

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 51

DATE: FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2008

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

THERE ARE NO PART ONE ITEMS THIS WEEK

Part 2 - Proposals from Managers for Implementation

APART FROM PLANNING APPLICATIONS THERE ARE NO PART 2 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 Tuesday 30th December 2008**. 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	08/01994/FUL Eastney & Craneswater	64 Gains Road Southsea Conversion to form two flats and one maisonette, with external alterations including blocking up of two windows	<p>Four letters of objection have been received from residents within Gains Road on the grounds of: a) increased pressure on on-street car parking; b) house should be retained; c) out of character with street; d) drawings not available online.</p> <p>A letter of objection has been received from Councillor Terry Hall (Eastney and Craneswater Ward) on the grounds of: a) overdevelopment of the site; b) development contrary to parking standards SPD; c) inappropriate refuse storage; d) inappropriate cycle storage; e) out of character with the street which is made up of houses.</p> <p>The conversion of a house to flats must be assessed against policy DC42. Considering that the gross floor space of the house as originally built exceeds 140sq.m. the proposed conversion is acceptable in principle. The proposal is not considered to have a significant effect on the amenity of the adjoining occupiers in terms of loss of light, outlook or privacy. The modest external alterations, to block up two windows, are considered appropriate. The proposal results in a net increase in demand for car parking of 1 space. The site is 220 metres from local shops and services on Albert Road and bus routes to and from the City Centre. The site is not capable of providing an on-site car parking space. Having regard to paragraphs 11 and 23 of the Residential Parking Standards SPD the proposal is considered acceptable.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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2	07/02135/OUT Eastney & Craneswater	<p>Lake House 12 St Helens Parade Southsea</p> <p>Outline Application for residential development for 8 flats (Scheme 2) - access,appearance,layout and scale to be considered</p>	<p>Nine letters of objection and one letter of support received. The supporter considers the existing building is a run-down eyesore and the proposed building would enhance the conservation area. The Environment Agency object to the proposed development on the ground that the flood risk assessment does not adequately assess the risk of flooding to the proposed development or the access routes.</p> <p>Given the objection from the Environment Agency the application should be refused. In addition there are concerns about the design of the proposed replacement building and this would form a second reason for refusal.</p>	<p>John Pike</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4303</p> <p>Refuse</p>



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3		<p>Finance & Resources Scrutiny Panel – Tuesday 9 December 2008</p> <p>The Finance & Resources Scrutiny Panel met on Tuesday 9 December 2008 and received a report on matters to be considered before a decision can be made regarding the possibility of introducing council tax discount for pensioner households.</p>	<p>Vicki Plytas Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4058</p>
4		<p>Employment Committee – 17 December 2008</p> <p>At this meeting, the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that the revised Recruitment and Selection policy be adopted with immediate effect, with consequent revisions to the Managers' HR Handbook • Approved the revised Redundancy Redeployment policy (with some minor drafting revisions), with consequent revisions to the Manager's HR Handbook • Made comments on the consultation paper received from the Department of Communities and Local Government in relation to the proposed Code of Conduct for Employees (the proposed Code for Members having already been considered by the Standards Committee on 3 November), which the Head of Human Resources and City Solicitor will now forward by the consultation deadline of 24 December 2008. 	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</p>
5		<p>Democratic and Community Engagement Service – Moving Office</p> <p>Over this weekend Democratic Services, CIED and FOI will be moving to new accommodation together on Floor 3 Core 2. This is the area where CIED was previously located; the opposite side of the corridor to Strategic Directors, after the Media Office/Comms team.</p> <p>Co-locating these teams together will help us to to continue to build new synergies between democratic and communities engagement. The move is also intend to provide better working conditions for staff and a contemporary space for local democracy aided by a clear desk policy. This move sees the introduction of the PCC corporate standard for desk space, which while sadly less than some staff have previously enjoyed, will make better use of the civic offices and reduce costs on accommodation elsewhere.</p> <p>The Office of Lord Mayor, Members Services and Elections Services all stay where they are.</p>	<p>Fiona White Head of Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9268 8555</p>

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6		<p>Development Control Committee - 17 December</p> <p>The Committee considered the following main agenda item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update - Minute No 170/08 - 08/00904/FUL - Cosham United Reform Church, Mulberry Lane, Cosham – Construction of seven dwelling houses with associated parking after demolition of existing buildings (Amended scheme 07/01220/FUL) <p>The Committee noted the Head of Planning Services' verbal update.</p> <p>The Committee made the following decisions on Development Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/02141/FUL - Alliance House & St Marys Arms, St Marys Road, Fratton – construction of 1/2/3 storey building to form 32 flats with associated car parking and landscaping (after demolition of existing buildings) was Granted Permission with additional conditions. • 08/02157/CON - Alliance House & St Marys Arms, St Marys Road, Fratton – Demolition of existing buildings to facilitate redevelopment (Conservation Area Consent) was Granted Consent. • 08/01523/FUL - 11 Hilsea Market, London Road, Hilsea – Change of use from shop (class A1) to delicatessen/café (class A3/A5) was Granted Conditional Permission. • 08/01572/FUL - St James Hospital, Locksway Road, Milton – installation of CCTV cameras to front elevation (adjacent to main entrance) and in hospital grounds was Granted Conditional Permission with the deletion of camera no. 6. • 08/01625/FUL - Public House, 116 North End Avenue, Portsmouth – construction of part 3 and part 4 storey building to form 12 flats after demolition of existing building was Refused Permission. 	<p>Karen Martin Tel: 9283 4052 Lucy Wingham Tel: 9283 4662 Democratic & Community Engagement</p>

