

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 50

DATE: FRIDAY 12 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

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 19 December 2008.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: CULTURE & LEISURE

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>Fees and Charges – The Pyramids Centre</p> <p>Proposals: (i) That in line with contractual arrangements, revised maximum core prices for the Pyramids Centre will be introduced to take effect from 1st January 2009.</p> <p>(ii) That in accordance with delegations to officers, the revised maximum prices for the Pyramids Centre, will be increased by the RPI(X) 5.30%.</p> <p>Fees and charges for contracted sports and leisure facilities are reviewed annually, the last price increase being 1st January 2008.</p> <p>The facility operator will continue to be able to charge prices less than the maximum level, subject to market conditions.</p> <p>Swimming prices may need to be reviewed in April 2009, in light of the Government's Free Swimming Programme for the under 16's and Over 60's, to address any anomalies.</p> <p>Copies of the schedule of revised charges for these contracted sports and leisure facilities have been placed in the Members' Rooms. The Leisure Card will still be available for use at some of these facilities by residents on low incomes. Leisure card holders may obtain up to 40% discount on identified activities and asylum seekers may obtain a further 40% discount on presentation of an asylum seekers leisure card.</p>	<p>Louise Bunker Recreation Tel: 9283 4832</p>

PORTFOLIO: TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
2	<p>Charles Dickens</p> <p>St Jude</p> <p>St Jude and Eastney & Craneswater</p> <p>St Thomas</p>	<p>Traffic Regulation Order – The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Taxi Rank Review: Restrictions on Waiting and Pay And Display) (No 48) Order 2008</p> <p>Proposal: to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order to delete/amend redundant taxi ranks (as identified by the Licensing Service) and replace them with parking restrictions to ensure use of the public highway is relevant to road-users' needs.</p> <p><u>Roads affected:</u></p> <p>Fratton Road, The Hard, Station Approach</p> <p>Albert Road (Southsea), Portland Road</p> <p>Clarence Esplanade, South Parade</p> <p>Hampshire Terrace</p>	<p>Nikki Dridge Transport & Street Management Tel: 9268 6285</p>

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3	<p>St Thomas</p>	<p>Advertising a Traffic Regulation Order to Make Horatia House Car Park (Off Park Street) Enforceable</p> <p>Proposal: To advertise a Traffic Regulation Order in relation to Horatia House car park - The Portsmouth City Council (Housing Service Car Park: Horatia House) (Off Street Parking Places) (No 54) Order 2008.</p> <p>The Parking Service has been working in conjunction with the Housing Service to place Traffic Regulation Orders on some of its car parks. This will enable the Council's Civic Enforcement Officers to patrol the car parks and ensure spaces are available for use by residents as intended.</p>	<p>Nikki Dridge Transport & Street Management Tel: 9268 6285</p>

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4	Nelson	<p>Advertising a Traffic Regulation Order for Part-Time Parking Restrictions in Flying Bull Close</p> <p>Proposal: To advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for part-time parking restrictions in Flying Bull Close: The Portsmouth City Council (Flying Bull Close) (Restriction on Waiting) (No 55) Order 2008.</p> <p>Following a residents' meeting in October, it was agreed a proposal would be put forward for restrictions in Flying Bull Close, to operate at peak school times (8am-9am and 3pm-4pm). This is to prevent obstruction of garages and thoroughfare by vehicles connected to the school, which causes difficulties and distress for local residents.</p>	<p>Nikki Dridge Transport & Street Management Tel: 9268 6285</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 19 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
5	08/01725/FUL Drayton & Farlington	6 Farlington Avenue Portsmouth Construction of single storey rear extension and dormer window to side roof slope	<p>One letter of support has been received from the adjoining neighbour to the south.</p> <p>The applicant is seeking permission to construct a rear extension and a dormer extension to the side roof slope. The dormer extension falls within planning control as its windows would be both clear glazed and openable.</p> <p>The proposed dormer extension would be almost the full width of the side roof slope and stand 2.3m tall with a gap of 0.5m to the eaves. It is considered the dormer would be overly large and dominate the roof slope. It is not in accordance with the City Council Design Advice Note 3 on dormer roof extensions and would result in a 'railway carriage' appearance detrimental to the visual appearance of the recipient building. Although the adjacent property has a side dormer, this was constructed under the previous permitted development regime. Furthermore, it is also considered the introduction of clear glazed windows at first-floor level would offer oblique views into the rear garden of No. 8 to the north resulting in an unacceptable loss of privacy</p> <p>It is considered the proposed rear extension is acceptable but this does not mitigate the poor design and adverse impact on amenity that would be caused by the proposed side dormer extension.</p>	<p>Paul Carnell</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Refuse</p>

