City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

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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. <u>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.</u>

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		Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure – Decision Meeting - Monday 15 September 2008	Lin Chaplen Democratic &
		The Cabinet has made the following decisions:-	Community Engagement
		Free Swimming	Tel 9283 4053
		At this meeting, which was called at less than the usual notice because of the need to make a decision by 15 September to meet the Government's deadline, the Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure, Councillor Terry Hall, decided to accept the grant for free swimming for the over 60s, and to express an interest in free swimming for the under 16s. She decided that a growth bid should be made to cover the potential costs of free swimming for the over 60s as part of the 2009/10 budget process. In the event that the growth bid is not successful, then any additional costs will be met from within the Culture & Leisure cash limit and funded by equivalent savings within the portfolio. Other sources of funding, for example from the PCT (in view of the recognised health benefits of swimming) will also be explored. NB: Call-in date – Tuesday 23 September.	

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. <u>Your request must be made</u> to JOANNE WILDSMITH (Democratic Support Officer) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 26 September 2008. An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: HOUSING

	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
2	Milton	1 – 4 Charlotte Terrace, Warren Avenue, Milton – Procurement of affordable Larger Homes	Alan Cufley Head of Community House
		Proposal: that the City Council provides a grant of £150,000 towards the cost of 4 x 3 bedroom 6 person houses at the Warren Avenue housing development scheme. The tenure for 3 of the houses will be Affordable Social Rented and the final house will be made available for Low Cost Home Ownership.	Tel: 9283 4550
		There is an identified need for affordable accommodation of 3 or more bedrooms in Portsmouth. The opportunity to procure such accommodation is rare and this grant would secure this type of larger accommodation in an area of the city where such opportunities do not often occur. The Guinness Housing Partnership has attracted £214,000 of Housing Corporation funding to this scheme and has raised over £450,000 in private finance to support the purchase of these homes. The Housing Corporation grant was maximised for the type of homes being purchased and the city council grant ensures that the purchase of the properties is financially viable.	Financial Appraisal available from Jo Babbington in Housing Accountancy Tel: 9283 4448
		All of the homes contribute to the affordable housing sector in Portsmouth. As stated above, 3 of the homes will be for rent at affordable housing association levels and the tenants for the properties will be nominated by the city council.	
		The Head of Financial Services has been consulted and is supportive of this expenditure. Funds are available in the Housing Investment Program under 'Support for Registered Social Landlords' approved on July 2008.	

PORTFOLIO: TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
3	Charles Dickens	Cycle Route – Queen Street to St George's Road - Extension Proposal - to extend the cycle route from Queen Street, along The Hard, to join up with the route leading to the signals at St George's Road/Park Road junction.	Jayne Rodgers Transport and Street Management Tel: 9283 4590
		Permission is sought to add the additional on road cycle lanes necessary to link the already existing facilities in Queen's Street to the cycle lane at the Junction of St George's Road and Park Road.	
		As part of the section 278 works in Queen's Street and under instruction from PCC the cycle lane has been continued on both sides of Queen's Street, as far southwards as the carriageway width allows.	
		All that is required is to add a section of cycle way along the Hard to begin to link these two cycle routes and complete part of the National Cycle Network Route 2.	
		This work will be financed from the LTP Capital Programme allocation for measures to implement the cycling strategy at an approximate cost £5,000.	
4		Cycle Parking Provision	Jayne Rodgers
		Proposal - To install stainless steel Sheffield Stands at various locations citywide.	Transport and Street Management
		The City Council receives many requests for increased cycle parking provision in the city, both generally and specifically. Permission is sought to install new and replacement cycle parking as per a schedule drawn up on the basis of observation, request, utility and need. The proposed programme has been prioritised on the basis of request and observed need.	Tel: 9283 4590
		The locations have been assessed to ensure that the new racks will not be obstructive. Experience shows that cycle racks need to be carefully located in order to ensure usage. Prior to location, any businesses or organisations will be consulted to ensure the correct location.	
		The scheme is to be financed from the LTP Capital allocation for the Implementation of the Cycling Strategy. The estimated cost is £20,000.	

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** (2023 9283 4826 or 023 9283 4339 answerphone) and must be received by not later than **5 pm** on **Friday 26 September 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.

ltem No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Application Type Case Officer Proposed Decision
5	08/01459/FUL	6 Kingston Road Fratton	1 letter received raising objection on the following grounds: a) security concerns;	Mark Bridge
	Fratton	Conversion of existing building and construction of single storey rear	b) lack of parking; andc) increase noise and disturbance.	Tel: 023 9283 4298
		extension to form 3 flats; and construction of detached three storey building to rear to form 3 flats (re- submission of 08/00625/FUL)	The existing property is in commercial use with almost 100% site coverage. The proposed development would result in a land locked courtyard which could only be accessed by residents and I am satisfied that the proposal would not result in an increased security risk. Whilst it is accepted that the construction will result in temporary noise and disturbance, the use of the site for 6 flats is unlikely to result in a significant impact in this location adjacent to an already busy road. Although no parking is proposed, the site is close to local facilities and the City Centre, and alternative forms of transport are available. Therefore an objection on parking grounds could not be sustained.	Conditional Permission

