

# City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

**NO 28**

**DATE: FRIDAY 11 JULY 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](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

	<b>WARD</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
1		<p><b>Cabinet - 7 July 2008</b></p> <p>At the Cabinet meeting the following decisions were taken: -</p> <p><b>Adult &amp; Family Learning Plan 2008-09</b></p> <p>The plans were noted for referral to full Council on 22 July for approval.</p>	<p><b>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4057</b></p>

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1	(Cont'd)	<p><b>The Children &amp; Young People Plan 2008-11</b></p> <p>The Children &amp; Young People Plan will be taken to the City Council on 22 July with a recommendation to endorse the priorities of the plan listed in the table following paragraph 4.7.</p> <p><b>City Fireworks Review</b></p> <p>(i) That in light of concerns raised by the police relating to public safety at the City's Fireworks Display that for 2008 there is no funfair at the event and consideration was given to further review the content of the event to possibly include additional community input;</p> <p>(ii) A review be undertaken of firework events across the city as part of the city's overall events strategy;</p> <p>(iii) That consideration be given to have a funfair at the King George V Playing Fields but on an alternative date.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Management Unit</b></p> <p>The Cabinet endorsed the current approach to Neighbourhood Management and agreed to review options for the future in December 2008/January 2009.</p> <p><b>Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs</b></p> <p>The Cabinet –</p> <p>(i) Noted the findings of the Hampshire Travelling Showpeople Assessment;</p> <p>(ii) Agreed that the Hampshire Travelling Showpeople Assessment be submitted to SEERA for the Portsmouth City Council's advice on the accommodation needs for travelling showpeople in Hampshire.</p> <p><b>Gypsy &amp; Traveller Draft Strategy for Portsmouth 2008</b></p> <p>The Cabinet noted the draft strategy for gypsies and travellers as a basis for consulting organisations (including the police and other local authorities) with an interest in these matters.</p>	

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1	(Cont'd)	<p><b>Sustainability Strategy</b></p> <p>The Cabinet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Noted the achievements of the Sustainability Strategy;</li> <li>(ii) Agreed the proposed plan for the 2008/09 sustainability budget;</li> <li>(iii) Was aware of the latest developments since the Sustainability Strategy was introduced;</li> <li>(iv) Acknowledged the continued challenges of the sustainability agenda;</li> <li>(v) Noted that a full review of the Sustainability Strategy will be carried out in line with producing a Climate Change Strategy for the City (to be completed by December 2008) in order to avoid duplication.</li> </ul> <p>(The Cabinet members wished to be updated quarterly on progress.)</p> <p><b>Draft Supplementary Planning Document for Tall Buildings</b></p> <p>The Cabinet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Approved the Draft Supplementary Planning Document: Tall Buildings, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, for public consultation;</li> <li>(ii) Authorised the Head of Planning Services to make editorial amendments to this draft document prior to publication in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning Regeneration &amp; Economic Development; these amendments shall be restricted to correcting errors and formatting text and shall not alter the meaning of the draft SPD.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residential Parking Provision Review</b></p> <p>(The Head of Planning Services reported that the consultation period would run until the end of September.)</p> <p>It was agreed that officers consult on the draft Supplementary Planning Document and report back to a future meeting.</p>	

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1	(Cont'd)	<p><b>Hampshire Minerals &amp; Waste Development Framework: Proposed Submission Minerals Plan</b></p> <p>The Cabinet would recommend to the City Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the approval of the proposed Submission Minerals Plan for public consultation for submission to the Secretary of State;</li> <li>(ii) that it gives delegated authority to the Head of Planning Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning Regeneration &amp; Economic Development, to make changes to the Plan prior to submission, provided that these changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not affect Portsmouth or its obligations under the Plan</li> <li>- Do not change the overall direction, shape or emphasis of the document and</li> <li>- Do not raise any new issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Core Strategy – Preferred Options Document</b></p> <p>Subject to a circulated amendment relating to Somerstown &amp; North Southsea (regarding the reduction in the minimum number of additional dwellings) and taking on board Councillor Wemyss' suggestion that tree coverage should be encouraged, it was recommended to Council that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Core Strategy Preferred Options Document attached as Appendix 1 to the report be approved for public consultation;</li> <li>(ii) That the Head of Planning Services be authorised to make editorial amendments to the Core Strategy prior to publication, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning Regeneration &amp; Economic Development;</li> <li>(iii) To note the results of the sustainability appraisal.</li> </ul> <p>(The Head of Planning Services would look into the suggestion that a local name be used for the Strategy.)</p>	