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7	Contd/...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/01728/FUL - 235 Powerscourt Road, Copnor, Portsmouth – conversion from shop to 2 dwellinghouses including construction of part single/two-storey rear extension was Granted Conditional Permission with amended conditions. • 08/01723/FUL - 8 Surrey Street, Portsmouth – construction of part 19-25 storey hotel (Class C1) (with two additional basement floors) up to 11038 sqm of gross floorspace, and detached coffee bar (Class A3) up to 26 sqm fronting Station Street was Granted Conditional Permission. <p>The Development Control Committee meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday 7 January 2009 at 2.00pm has been cancelled due to insufficient development applications. All members to please note.</p> <p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 15 December 2008 - Checklist 50/08</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>COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR</p> <p>Advancing Assets for Communities - Round 3</p> <p>Following Rounds 1 and 2 of the Advancing Assets for Communities demonstration programme that have been running since May 2007, the Development Trust Association (DTA) has announced the launch of Round 3. In this next round DTA will be working with a further 30 local authorities and community partners across England, contributing in each place around 10 days of free, tailored consultancy advice and support. DTA are now looking for Expressions of Interest from Local Authority areas across England. The deadline for submissions is 12 noon on Friday, 30th January 2008. LGAalert Reference: 224/08</p> <p>LGA EVENTS</p> <p>First Annual Emergency Planning Conference and Exhibition 3-4 February 2009</p> <p>This two day conference will look at what the future holds for emergency planning, and the challenges ahead in maintaining momentum in the face of high profile risks not only from natural disasters such as flooding, but from flu pandemics to acts of terrorism. It will be held at the Royal Armouries, Leeds, from 3-4 February 2009. LGAalert Reference: 223/08</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 Conference - 24 February 2009 This conference, taking place at Local Government House Conference Centre, aims to take the LGA's work on the review of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Subsidy System forward. The conference will give delegates the chance to hear the latest thinking from key players who have been involved in the review. This event will give delegates a chance to get an early indication of the likely outcome from the review and its effect on them. It will also be a chance to help develop further the 'local government ask' for housing finance. LGalert Reference: 225/08</p> <p>LGA/CLOA Annual culture, tourism and sport conference and exhibition 17-18 March 2009 Now in its 8th successful year, this is the definitive event for senior figures in local government, central government and partner agencies to come together to debate the major issues facing those working in culture, tourism and sport. The 2009 event will explore how councils can work with partners to increase participation in culture, sport and tourism. It will be held at the Thistle Hotel, Brighton, from 17-18 March 2009. LGalert Reference: 226/08</p>	
8		<p>High Court Litigation – Port Pensions Portsmouth City Council is a port authority that employs pilots to work in Portsmouth Harbour. Some PCC pilots are members of the Pilots National Pension Fund ("PNPF") (ie not the LGPS). There is a substantial shortfall in the PNPF fund and the Trustees of the fund have issued High Court proceedings and have asked a judge to declare who should pay to rectify the shortfall. PCC has 2 active pilots who are members of the scheme and 6 former pilots or widows of pilots who are members of the scheme. PCC is therefore a party in the litigation and maybe ordered to make up some of the shortfall. An outline indication of liability has now been given. This outline is for general guidance only and maybe substantially more or less ultimately. PCC's outline liability is c. £530,000. The hearing will be in the High Court from 18th January 2010 with judgement expected in the late spring/early summer of 2010.</p>	<p>Ian Clark Solicitor Legal, Licensing & Registrars Tel: 9283 4041</p>
9		<p>The Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel – 16 December The Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel met on 16 December to continue its Stage 1 review of the Council's Seafront Strategy. The panel considered a summary document on the seafront strategy and Kath Wadsworth, Strategic Director gave a corporate overview of the interlinked issues surrounding the seafront strategy.</p>	<p>Vicki Plytas Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4058</p>

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10		<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, was published on 12 December 2008.</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 December 2008.</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 Tel: 9283 4052 Lucy Wingham Tel: 9283 4662 Democratic & Community Engagement</p>

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11		<p>Licensing Sub Committee – Cancellation of 22 December Meeting</p> <p>The Licensing Sub Committee Meeting, scheduled for 10am on Monday, 22 December 2008 in the Executive Meeting Room, The Guildhall, Portsmouth has been cancelled as the applicant has withdrawn his application.</p> <p>The Committee was due to consider the following item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Act 2003 -Temporary Event Notices - Consideration of an objection to notice by the Police - Route 66, 37-39 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth, PO1 2DD <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>WITH SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL MIS READERS</p> <p>THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON 9 JANUARY 2009</p>  </div>	<p>Karen Martin Tel: 9283 4052 Lucy Wingham Tel: 9283 4662 Democratic & Community Engagement</p>