Part 3 - Information and News Items

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
6		Media Releases	Corporate
		The following media releases have been issued in the last week by the Corporate Communications Team. They can all be read in the news section of the City Council's website. For hard copies, or further information, please contact Corporate Communications Team.	Communications Team Tel: 9283 4142
		 Portsmouth's over 60s get ready to take the plunge without splashing out Kids step out for new campaign Keep safe and warm this winter Residents invited to attend conference Portsmouth's Big Screen tunes in to Last Night of the Proms The mystery of the Conan Doyle Collection comes to the Alderman Lacey Library Pompey UEFA match: Joint release from Portsmouth City Council, Hampshire Constabulary and Portsmouth Football Club Infant and Junior school has "exceptional leadership" according to Ofsted report Investing in the future of pupils gains maximum interest in return Paralympic handover celebrations come to Portsmouth's Big Screen Forum for views on the future of learning 	
		 Sit back, relax and travel the world 	
7		 Sit back, relax and traver the world Licensing Policy Committee - Friday 26 September 2008 at 9.30am in Meeting Room 1 of the Guildhall, Portsmouth. Licensing Committee - Night time visits 	Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic &
		 Licensing Committee - Night time Visits Licensing Statistical Bulletin 2008 - Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment 	Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053
		Recent Prosecutions - Licensing Matters	
		Review of Licensing Fees 2008/09	

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
8	St Thomas	Land to rear of 25/26 Landport Terrace Portsmouth PO1 2RG Ref: 07/02033/FUL Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 12 September 2008	Jon McDermott Planning Service Tel: 9284 1470
		An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for construction of two-storey building to form two flats.	
		This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.	
9		Portsmouth Place Survey	Justine Read
		Members may be aware of a DCLG requirement to run a Place Survey this autumn. Place Surveys will capture local people's views, experiences and perceptions about local areas and supply the data by which a number of national indicators will be measured, including LAA targets.	Customer Service Team Tel: 9284 1120
		The Portsmouth Place Survey will take place over the period 29 September to 19 December, with results likely to be available in late February. The survey comprises a 12 page postal questionnaire which will be distributed to around 3,500 local residents from 25 September, with a requirement to achieve 1,100 completed responses. Our partners in this project are IPSOS-MORI, the market research agency, who will carry out the fieldwork. A copy of the questionnaire has been placed in the Member's Room and will also be available to view on the PCC website.	
10		Licensing Sub Committee - Wednesday 24 September 2008 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room, the Guildhall, Portsmouth	Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin
		The following item will be considered:	Democratic & Community
		Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the variation of a premises licence - 17 Albert Road , Southsea, PO5 2SE	Engagement Tel: 9283 4053

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11		Development Control Committee - Wednesday 24 September 2008 at 2.00pm in Conference Room A, Civic Offices, Portsmouth.	Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic &
		The following items will be considered:	Community
		Appeal Decision, 295-297 Highland Road, Southsea - for noting	Tel: 9283 4662
		Birdlip Road, Paulsgrove - Footpath Closure - to consider making a public path extinguishment order	
		Development applications:	
		 08/01130/FUL - 28 Campbell Road, Southsea - construction to dormer window to rear roofslope 	
		 08/01250/FUL - 5 Brandon Road, Southsea - construction of first floor extension over existing rear projection 	
		 08/01333/OUT - 205 Goldsmith Avenue, Southsea - outline application for construction of three-storey building to form 14 self contained flats (6 x 1 bed and 8 x 2 bed) with associated cycle and refuse stores (after demolition of existing building) (principles of access, appearance, layout and scale to be considered). 	
12		Early Retirement Update on Item Considered by Employment Committee	Kay White Head of Human
		A decision has been made under standing order 64 by the Acting Chief Executive and Head of HR regarding the terms of the early retirement on the grounds of efficiency of the service of a member of staff following clarification of the basis of the decision. The original report was taken to the Employment Committee in March 2008. The views of the Employment Committee Chair and Spokespersons were taken into account in making the decision. Standing Order 64 requires the decision to be reported to all members of the Council for information. Further details are available if required from the Head of HR.	Resources Tel: 9283 4196

