

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 2

DATE: FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 2011

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 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

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>Cabinet Decision Meeting – 10 January</p> <p>The Cabinet took the following decisions:-</p> <p>Regulation of Watermen in Portsmouth Harbour</p> <p>This report stands referred to the council for approval and therefore is not subject to call-in.</p> <p>Review into Portsmouth City Council’s use of consultants</p> <p>The Cabinet</p> <p>(1) thanked the Scrutiny Management Panel for its work in undertaking the review</p> <p>(2) approved the recommendations of the Scrutiny Management Panel and instructed the relevant officers to progress them, with the exception of recommendation (7).</p> <p>Local Transport Plan 3</p> <p>This report stands referred to the council for approval and therefore is not subject to call-in.</p> <p>Regeneration Strategy</p> <p>This report stands referred to the council for approval and therefore is not subject to call-in.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/Cont’d ...</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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cont'd	<p>Portsmouth Public Health Service</p> <p>The Cabinet decided</p> <p>(1) to delegate authority to the Strategic Director with responsibility for Health & Social Care and Strategic Director & Section 151 Officer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree with NHS Portsmouth the legal arrangements necessary to operate an integrated Public Health Service administered by the City Council from April 2011 • Second existing Public Health employees and the DPH into Portsmouth City Council by 1st April 2011 and link these teams with the Council's Health Improvement and Development Service <p>(2) to develop a new organisational structure for the Local Public Health Service.</p> <p>(3) to give approval to the scoping work and options for the shape of the future local public health service for Portsmouth, to be reported to Cabinet by June 2011.</p> <p>(4) to delegate authority to respond to relevant consultation papers to the Strategic Director with responsibility for Health & Social Care in consultation with the Strategic Director & Section 151 Officer.</p> <p>Budget 2011/12 and 2012/13</p> <p>This report stands referred to the council for approval and therefore is not subject to call-in.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/Cont'd ...</p>	

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	cont'd	<p>Calculation of the Tax Base 2011/12 and estimation of Council Tax Collection Fund Balance at 31 March 2011</p> <p>The Cabinet agreed that</p> <p>(1) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation Of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as amended, the amount calculated by Portsmouth City Council as its council tax base 2011/12 shall be 59,914.9</p> <p>(2) that in accordance with the Local Authorities (Funds) (England) Regulations 1992 as amended, the amount calculated by Portsmouth City Council as the surplus on its Collection Fund at 31 March 2011 shall be £1.6m.</p> <p>NB Call-in date: Tuesday 18 January 2011</p>	

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 21 January 2011.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
2	Nelson	Continental Ferry Port Charges Proposal: To authorise the Port Manager to levy revised Unit Dues at the Ferry Port for the calendar year 2011 to ferry companies using the Continental Ferry Port, these charges will come into force from 1 January 2011 (backdated). A copy of the exempt report with full details of the charges has been placed in the Members' Room for information.	Mark Willcox Business Manager Port Services Tel: 9285 5914

