Applications there are no Part Two items this week.

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 24 April 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
1	09/00231/FUL St Jude	<p>5 Brandon Road Southsea Portsmouth</p> <p>Construction of first floor extension over existing rear projection (resubmission of 08/01250/FUL)</p>	<p>One letter received raising objection to: a) overbearing impact; b) loss of light; c) increased sense of enclosure; d) errors within the submitted plans; and e) the letter requests that members of the Development Control Committee visit the site.</p> <p>A similar proposal for a first floor extension was refused in September 2008 solely on the impact to No4 Brandon Road (in terms of loss of light, outlook and sense of enclosure). This followed a visit to the site by members who shared the views of officers on the unacceptable impact on No4 Brandon Road. As now amended, the height of the proposed extension has been reduced by 0.5m to 7.8m (with a pitched roof) but more significantly it would be located 5m from the boundary with No4 Brandon Road (a total of 10m from habitable room windows). In light of the existing relationship between properties and the spatial separation now proposed it is considered that the extension would not have a significant effect on the amenities of No4 Brandon Road and would thereby overcome the previous reason for refusal.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>
2	09/00243/FUL Drayton & Farlington	<p>444 Havant Road Farlington Portsmouth</p> <p>Construction of dormer windows to east and west (side) roofslopes; new gable end build up and balcony to first floor rear elevation (Amended Scheme 06/00523/FUL)</p>	<p>Two letters of objection have been received from nearby residents on the grounds that the proposed balcony would; (a) create an undue loss of privacy, (b) overlook the garden and houses on Broad Gardens and, (c) consequently devalue the price of the houses. There is no objection to the proposed roof extensions.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Permission</p>

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2	(Cont'd)		<p>The applicant seeks permission for dormer windows to both side roof slopes, a new gable build up and balcony to rear elevation. This is an amended scheme of a previous permission granted in 2008. The applicant now proposes the gable build up to the rear of the property which would incorporate a modest balcony 0.7m deep by 2.5m wide in front of a pair of french doors serving two bedrooms. The proposed works would amount to acceptable features in relation to both the existing and surrounding properties. It is therefore considered that in the context of policy DC1 of the Local Plan the proposal is acceptable.</p> <p>In terms of whether the proposals would have an impact on the amenity of adjoining occupiers, given the spatial separation and the relationship with the adjoining properties, it is considered that the additional building bulk to the back would not have a significant affect on outlook or privacy. Furthermore, the balcony would not be used by the occupiers as an amenity space, and would only allow for the opening of the proposed french doors. Therefore in my view the proposed addition to the roofslope would not have an adverse impact on the amenity of the adjoining occupiers and would prove to be in accordance with policy DC5 of the Local Plan.</p> <p>The loss of property value does not amount to material planning considerations.</p>	
3	09/00278/FUL Drayton & Farlington	<p>The Carlton Club 16-18 Portsdown Avenue Drayton</p> <p>Construction of single storey rear extension and garden shelter (Amended Scheme 08/00965/FUL)</p>	<p>One letter has been received from a nearby resident objecting to the retention of the smoking shelter on the grounds of; (a) its size; (b) overlooking and loss of privacy; (c) loss of light; (d) general disturbance; and (e) not drawn as built.</p> <p>The applicant seeks retrospective permission for the retention of a single storey rear extension and a smoking shelter. This application follows an enforcement complaint that the shelter was not built in accordance with the plans submitted as part of the previous application (ref.08/00965/FUL) and the applicant was subsequently invited to make a re-submission.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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4	09/00298/FUL Central Southsea	144 St Augustine Road Southsea Construction of single storey rear extension	<p>One letter of comment has been received from the occupiers of the adjoining property to the south expressing concern that the demolition of the existing projection will leave a gap in the boundary resulting in a loss of privacy and security until the works are completed. The adjoining occupiers also make reference to the Party Wall Act, although this represents a private legal matter between the parties concerned, and the possibility that the applicant's dogs could access the adjoining garden during construction. The City Council as local planning authority would have no jurisdiction over the latter.</p> <p>Permission is sought for a single storey rear extension to provide an open plan kitchen and dining room. The extension would be constructed of brick to match the existing and roofed with tiles.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Permission</p>

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5	09/00316/FUL Drayton & Farlington	<p>5 St Hellens Road Drayton Portsmouth</p> <p>Construction of first floor front extension to include half dormer windows</p>	<p>One letter of comment has been received from the occupier of the adjoining property suggesting that the front elevation would look better without the proposed central dormer window.</p> <p>The applicant seeks to enlarge the roof space of the property by increasing the ridge height by 0.9m to facilitate construction of three dormer windows to the new front roof slope. The dormer windows, each 1.4m wide and some 2.2m in height with a pitched roof are to be constructed to the front elevation. The dormers, which would be aligned over existing ground floor window and door openings, are considered to relate satisfactorily to the enlarged roof and would not amount to visually obtrusive features. Furthermore, considering the varying design of bungalows and houses along St Hellens Road, the proposal is considered appropriate in terms of design and would not detract from character or appearance of the street scene. The proposal would not have a detrimental impact on residential amenity in terms of loss of outlook, light or privacy. In these circumstances the proposal is considered capable of support.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Permission</p>