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6	08/01794/ PLAREG Drayton & Farlington	64 Aberdare Avenue Portsmouth Retention of raised patio with steps and railings and boundary wall to rear	<p>One letter of objection was received from the occupier of the adjoining property on the grounds that the boundary wall would overshadow their existing conservatory and patio.</p> <p>The applicant seeks retrospective permission for a 3.8m boundary wall adjacent to the rear garden of No. 66 Aberdare Avenue. However, because of the difference in ground levels between the properties the wall would have a height of 1.9m when measured from ground level of the adjoining property to the north. It is, therefore, considered that the amenity of the adjoining occupiers to the north would not be unreasonably affected.</p> <p>Retrospective permission is also sought for the retention of a raised patio and 1.1m high railings. The patio area relates appropriately to the existing property and would be in keeping with the area in general. In terms of amenity, the privacy of the adjoining property to the north would be protected by the proposed boundary wall and the spatial separation to the properties to the south would not result in a loss of privacy. Furthermore, the proposed decked area would not detrimentally affect loss of light or outlook to the surrounding occupiers.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Permission</p>
7	08/01817/ PLAREG Milton	170 Prince Albert Road Southsea Retention of external alterations, ground and first floor extensions and conversion to form three houses	<p>One letter of objection has been received, objecting on the grounds of; (a) structural integrity of the building; (b) loss of light; (c) incomplete building works; (d) impact on on-street car parking, and (e) building control requirements.</p> <p>The proposed alterations relate to very modest changes in the roof height and pitch of the single storey rear extension, soffit height of the first floor rear extension and position of windows looking on to Middlesex Road. Considering the relationship of the site to adjoining development the proposed alterations would not have a significant impact on the amenities of the adjoining occupiers in terms of loss of light, outlook, privacy or the creation of a strong sense of enclosure.</p> <p>In design terms, the revised appearance of the building is considered appropriate and would relate satisfactorily to the street scene and the surrounding area.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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8	08/01985/FUL Paulsgrove	<p>15 Shorehaven Paulsgrove Portsmouth</p> <p>Construction of dormer windows with balcony to rear roofslope and alterations to roof to form gable end; construction of porch canopy and bay window to front elevation and construction of single storey building to front garden</p>	<p>Four e-mails of objection have been received from neighbouring residents on Southampton Road and Councillor Horne on the grounds that; (a) the proposed balcony will overlook the neighbouring gardens and cause a loss of privacy, (b) the proposed store will interfere with the Tree Preservation Order, and (c) altering the roof will disrupt the pattern of roofs in Shorehaven.</p> <p>The applicant seeks permission for a rear dormer window with balcony, a bay window to front elevation, a porch canopy and front garden store. Although also incorporating the construction of a dormer window without a balcony and roof alterations to form a barn-hip, those elements of the scheme could be carried out without the need to apply for permission under the new permitted development regime. The external alterations to the front elevation of the house would have matching brickwork and tiles.</p> <p>The dormer window/balcony would be 1.5m in width and 2m in height with a pitched roof incorporating a modest balcony. Whilst the dormer window and balcony would overlook the properties in Southampton Road, it would not significantly affect the degree to which the gardens of those properties are overlooked. Had the applicant omitted the balcony, the dormer window would be permitted development. It is, therefore, considered the addition of a modest balcony would not be so injurious to residential amenity to justify refusal.</p> <p>The garden store would be 5.5m in length, 2.8m in width and approximately 3.7m in height to the ridge of the pitched roof, and constructed of matching brickwork and tiles. The store would be located between two trees, one of which is protected under Tree Preservation Order No.200. This tree will need to be protected throughout the course of the proposed development and it is therefore proposed to impose a condition requiring an arboricultural method statement and tree protection plan in accordance with BS 5837:2005.</p> <p>Taken as a whole the proposals are appropriate in relation to the existing building and to the surrounding area.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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9	08/02110/FUL Baffins	55 Langstone Road Portsmouth Construction of part 2-/part 3-storey side extension	<p>This application relates to a two-storey end-of-terrace house situated on the northern side of Langstone Road. No. 53 to the east has a single-storey rear extension that wraps around the side of the house to form a garage.</p> <p>One letter of objection has been received from a neighbouring resident. Their reasons for objection are; (a) the design is not in keeping with the existing property or the rest of the street and may resemble a 3-storey greenhouse in time, and (b) the size of the rear windows would have a likely impact on privacy.</p> <p>The applicant is seeking permission to construct a part 2-/part 3-storey infill extension in the gap between the western flank wall of the house and the neighbouring boundary. The extension would be constructed with vertical timber cladding to the walls and roof with vertical semi-transparent aluminium windows and would be set back from the front building line by 1m. To the front, the window on the upper floor would form part of a small dormer window with grey metal clad dormer cheeks. To the rear, the extension would only project beyond the existing building line at ground floor level. A reflecting pond would be installed on the roof above.</p> <p>The proposed development would be of a contemporary design that differs from other infill extensions in the street. However, given the lack of conformity as a result of the various extensions, modifications and infills to houses in the surrounding area, it is considered the extension would not amount to an inappropriate design solution or would otherwise detract from the appearance of the street scene.</p> <p>On amenity grounds, it is considered the development would not result in an increased sense of enclosure or loss of privacy given the adjoining single-storey wrap around extension that abuts the boundary and the metal screen to the side of the first floor rear window.</p>	<p>Paul Carnell</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Permission</p>