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13		Notices of Motion received for City Council – 7 October 2008	Lin Chaplen Democratic &
		Two valid Notices of Motion have so far been received for the City Council meeting on 7 October.	Community Engagement Tel 9283 4053
		(a) Naming of a Portsmouth Bell	
		Proposed by Councillor Lee Mason Seconded by Councillr Alistair Thompson	
		"In honour of the historic and popular links between the Guildhall's "Pompey Chimes" and Portsmouth Football Club, one of the Guildhall one of the Guildhall's Bells be named "Harry Redknapp" as part of the bell tower's renovation and repair in honour of Harry Redknapp, thus ensuring he can ring out in future years alongside the "Victoria" bell as part of the Pompey Chimes, and Harry Redknapp and the team be invited to ring an inaugural peel of bells upon their completion.	
		Any additional funding required for such to be drawn down from contingency."	
		(b) Licensing Act 2003 - Review of Impact	
		Proposed by Councillor Margaret Adair Seconded by Councillor Lee Hunt	
		"A Local Government Association survey of police, the NHS and councils has found that most of them consider that the changes in the new Licensing Act, which became law in November 2005, have had no impact on improving drink-fuelled disorder.	
		Instead the legislation has:	
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	(Cont'd)	• Placed significant extra pressure on public services, such as hiring more staff to enforce and to clean up town centres, for the council taxpayer.	
		• Found seven out of ten councils, hospitals and police authorities reported an increase or no change in alcohol-related incidents.	
		• Nearly one in three hospitals have reported an increase in alcohol-related incidents while half of police authorities report that the Act has simply led to alcohol-related disorder occurring later at night than previously.	
		• That 86 per cent of health authorities and 94 per cent of councils had reported increased pressure on resources, mainly through a rise in admission in hospitals' accident and emergency departments.	
		• Sir Simon Milton, the association's chairman stated: "Town halls have been landed with an accumulated bill of £100 million from the new laws and have been left with little option but to pass the cost on to the council taxpayer."	
		Therefore this City Council urges the Government to speedily review the 2003 Licensing Act, that ward councillors be allowed to make representations and that such representations be given the same weight as police, fire and Environmental Health reports so that the concerns of local residents are made equally important as all the other parties."	
14		Cabinet Member for Housing's Decision Meeting - Tuesday 23 September at 4pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall	Joanne Wildsmith Democratic &
		Councillor Steve Wylie, the Cabinet Member for Housing, will be considering the following reports:	Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4057
		* Private Sector Housing Stock Condition Report	
		* Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan 2008-13	
		* Housing Portfolio - Cash Limit Budget Monitoring Report 2008/09	

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15		Culture & Leisure Decision Meeting – 25 September 2008 at 10am - Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall	Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community
		At this meeting, the Executive Member will be considering:	Engagement Tel 9283 4053
		* the extension of the Postal Research Service to include other museum collections	
		* the implementation of the "dowry system" for archive deposits	
		* proposals for a refurbishment and extension project at Milton Village Hall	
		* an update on developments regarding Cumberland House and the involvement of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, including proposals for the submission of a capital bid at the appropriate time for the redevelopment of Cumberland House in accordance with Disability Discrimination Act requirements	
		* the purpose and scope of the Skills for Life Development collection in the Library Service	
16		Governance & Audit Committee – 25 September 3.30pm Conference Room A, Civic Offices	Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community
		At this meeting, the Committee will consider:	Engagement Tel: 9283 4053
		* Reports from the District Auditor on	
		 External Audit Progress at September 2008 	
		 Annual Governance Report 2007/08 	
		 Project Management 	
		* Audit Performance Status Report to August 2008 for Audit Plan 2008/09	
		* Performance Management Update	
		* Annual Governance Statement 2007/08 - Actions and Draft 2008/09	
		* Passenger Real Time Project (PORTAL) - Follow-up Action Report	

