

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 35

DATE: FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 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 Friday 5 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.

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Application Type Case Officer Proposed Decision
1	08/01077/FUL Milton	THE CUMBERLAND CENTRE REGINALD ROAD MILTON Retention of building comprising 14 flats with associated parking, cycle and refuse storage	<p>One (late) representation has been received raising objection on the ground that ground floor windows open out over the pavement and this would be contrary to a condition imposed on the previously approved scheme.</p> <p>This 'new-build' scheme was considered by Members at the last Development Control meeting on 13/8 where planning permission was resolved to be granted, subject to contributions to meet sustainable transport and open space policy requirements (DC27 and DC46). The payment is still awaited. The ability to open the windows outwards would not, in my view, justify refusal of planning permission to this scheme already considered acceptable.</p>	Alan Banting Tel: 023 9283 4324 Conditional Permission

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Application Type Case Officer Proposed Decision
2	08/01245/FUL Drayton & Farlington	<p>34 OLD RECTORY ROAD PORTSMOUTH</p> <p>Construction of pitched new roof with dormer windows to side roofslopes and single-storey rear extension (Re-submission of 08/00006/FUL)</p>	<p>This application relates to a single-story bungalow with hipped roof located on the north side of Old Rectory Road within a residential area. The building is one of four similar single-story bungalows set about a turning head. Planning permission is sought for the construction of a new pitched roof (gabled front and rear) with dormers set back on the roof on the sides (east and west) and a single-story rear extension.</p> <p>Two letters of objection have been received on the grounds that; (a) the proposed development would overshadow the other 4 bungalows in the immediate vicinity, (b) the larger building would be overbearing, (c) the design is very bulky and completely out of character with the surrounding area, and (d) the development would result in a loss of privacy and/or light to nearby and neighbouring residents.</p> <p>Although the proposed development would amount to an increase in building bulk, the size of the proposed dormers to the front and side roofslopes is not considered to be excessive and have been scaled back from two previous unsuccessful submissions. The windows in both side dormers would be obscure glazed thereby overcoming any issues of loss of privacy. The rear extension replaces an existing single-storey extension and projects a further 2.8m into the rear garden. The roof would have a hip and stand 4.55m tall reducing to 2.85m. Although the increase in building size would alter the appearance of the houses adjacent to the turning circle of the road, given the varying sizes and mass of properties along Old Rectory Road it is considered that, on balance, the proposed development would not amount to an incongruous feature in the street scene. In these circumstances the proposal is now capable of support.</p>	<p>Paul Carnell</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Permission</p>

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Application Type Case Officer Proposed Decision
3	08/01254/FUL St Jude	79 MARMION ROAD SOUTHSEA Construction of single storey rear extension (after demolition of existing) and installation of new gates to front boundary wall forming new vehicular and pedestrian access off Marmion Road	<p>One e-mail of objection has been received on behalf of the Portsmouth Society who object to the installation of gates to form new vehicular and pedestrian access off Marmion Road and the construction of hard standing to the front garden for car parking.</p> <p>The formation of new accesses to dwellinghouses is permitted development by reason of Part 2 Class B where it is stated that "The formation, laying out or construction of a means of access to a highway which is not a trunk or classified road, where that access is required in connection with development permitted by any Class in this Schedule (other than by Class A of this part). In this case Marmion Road is not a classified highway and the access required is for a hardstanding, which is also permitted development. Although included within the description of development by the applicant those works do not therefore fall within the control of the local planning authority.</p> <p>The proposed rear extension, in respect of which the Portsmouth Society raise no objection, is considered acceptable in that it would complement the architectural style of the house and would not affect residential amenity.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Permission</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items

FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 2008

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
4		<p>Media Releases</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Museum gears up for display on Olympic Hero • Funday Friday finale with BMX stunts and tricks • GCSE results prove city education is definitely on the up • Further car seat checks following high failure rate • Portsmouth is ready for Olympic celebrations this weekend • Still time to claim your free water butt • New disabled facilities paid for with dog fouling fines • Have your say on the Portsmouth Plan • Head down to the health day 	<p>Corporate Communications Team Tel: 9283 4142</p>
5		<p>Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care - Decision Meeting - Tuesday 2 September at 10.00am in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3 of the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following items will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke Free Portsmouth: A Collaborative strategy for Health Improvement - outline of the Smoke Free Strategy for Portsmouth. • Joint Commissioning Arrangements with the PCT - update on the work that has taken place to identify the most appropriate way to formalise joint commissioning arrangements with the Portsmouth City PCT and recommending a preferred option for further work. • Health & Social Care Portfolio - Budget Monitoring report 2008/09 – information report on projected expenditure against budget for the current financial year 2008/09. • 'Sort it Portsmouth' A Social Marketing Programme for Health Improvement - outline of the development of a programme of social marketing for health improvement including an overarching campaign strap line and targeted campaigns within 2008/2009. 	<p>Teresa Deasy Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4056</p>