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10	08/02134/FUL Drayton & Farlington	15 Drayton Lane Portsmouth Construction of dwelling with detached garage	<p>Two letters of objection received on the grounds of; (a) the proposed separation distance between properties; b) damage and removal of mature trees; (c) retention of natural screening; (d) demolition of existing house, and (e) the digging out of a pool within the rear garden which is not noted on the planning drawings.</p> <p>Planning permission is sought for the construction of a dwelling with a detached garage. The proposed dwelling would have the appearance of a single storey dwelling with dormer windows on its front elevation, the rear part of the building would be two-storey. Planning permission was granted in September 2008 for extensive alterations and extensions to the building that was recently demolished.</p> <p>Since the submission of the planning application, the applicant has also dug a large hole within the rear garden with the intention of constructing a swimming pool. The applicant has been advised that the construction of a pool or outbuilding within the rear garden can only be considered 'permitted development' if there is a house on the site. Works have now ceased.</p> <p>The proposed dwelling and garage are not considered to have a significant effect to the amenities of adjoining occupiers in terms of loss of light, outlook, privacy or the creation of a sense of enclosure. The proposed design is considered an appropriate response to the appearance of adjoining properties and within the setting of a suburban lane.</p>	Jonathan McDermott Tel: 023 9284 1470 Conditional Permission