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1	(Cont'd)	<p data-bbox="398 180 768 212"><b>Budget Savings 2009/10</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 252 1178 284">(i) The following revised savings targets were agreed</p> <table data-bbox="398 323 1507 547"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="398 323 517 355"></th> <th data-bbox="864 323 976 355">In Year</th> <th data-bbox="1335 323 1507 355">Cumulative</th> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="398 355 517 387"></th> <th data-bbox="864 355 976 387">Target</th> <th data-bbox="1335 355 1507 387">Savings</th> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="398 387 517 419"></th> <th data-bbox="864 387 976 419">£'000</th> <th data-bbox="1335 387 1507 419">£'000</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="398 435 517 467">2009/10</td> <td data-bbox="864 435 976 467">4.9</td> <td data-bbox="1335 435 1507 467">4.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="398 467 517 499">2010/11</td> <td data-bbox="864 467 976 499">4.9</td> <td data-bbox="1335 467 1507 499">9.8</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="398 499 517 531">2011/12</td> <td data-bbox="864 499 976 531">2.0</td> <td data-bbox="1335 499 1507 531">11.8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="398 587 1749 691">(ii) Services will be asked to provide savings to meet the targets set for the 2008/09 budget (if these have not already been achieved), and that in addition, all services also be asked to indicate the savings they would make to achieve further 1%, 2%, 3%, 4% and 5% savings;</p> <p data-bbox="398 730 1733 834">(iii) Officers will be asked to vigorously review those budget pressures that were incorporated into the forecast for 2009/10 and 2010/11 to ensure that costs or pressures have not changed;</p> <p data-bbox="398 874 1733 946">(iv) Officers will be invited to submit bids for budget pressures that cannot be absorbed within existing cash limits.</p> <p data-bbox="398 986 1267 1018"><b>Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2006/07 – Action Plan</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 1058 1458 1090">(i) The Action Plan (attached as Appendix A to the report) was approved;</p> <p data-bbox="398 1129 1733 1201">(ii) That regular updates on the progress on the Action Plan be reported to the Governance &amp; Audit Committee;</p> <p data-bbox="398 1241 1632 1273">(iii) Progress made on the outstanding actions on the 2005/06 Action Plan were noted.</p>		In Year	Cumulative		Target	Savings		£'000	£'000	2009/10	4.9	4.9	2010/11	4.9	9.8	2011/12	2.0	11.8	
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1	(Cont'd)	<p><b>The Future of the Coastal Flood &amp; Erosion Risk Management Service – A Wider Partnership</b></p> <p>It was agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The proposal to move to a combined East Solent Coastal Service with Havant Borough Council be accepted;</li> <li>(ii) The Head of Transport &amp; Street Management in conjunction with the Executive Member for Environment &amp; Community Safety was authorised to oversee the process and manage delivery;</li> <li>(iii) The City Solicitor conclude a Partnering Agreement with Havant Borough Council;</li> <li>(iv) The City Council makes an annual negotiated contribution towards the overall management of a combined team from within existing revenue provision.</li> </ul> <p><b>Land at Fort Cumberland Road, Eastney</b></p> <p>The City Solicitor reported that the deed of easement would be modified to reflect a 12-metre maximum access strip, subject to the requirements of the Highways Authority and planning permission.</p> <p>It was agreed that, subject to the above amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The decision taken by the Executive on 21 May 2008 to reject the two recommendations in the report presented to the Executive on 18 December 2007, be rescinded;</li> <li>(ii) The two recommendations were approved and that the deed required by Qinetiq Limited be in the form of the draft Deed of Release and Grant of Easement that accompanied the report (as amended).</li> </ul>	