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
6		<p>Development Control Committee - Wednesday 3 September at 2.00pm in Conference Room A, Floor 2, Civic Offices, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following development applications will be considered:</p> <p>1 08/01203/FUL 1 Brankesmere Terrace Queens Crescent Southsea Construction of two storey side extension</p> <p>2 08/01172/ADV Owtback Bar 4 Auckland Road West Southsea Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to front and rear elevations</p> <p>3 08/00940/FUL 7 St Ronans Avenue Southsea Conversion of guest house to form 4 flats</p> <p>4 08/01306/FUL 175 Highland Road Southsea Construction of building to form Three flats (re - submission of 08/00627/FUL)</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4057</p>
7		<p>Cabinet Meeting - Monday 8 September at 12.00pm (revised time) in Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, The Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The Cabinet will be considering the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space at Fort Cumberland Road, Southsea (Qinetiq) • Somerstown and North Southsea Action Area Plan • Somerstown Community Hub Project • Funding for Feasibility Studies for Potential Capital Projects • Supplementary Planning Document on Planning Obligations • Treasury Management Outturn 2007/08 • Treasury Management Update Report • Policy Statement on Flood and Coastal Defences 	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4057</p>

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
8		<p>Hampshire Pension Fund Panel - Proposed Change of Representative</p> <p>Portsmouth and Southampton Councils share a representative on the Hampshire Pensions Fund Panel. Each serves for two years, and then deputises for the other. It is Portsmouth's turn to provide the principal representative from October 2008 - 10. Councillor Steve Wemyss, who has previously been the deputy, was appointed by the Employment Committee in July to serve as the principal representative from July (later corrected to October) 2008 to October 2010. MIS 28 of 11 July refers.</p> <p>Councillor Donna Jones, who is professionally trained in financial matters including pensions, has expressed an interest in performing this duty, and Councillor Wemyss is prepared to give up the appointment to her, especially in view of his many other commitments both within and outside the City Council. The Employment Committee will be invited at its next meeting on 13 October to make the substitution.</p> <p>Members are reminded that the vacancy was advertised earlier in the year on MIS, and also two years ago when Councillor Wemyss was appointed as the deputy, and no other volunteers came forward on either occasion. Panel members are required to attend about 6 meetings a year, generally lasting all day, at the Castle, Winchester, and to undergo appropriate training. No remuneration or expenses are paid by the Panel, but the representatives can claim expenses under their appointing authority's scheme, if applicable. Although the person appointed must be an elected member, the role of members of the Panel is to ensure the beneficial interests of the Fund overall and not the sectional interests of the unitary authorities or individual political parties.</p> <p>If any other members of the Council are interested in performing this duty they are asked to seek the support of their group, and then contact Lin Chaplen in Democratic & Community Engagement. Their name will then be put forward with that of Councillor Jones for consideration by the Employment Committee.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</p>

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
9		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 25 August 2008 - Checklist 34/08</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>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Communicating Climate Change seminar The LGA's climate change campaign, 'Small Change, Big Difference' is designed to encourage councils to do more to tackle climate change and to help their communities take action also. We are holding a seminar for councils on Friday 19 September 2008 at Local Government House in Westminster to gather examples of current activity, identify how we can help you and develop ideas for the first Small change, Big difference week. LG Alert Reference: 158/08</p> <p>LGA GROUP VACANCIES</p> <p>Job Vacancies at the LGE 2 jobs are currently being advertised at the Local Government Employers (LGE). These are Principal Negotiating Officer and Head of Customer Relationships. LG Alert Reference: 157/08</p> <p>SOCIAL SERVICES</p> <p>Learning Disability Transfer - Guidance published On 21 August the Department of Health published guidance covering the transfer of the responsibility for the commissioning of social care for adults with a learning disability from the NHS to local government. . The LGA is running a one day conference on 15 September on 'valuing people now: making it happen', to explore perspectives on the benefits and risks of the transfer. LG Alert Reference: 159/08</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
10	Nelson	<p>Trading Results and Capital Outturn Report 2007/08</p> <p>The final accounts of the Commercial Port for 2007/08 have recently been completed. A full copy of the Port Manager's report has been placed in the Members rooms for information.</p> <p>The Net Profit of £3.8m in 2007/08 represents a decrease of £1.4m or 28% on the actual estimated for the same period. Approximately £1.7m is attributable to a change in accounting policy whereby improvements of fixed assets are now charged to the Income & Expenditure account as opposed to being charged Fixed Asset Restatement Reserve on the balance sheet.</p> <p>The lion's share of this improvement is due to the valuers reduction in the revised valuation of the Ports Terminal building to the sum of £1.6m.</p> <p>Capital expenditure in 2007/08 totalled £2,714,658 of which £2,070,300 was financed from unsupplied borrowing.</p> <p>Further details can be found in the main report.</p>	<p>Wayne Layton Port Accountant Tel: 9268 8564</p>