	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
3	St Thomas	<p>Representative on the Somerstown Adventure Playground Supporters Group</p> <p>Proposal: that Councillor Rob Wood be appointed as the PCC representative on this body (should no other councillor express a wish to be considered for this post) for the remainder of the municipal year.</p> <p>An approach has been made to the Leader of the Council by the Somerstown Adventure Playground Supporters Group for a councillor to join their committee which meets once a month at the playground or at the Navigators Resource Centre. Councillor Rob Wood has volunteered to take on this role, as a ward councillor but should there be other councillors wishing to put their name forward an item will be taken to the next Housing Cabinet meeting. Should there be no other volunteers Councillor Wood would be appointed for the rest of the municipal year and then this can be considered with the annual appointments at the start of the next municipal year. Nominations should be made to Stewart Agland the Local Democracy Manager by Friday 21 January. No expenses or remuneration is paid for these duties.</p>	<p>Stewart Agland Local Democracy Manager Tel: 9283 4055</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 21 January 2011**. 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	Case Officer Proposed Decision
4	10/01081/FUL Milton	<p>Land Adjacent 1 Crofton Road Southsea</p> <p>Construction of two-storey detached dwelling to include double garage and cycle/refuse storage</p>	<p>Four letters of representation have been received objecting on the following grounds: loss of privacy; increased traffic; loss of open space; out of keeping with existing streetscene; projecting beyond existing building line; loss of outlook; materials and design out of character; access inappropriate; loss of light; disturbance from building works; and loss of property value.</p> <p>The design of the proposed dwelling, whilst unconventional due to the constraints of the site, is considered acceptable such that it would complement the character of the area and sit comfortably in the streetscene. The proposal is considered to have an acceptable relationship with neighbouring dwellings such that it would not significantly affect the residential amenities of the occupiers of those properties. The proposed parking and access arrangements are considered acceptable. In respect of the other issues raised, the potential impact of building works are not considered to represent an issue that would warrant the refusal of planning permission and the loss of property value is not a material planning consideration.</p>	<p>Simon Barnett</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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5	10/01185/FUL Central Southsea	151 Albert Road Southsea Conversion of part rear ground floor and upper floors to form one dwelling and 3 flats including front/side and rear dormer windows, first floor infill extension and external alterations to include new doorway, replacement windows and associated refuse/cycle storage (Amended Scheme 07/00602/FUL)	<p>One email of objection has been received from the occupiers of the adjoining and nearby properties in Harold Road on the grounds of bulk, overbearing impact, loss of light, loss of privacy, noise, fumes, traffic, loss of visual amenity and health and safety.</p> <p>This scheme entails the conversion of part of the ground floor, all of the first floor and installation of dormer windows to the roofslopes to create one house and three flats, and the construction of a modest infill extension to the lightwell to facilitate access to the proposed flats. With the retention of the commercial use at ground floor the proposed conversion would be acceptable in principle. The proposed dormer windows and external alterations are considered to relate satisfactorily to the existing building, and the creation of four units of living accommodation from this double frontage property would amount to a reasonable use of the building. No part of the proposed scheme would adversely affect the living conditions of the occupiers of the adjoining properties, and with the inclusion of an open hardstanding and garage to the rear the level of on-site car parking is considered acceptable. Subject to the applicant meeting the normal policy requirements in respect of open space and sustainable transport the proposed scheme is considered capable of support.</p>	<p>Ian Parkinson Tel: 023 9283 4301 Conditional Permission</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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6		<p>Change of Date – January PRED Decision Meeting</p> <p>The next scheduled Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development (PRED) Portfolio Decision meeting was due to be held on 28 January. This has now been changed to Monday 31 January 2011 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room in the Guildhall, Portsmouth. Members are asked to note the change of date in their diary.</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
7		<p>Health & Social Care Cabinet – Rescheduled Date of Decision Meeting</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care, Councillor Leo Madden, has with the agreement of group spokespersons, decided to postpone his decision meeting which was scheduled for 1 February 2011. The meeting will now take place on Tuesday 22 February at 10.00am in the Executive Meeting Room, The Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p>	<p>Karen Martin Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>
8		<p>Housing Cabinet – 1 February – Revised Time</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing's decision meeting on 1st February will take place at 12 noon (rather than 4pm) and items are due to include the Sheltered Housing Night Service, Housing rents and the Housing Investment Programme.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>
9		<p>The Licensing Sub Committee - Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the review of a premises licence – Roast Bar, 21-23 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth, PO1 2RY</p> <p>The meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12 January 2011 was adjourned at the request of the premises license holder and with the agreement of the Licensing Sub Committee.</p> <p>The meeting has been rescheduled for 9.30am on Thursday, 10 February 2011 in the Executive Meeting Room, The Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p>	<p>Karen Martin Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>
10		<p>Councillor Alistair Thompson - Change of Address</p> <p>Please note that in December Councillor Thompson moved to No 112 Lidiard Gardens, Southsea, PO4 9LF. He has kept the same landline number.</p>	<p>Member Services Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4172</p>