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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11		<p>Development Control Committee - Wednesday 17 December at 2.00pm in meeting room A in the Civic Offices, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following items will be considered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Head of Planning Services will provide a verbal update on Cosham United Reform Church, Mulberry Lane, Cosham - construction of seven dwelling houses with associated parking after demolition of existing buildings. <p>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). • 08/02157/FUL - Alliance House & St Marys Arms, St Marys Road, Fratton - demolition of existing buildings to facilitate redevelopment (Conservation Area Consent). • 08/01523/FUL - 11 Hilsea Market, London Road, Hilsea - change of use from shop (Class A1) to delicatessen/cafe (Class A3/A5). • 08/01572/FUL - St James Hospital, Locksway Road, Southsea - installation of CCTV cameras to front elevation (adjacent to main entrance) and in hospital grounds. • 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. • 08/01728/FUL - 235 Powerscourt Road, Copnor, Portsmouth - conversion from shop to 2 dwellinghouses including construction of part single/two-storey rear extension. • 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. 	<p>Karen Martin Tel: 9283 4052 Lucy Wingham Tel: 9283 4662 Democratic & Community Engagement</p>


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12		<p>City Local Plan Saved Policies</p> <p>Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the policies in the City Local Plan could be “saved” and continue to be used for three years after its adoption (up to July 2009) but not beyond.</p> <p>The Secretary of State has provided a direction allowing for certain specified policies to be ‘saved’ beyond that 3 year period, but not the plan as a whole. Policies can only be saved if they meet certain criteria, the most significant of which is that ‘policies are necessary and do not merely repeat national or regional policy’.</p> <p>Officers have looked in detail at existing national and regional planning guidance and where this is replicated in local plan policies it is not considered necessary that the policies are ‘saved’. Other policies not saved have either been site specific policies where the sites have now been developed, or policies no longer considered necessary or relevant.</p> <p>A full list of the policies from the City Local Plan, together with the recommendation as to whether they are saved or not has been placed in each of the Group Rooms.</p> <p>The council needs to send the table of policies to GOSE before the 31st December 2008 to save certain policies from the City Local Plan. Once GOSE have received the Council’s request to have certain policies saved beyond July 2009 they will review the request and respond to the Council.</p> <p>If Members have any queries please contact the planning policy team on 9268 8633.</p>	<p>Vicky Piper Planning Service Tel: 9268 8458</p>
13		<p>Correction - to Notice of Cabinet Decisions - Parking at Hotels/Guest Houses in Residents’ Parking Zones</p> <p>Please note that decision No 1 should read “all hotels and guest houses with a maximum of 30 rooms be issued with FREE permits for use by their guests” - it should not have stated 3 permits.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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14		<p>Employment Committee - Wednesday 17 December 10.30am Conference Room A</p> <p>At this meeting, the committee will consider reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The review of the Recruitment and Selection Policy, and the adoption of the new policy * The Redundancy Redeployment Policy, and the adoption of the new policy * the consultation paper on the Code of Conduct for Local Authority members and employees, with a view to making comments by the deadline of 24 December 	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</p>
15		<p>The Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel - 1 December</p> <p>The Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel met on 1 December as part of its stage 1 review of the seafront strategy. It considered the project brief and received briefings from key officers and the Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure.</p>	<p>Jane Di Dino Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4060</p>
16		<p>The Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel - Tuesday 16 December at 2pm</p> <p>The Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel will meet on 16 December at 4pm in the Members Room, 1st Floor, The Guildhall to continue its stage 1 review of the Council's Seafront Strategy. It will consider a summary document on the seafront strategy and Kathy Wadsworth, Strategic Director will give a corporate overview of the interlinked issues surrounding the seafront strategy.</p>	<p>Jane Di Dino Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4060</p>
17		<p>The Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel - 4 December</p> <p>The Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel met on 4 December as part of its stage 1 review of cycling in the city. It considered the project brief for the review of Cycling in Portsmouth and received briefings from key officers and the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation. It was RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel review the City Council's new cycling strategy when it is drafted. • The draft project brief for a stage 1 review on the Council's contract with COLAS be considered at the next meeting. 	<p>Jane Di Dino Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4060</p>