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17		Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development Decision meeting - Friday 26 September 2008 at 10.00am in the Executive Meeting Room of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.	Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic & Community
		At the time of publication the following reports were listed for consideration by Councillor Mike Hancock CBE MP:	Engagement Tel: 9283 4662
		PATCH (the People's Action Team for Community Harmony) - appointments	
		Re-appointment of Design and Historic Environment Champions - appointments	
		Planning Services Budget 2008/09 - update on the current position regarding the planning application fee income	
		Possible Article 4(2) Direction Area - Point, Old Portsmouth - to consider the confirmation of the Article 4(2) Direction	
		Monitoring of 2008/09 Cash Limits & Capital Programme - update on the forecast outturn revenue expenditure compared to the cash limited budget	
		Land & Premises, London Road, Cosham - to address various land issues	
		Former Jayhards & Linningtons Sites, Anson Road, Fratton - to seek authority to dispose of the freehold interest	
18		Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 15 September 2008 Checklist 37/08	Local Government Association (LGA) Email:
		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.	info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 <u>www.lga.gov.uk</u>
		ENVIRONMENT	
		Switch off, Switched on 2 The Local Government Association has released their latest report, Switch off, Switched on 2, calling for a national programme to ensure all our homes have basic insulation measures. LG Alert Reference: 167/08	
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(Cont'd)	FAIR CARE CAMPAIGN	
	Our lives, our choices The LGA has produced the above publication, the first of three papers being published as part of a series entitled "Fit for the Future: a new vision for adult social care". LG Alert Reference: 171/08	
	FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES	
	Safeguarding your Communities from Fire The LGA's Fire Suppression and Sustainable Buildings Task Group has been working for over 18 months to increase awareness in central and local government of the wider social and economic impact of fires in schools and to promote the benefits of installing a sprinkler or other fire suppression system. The task group has produced a leaflet as a quick guide to help councillors better understand sprinkler and water suppression systems and the important role they can play in keeping communities safe from fire. LG Alert Reference: 170/08	
	LGA EVENTS	
	LGA Annual Capital Finance Conference, 25 November 2008 This event, in Local Government House, London, which will look at the fact that local authorities face continuing requirements to deliver better value for money. This event will review the UK financial outlook, and its broader implications for local authorities in the coming 12 months with reference to the Chancellor's pre-budget report, and also look at many other topics affecting local government capital finance. LG Alert Reference: 169/08	
	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	
	National Indicator Set - consultation on delayed and amended indicators The DCLG sent a consultation document last week to all English councils asking for views on specific indicators from the National Indicator Set where definitions have not yet been agreed or have been amended. The consultation period lasts until 31 October 2008. LG Alert Reference: 168/08	

LICENSING ACT 2003 – APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

The Licensing Authority has received the following applications in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003. The table below outlines the premises location, a brief description of the application and the closing date by which responsible authorities or interested parties may make representations. An interested party is defined as either a *person* living in the vicinity of the premises, a *body* representing persons who live in that vicinity, a *person* involved in a business in that vicinity or a *body* representing persons involved in such businesses.

Members should be aware that under the legislation ward councillors do not have an automatic right to make representations on behalf of their constituents, but have the right to make representations when specifically requested to do so by constituents who live in the vicinity of the premises concerned. To prevent challenges by unsuccessful applicants you may wish to request any objector to include in any letter of objection to you or to the Licensing Section that they formally authorise you to make representations on their behalf.

If you have any queries relating to any of the applications outlined below, please contact the Licensing Section, Telephone number: 023 9283 4607 or email: Licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.

ltem No	Ward	Licence No:	Premises Name and Address	Brief description of application:	Closing date for representations:
19	Fratton	177	New Roebuck 76 New Road	Application for Variation of a Premises Licence Type of Premises: Public House	8 October 2008
				Proposed Licensable Activities:	
				 Sale of Alcohol Regulated Entertainment 	
				Alterations to the layout of the premises	
				Proposed standard days and timings:	
				 Sunday and Monday from 10:00 until 01:00 Sunday and Monday from 10:00 until 01:00 	

ltem No	Ward	Licence No:	Premises Name and Address	Brief description of application:	Closing date for representations:
20	Fratton	301	Fratton Community Centre Trafalgar Place Fratton	 Application for Variation of a Premises Licence Type of Premises: Community Centre Proposed Changes to the Licence: Removal of sale of alcohol Removal of conversion conditions 	8 October 2008
21	Eastney and Craneswater	304	Site of former Marina Café, Southsea Esplanade	 Application for a Provisional Statement Type of Premises: Restaurant Proposed Licensable Activities: Regulated Entertainment Late Night Refreshment Sale of Alcohol Proposed standard days and timings: Monday to Thursday from 10:00 until 23:59 Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 until 01:00 Sunday from 10:00 until 23:59 Friday and Saturday from 23:00 until 23:59 Friday and Saturday from 23:00 until 01:00 Monday to Thursday from 07:00 until 01:00 Monday to Thursday from 07:00 until 23:59 Friday and Saturday from 07:00 until 01:00 Sunday from 07:00 until 01:00 	14 October 2008

ltem No	Ward	Licence No:	Premises Name and Address	Brief description of application:	Closing date for representations:
22	St Jude	120	Goose at the V & A Albert Road	 Application for Variation of a Premises Licence Type of Premises: Public House Proposed Changes to the Licence: To increase the capacity of the premises from 200 to 	15 October 2008
23	St Jude	14	Sur La Mer Cafe Bar 69 Palmerston Road	 300. Application for Variation of a Premises Licence Type of Premises: Restaurant Proposed Licensable Activities: Regulated Entertainment Late Night Refreshment Sale of alcohol Proposed standard days and timings: Sunday to Thursday from 09:00 until 00:30 Friday and Saturday from 09:00 until 01:30 Sunday to Thursday from 23:00 until 23:59 Friday and Saturday from 09:00 until 00:30 Sunday to Thursday from 09:00 until 01:30 Sunday to Thursday from 09:00 until 01:30 Removal of conversion conditions 	15 October 2008