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11	All	<p>Temporary Relaxation of Opening Hours of licensed premises for the sale of alcohol on the premises and provision of regulated entertainment – Friday 29th and Saturday 30th April 2011</p> <p>On 29 April 2011, there will be national celebrations of the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. To mark the occasion, the government has declared the day a public holiday.</p> <p>Many pubs and other licensed premises may wish to open later over that weekend to take advantage of the celebrations and the long weekend.</p> <p>Currently, licence holders have to apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) to extend their opening hours for a limited period. However, these are subject to annual limits and may be refused if the police object on the grounds of crime and disorder.</p> <p>Under section 172 of the Licensing Act 2003, the Secretary of State may make an order relaxing opening hours for licensed premises to mark an occasion of 'exceptional international, national or local significance'. The Royal Wedding is considered such an occasion. A 'licensing hours order' can be used to override existing opening hours in licensed premises, i.e. any premises with a premises licence or club premises certificate for a period of up to four days.</p> <p>The Royal Wedding is a time of national celebration and the government wants everyone to be able to participate. For this reason, the government is considering temporarily extending the opening hours of licensed premises in England and Wales to 1am on Friday 29 April and Saturday 30 April.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Government has today launched a consultation proposing a relaxation of licensing hours to mark the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton on 29th April 2011. The consultation proposes that all licensed premises in England and Wales should be able to open until 1am on Friday 29th April and Saturday 30th April for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises and the provision of regulated entertainment.</p> <p>The Government is inviting views on this proposal. The consultation will run for two weeks starting from today, Wednesday 12th January 2011 and will close on Wednesday 26th January 2011. The full consultation document and information on how to respond can be found on the Home Office website. The link to access the consultation document and online consultation response form is below.</p> <p>http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/consultations/royal-wedding-licensing-hours/</p>	<p>Nickii Humphreys Licensing Manager Legal, Licensing & Registrars Tel: 9283 4604</p>

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12		<p data-bbox="398 199 1440 236">Changes to Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit from April 2011</p> <p data-bbox="398 272 1758 344">From April 2011 for all new housing benefit and council tax benefit claims the Government plans (subject to parliamentary approval) to:</p> <ul data-bbox="434 384 1704 943" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="434 384 1704 456">• end the maximum £15 weekly housing benefit excess that some customers can receive under the local housing allowance (LHA) arrangements; <li data-bbox="434 475 1648 547">• reduce all LHA rates so that about 3 in 10 properties for rent in the area should be affordable to people on housing benefit rather than every 5 in 10 properties as now; <li data-bbox="434 566 1641 638">• remove the five bedroom LHA rate so that the maximum level is for a four bedroom property; <li data-bbox="434 657 1574 852">• introduce absolute caps so that LHA weekly rates in any area cannot exceed: <ul data-bbox="510 708 1021 852" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="510 708 1021 743">- £250 for a one bedroom property <li data-bbox="510 746 1021 782">- £290 for a two bedroom property <li data-bbox="510 785 1021 820">- £340 for a three bedroom property <li data-bbox="510 823 1021 852">- £400 for a four bedroom property <li data-bbox="434 871 1563 943">• to increase the non dependant charge that is applied to housing benefit and council tax benefit for friends and family that live in the household. <p data-bbox="398 983 1765 1166">For existing customers, apart from the maximum £15 excess which will end immediately on the anniversary date and non dependant deduction increase which will take effect immediately from April 2011, there will be transitional protection of up to nine months following the claim anniversary date. There will be some circumstances where protection will stop before the end of the nine months for example if there is a change of address.</p> <p data-bbox="398 1206 1765 1310">There will also be a beneficial change, to a small number of claimants, to allow an additional bedroom for disabled people who have a carer that stays overnight but who doesn't normally live with them.</p> <p data-bbox="398 1350 1736 1422">For more on these changes please see the detailed information brief which has been placed in the members' rooms.</p>	<p data-bbox="1787 199 2056 304">Alan Knight Benefits Manager Tel: 9284 1460</p>