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18		<p>Spice Island Drainage feasibility study</p> <p>Funding of £100,000 in 2008/09 financial year has been provided by PUSH (the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire) in respect of the Spice Island Drainage Project in Old Portsmouth to examine the existing drainage system and the impact of projected housing growth. In order to free up capacity in the combined (foul and storm water) sewer system, it is proposed to investigate separating out the storm water run off in Spice Island part of Old Portsmouth.</p> <p>Work will be undertaken by the Highways and Coastal staff to examine the feasibility of a capital scheme that would intercept all storm water run – off and discharge into the adjacent harbour either through an existing or a new outfall.</p> <p>It is anticipated that if a capital scheme were to be progressed that this would be fully externally funded.</p>	<p>Jim Gunston Environment & Transport Finance Tel: 92 834242</p>
19		<p>St Luke's Community Sports Centre Joint Management Committee - 9 December</p> <p>At this meeting the JMC received an update about the proposed Academy status for St Luke's School and the Building Schools for the Future programme, which will have implications for the governance and operation of the community sports centre. The extension of the existing community usage of the centre is currently being considered particularly the possibility for morning opening. The centre has gone through significant staffing changes this year, but the manager and a duty manager are now in post, with a second duty manager expected to be appointed by the end of January. Already these changes are showing good results in terms of increased usage and better financial results, which are expected to continue to improve. There is much potential for the development of the business particularly in terms of gym club membership, and this is being addressed by the site specific marketing plan.</p> <p>The JMC will next meet on 17 March 2009 unless there is a need for an earlier meeting.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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20		<p>Announcement of New Trust Chairman at Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust</p> <p>A new chair has been appointed through the NHS Appointments Commission. Professor David Rhind CBE will take up the post from outgoing chair Michael Waterland OBE, who retired from the trust earlier this month.</p> <p>David brings a wealth of top level public sector management experience. Alongside his new role, he is currently a Non-Executive Director of the Bank of England and the UK Statistical Authority. He is also chair of the government's Advisory Panel on Public Sector Information.</p> <p>Until July 2007, he was the Vice-Chancellor of the City University in London and, prior to that, he was Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey. He is one of the few people who have been elected both a Fellow of the British National Academy of Sciences (the Royal Society) and of the British Academy, the equivalent UK body for the social sciences and humanities.</p>	<p>Ursula Ward Chief Executive of Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust Queen Alexandra Hospital Cosham Portsmouth Tel: 9228 6770</p>
21		<p>MIS Publication Arrangements</p> <p>Next week will be the final issue of MIS for this year, with an extended call-in date of 30 December to take into account the Christmas bank holidays.</p> <p>The next issue will be published on Friday 9 January 2009.</p>	
22		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing 8 December 2008 - Checklist 49/08</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>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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		<p>CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT</p> <p>LGA and Arts Council consultation On 3 November, Arts Council England published a consultation document on proposals for self-assessment and peer review for its Regularly Funded Organisations (RFO). The LGA would like local government views to be reflected in the consultation responses, and wish to remind councils that they might like to consider their response in conjunction with their cultural improvement work through the Culture and Sport Improvement Toolkit. The deadline for submissions is 23 January 2009. LGalert Reference: 220/08</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Carbon Reduction Commitment - Important Update The consultation on the CRC Regulations, which were planned for autumn 2008, will now take place in February 2009. The LGA is keen to develop its position on CRC (both up to and during this consultation), and therefore encourages all member authorities to continue to pass on any observations or evidence to help inform our final response. LGalert Reference: 221/08</p> <p>LGA EVENTS</p> <p>Policing and Crime Reduction Bill Conference This is to advise of a date for your diary - the Policing and Crime Reduction Bill is due to be published in the New Year. The LGA is therefore staging a one day conference on 13 February 2009 at Local Government House conference centre in Westminster. This conference will learn what has and hasn't made it into the Bill from the Policing Green Paper proposals, hear how any proposals for improving police accountability will work in practice, and much more. Speakers at the conference will include senior representatives from local and external organisations. LGalert Reference: 222/08</p>	

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23		 <p data-bbox="387 311 1776 494">Christmas Greetings Jim and Joy Patey send very best wishes to members and staff for Christmas and the New Year. They are sending this message in lieu of cards and will be making a donation to the Lord Mayor's Appeal.</p> 