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6		<p>Employment Committee - 14 April 2009</p> <p>At this meeting, the Employment Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Received an update about the progress of the Local Pay Review. Deputations were heard from representatives of Unison and Unite. Earlier in the day there had also been a meeting of the Staff Joint Committee at which representations were made by the Unions about aspects of the LPR results. The staff consultation period is due to end on 19 April. The results of this consultation and the representations made by the Unions will be considered and conclusions drawn regarding any possible changes to the LPR offer, with a view to having a further meeting with the unions and consultations with staff as appropriate. This further review is expected to be completed by July. * noted the quarterly well being update. There has been a small reduction in average sickness absence. * Noted the six-monthly employment law update. * Agreed there will be an additional meeting of the Employment Committee on 28 April at 5pm to consider, amongst other things, the ICT Review * Approved the review of the structure of the Legal, Licensing and Registrars Service, including the creation of a number of posts and the deletion of others, to ensure that the service has the capacity and skills to undertake the work required in-house, as well as adequate resources to monitor out-sourced work to ensure the council receives value for money. No redundancies are proposed in the review. * Approved proposals for the revised structure of the Museums and Records Service (details of which were given in an exempt appendix) which will reduce total staff levels by 4 posts, with some staff being at risk of redundancy. * Deferred consideration of an exempt report on the Customer Services Review involving the proposed deletion of two posts. This report, with additional information requested by members, will be considered at the extra meeting on 28 April. 	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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7		<p>Executive Arrangements – Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p> <p>The next Forward Plan, produced in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000, were published on 14 April 2009.</p> <p>The Plan covers matters that are likely to be the subject of a key decision (as defined in Article 13(3) of the Constitution) in the next 4-month period, commencing on 1 May 2009.</p> <p>A copy of the Plan has been sent to those members of the City Council who have requested a paper copy, and a copy placed in each Members' Room.</p> <p>Key decisions will be taken by the whole Cabinet (formerly referred to as the Executive), or by individual Cabinet Members, on or after the dates shown in the Plan.</p> <p>The financial threshold for key decisions is £250,000 or 25% of the relevant budget item, whichever is the greater. Key decisions may also be made in relation to matters that have a significant effect on local communities.</p> <p>The Forward Plan contains a list of the documents (when available) due to be considered in relation to the key decisions to be taken, and gives a contact for each item.</p> <p>The Forward Plan also contains details of Budget and Policy Framework decisions to be made by the City Council, in accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution (general reservation of powers to the City Council).</p> <p>The Plan is available for inspection by the public during normal office hours at the Civic Offices Information Desk, and the City Council's web site at http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil/1446.html.</p> <p>The Forward Plan will be published for each following four calendar month period on the 14th day of each month or the nearest working day.</p>	<p>Karen Martin Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4052</p>

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8		<p>Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel (HOSP) - 15 April</p> <p>The HOSP met to consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyperbaric Medicine Unit Scrutiny Review • St Mary's Health Campus Scrutiny Review Project Brief • 18-Week Referral Update • Portsmouth Hospitals Trust Quarterly Letter • Adult Social Care Quarterly Letter • Sign-off of Annual Health Check Comments • Portsmouth Hospitals Trust Working Lunch <p>The panel next meet formally on 10 June at 2pm, in Conference Room B.</p>	<p>Katie Benton Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9268 8360</p>
9		<p>Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) - Forthcoming meetings</p> <p>Please note the following meeting:</p> <p>Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership - meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st April at 2.00pm in Conference Room B, Civic Offices</p>	<p>Hayden Ginns, Commissioning and Partnerships Manager. Tel: 9283 4160</p>
10		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing 13 April 2009 - Checklist [15/09]</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 LGA net – the Local Government Association internet service at http://www.lga.gov.uk.</p> <p>LGA GROUP VACANCIES</p> <p>National Adviser - Local Performance Secondment Opportunity or Fixed Term Contract (Maternity Cover commencing May 2009)</p> <p>This post is part of the Corporate, Communities and Partnerships team in Strategy Directorate at IDeA. LG Alert Reference: 75/09</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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10	(Cont'd)	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</p> <p>New powers for council scrutiny come into law New scrutiny powers from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act were brought into law on 1 April 2009. The Department for Communities and Local Government should announce soon a timetable for draft Regulations to be produced and finalised. These have already been the subject of consultation with councils, including events organised by the LGA. The LGA is working with the Centre for Public Scrutiny to produce a short Q and A briefing on using the powers in advance of the Regulations, which we will circulate as soon as the timetable for Regulations is clear, and post on the websites of both organisations. LG Alert Reference: 74/09</p> <p>TRADING STANDARDS</p> <p>Scam emails claiming to be from Train Operating Companies First Capital Connect, National Express East Anglia, and the Association of Train Operating Companies have brought to our attention that there are a number of approaches being made to councils, purporting to be on behalf of Train Operating Companies (TOCs), asking for money to help support the issuing of timetables and other activities. Unfortunately they have been successful in some cases, but this money is not going to the activities they claim. Trading Standards have been contacted by the councils concerned, and they have suggested this is a police matter. You might wish to alert appropriate colleagues within your organisation, or act accordingly should you hear anything suspicious along these lines. LG Alert Reference: 76/09</p>	