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13		<p>Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel – 24 January</p> <p>The Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel will meet on Monday 24th January at 2 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Third Floor, The Guildhall to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commence their review of Paediatric Cardiac Services, on behalf of the Health, Overview & Scrutiny Panel 	<p>Jane Di Dino Customer, Community & Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4060</p>
14		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 10 January 2011</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 GROUP EVENTS</p> <p>Can we afford not to adapt to climate change? This conference will take place on Tuesday 1 February 2011 Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ. LG Group Alert Reference: 6/11</p> <p>Community safety and disorder: the new agenda – policing, reoffending and licensing reform conference This one-day conference taking place on Tuesday 1 February 2011 at Local Government House, London, SW1P 3HZ, will look at the practical impact on councils day to day community safety and licensing work. LG Group Alert Reference: 7/11</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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	<p>Housing finance reform – seizing the moment The LGA has prepared this conference on Thursday 17 February 2011, at Local Government House, Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the implications of self financing on the sustainability of council housing services. • Provide an insight into the details behind the clauses in the Localism Bill • Provide the chance to hear the latest from the leading experts on housing finance. • Give delegates a chance to get a head start on what the implications for self financing will mean for your council. LG Group Alert Reference: 4/11 <p>LG Group Annual fire conference The 14th annual fire conference and exhibition, taking place at the Hilton Newcastle Gateshead Hotel from 8-9 March 2011, will explore a number of the most topical issues on the national agenda, and will debate the key challenges facing the service in the future. LG Group Alert Reference: 11/11</p> <p>LG Group/CLOA Culture, tourism and sport annual conference 2011 – all change? The 2011 LG Group/CLOA annual Culture, Tourism and Sport (CTS) conference on Thursday 3 – Friday 4 March 2011 at Royal York Hotel, YO24 1AA, will allow delegates to access cutting edge strategic thinking, leading opinion formers and find out about new delivery models that could save Local Authorities' money. LG Group Alert Reference: 3/11</p> <p>Putting the big society into practice conference The LG Group will be holding a conference on the Big Society on 22 February 2011 at the Hilton Newcastle Gateshead Hotel. This unique one day conference will look at the very practical issues councils face in delivering the Big Society agenda. LG Group Alert Reference: 10/11</p> <p>The new shape of public services: Local authorities and adult learning and skills Forthcoming policy conference on Monday 31 January 2011 at Local Government House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ, which will consider Local Authorities' strategic role for adult learning and skills as we move forward into the new age of public services LG Group Alert Reference: 2/11</p>	

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	<p>Using the 2012 Olympic and paralympic games to benefit your communities At this timely conference on 2 February 2011 at Local Government House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ , London, delegates will hear from government about its plans for working with councils to achieve a community sport legacy and a national Olympics-style school sport competition and from the Organising Committee about the torch relay route, ticketing and volunteering. LG Group Alert Reference: 5/11</p> <p>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</p> <p>Consultation on the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and the Education (School day and School Year) (England) Regulations for the Royal Wedding Bank Holiday This is to inform you that the Department for Education intends to reduce the 2010/11 academic school year by one day to allow school staff and pupils to celebrate the Royal Wedding on the 29 April 2011 or to close on another day if the Royal Wedding falls on a school closure or non-contact day. It has launched a consultation on these proposals. The expectation is that these statutory changes will come into force on the Friday 18 February 2011. LG Group Alert Reference: 8/11</p> <p>Social Work Reform Board Progress Report In December 2010 the Social Work Reform Board (SWRB) published its Building a Safe and Confident Future: One Year On. The report sets out draft proposals for the working conditions that social workers should expect from their employers and the greater professionalization of social work. The reforms will affect the profession, service users and carers as well as organisations that educate and employ social workers. The Reform Board is seeking views on its proposals until 31 March 2011. LG Group Alert Reference: 9/11</p> <p>16-19 staffing issues update January 2011 This note updates councils on 16-19 staffing issues and replaces alert number 156/10 issued on 22 December 2010. That alert referred to a note entitled "Transferred Learning and Skills Council staff – redundancy, compensation and pension issues" (hereafter referred to as "the note"). LG Group Alert Reference: 1/11</p>	