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1	(Cont'd)	<p><b>Car Parking Income for 2008/09 and Future Years</b></p> <p>Recommended to Council that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The changes to Car Parking charges determined by the Cabinet Member for Traffic &amp; Transportation set out in this report that affects the savings agreed by the City Council in its Budget Report on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2008 be approved;</li> <li>(ii) Given the uncertainty that currently exists over the potential funding source for the loss of income associated with the changes to Car Parking charges, it is proposed that in the first instance the shortfall in the 2008/09 approved Budget arising from the decisions made at the Traffic &amp; Transportation Decision meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be funded from contingency;</li> <li>(iii) That any transfer from contingency is made at year end once the outcome of any potential savings in Travel Concessions is known with greater certainty and that the transfer is only made if sufficient savings in Travel Concessions do not arise;</li> <li>(iv) The ongoing shortfall in 2009/10 and future years in the Traffic &amp; Transportation budget arising from those decisions be funded from within the Traffic &amp; Transportation Portfolio.</li> </ul> <p><b>Continental Ferry Port – New Passenger Terminal</b></p> <p>It was recommended to Council that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Port Manager be authorised to appoint consultants as necessary in order to progress the design of a new terminal building and associated infrastructure;</li> <li>(ii) The additional capital expenditure outlined in Appendix 1 to progress to Stage 2a of the scheme be approved and financed from Prudential Borrowing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed Surface Car Park, Exmouth Road</b></p> <p>It was agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Subject to obtaining planning permission approval be granted to the City Solicitor to enter into a 21 year lease with the owners, on the terms set out in the attached exempt financial appraisal, to enable the City Council to operate a surface car park on the area of land owned by them;</li> </ul>	

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1	(Cont'd)	<p>(ii) Approval be granted for the Parking Manager to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce pay and display parking to operate 24 hours per day every day of the week in this car park. The proposed tariffs will be shown in that advertisement;</p> <p>(iii) the Parking Manager obtains three quotes for the work required on site in accordance with the financial regulations and employs the most favourable;</p> <p>(iv) the cost of these works be funded from the Parking Reserve Account.</p> <p><b>Continental Ferry Port Berth 3/4 Extension</b></p> <p>It was recommended to Council that</p> <p>(i) The Port Manager be authorised to appoint a contractor for the design and construction of an extension to the existing berth 3/4 jetty;</p> <p>(ii) New Capital Expenditure in the sum identified in the exempt financial appraisal be approved for the scheme and that this be financed from revenue contributions to capital over the coming years in accordance with the associated increase in Port dues.</p> <p><b>Proposed Project to Provide Extra Care Services and Affordable Housing for Older People</b></p> <p>It was agreed that it be recommended to Council that:</p> <p>(i) Approval be given to the initiation of the project and preliminary discussions with the Housing Corporation to provide 160 units of Extra Care and respite care accommodation and 18 affordable homes;</p> <p>(ii) Capital expenditure in the sum of £682,000 be approved to fund the project management and procurement costs (£543,000) and Highgrove Lodge demolition costs £139,000 associated with the scheme (inclusive of contingency);</p> <p>(iii) The capital expenditure of £682,000 be financed from the Housing Investment Programme in the sum of £565,000 and the balance of £117,000 from available corporate capital resources;</p>	



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1	(Cont'd)	<p>(iv) The additional revenue costs relating to the early years transition costs (including any redundancy costs) of £667,300 be funded from the MTRS Reserve as a Spend To Save scheme and that subsequent annual savings of £200,000 be deducted from the Health and Social Care cash limit as part of the contribution towards the service's overall budget savings target;</p> <p>(v) The process for the selection of a partner registered social landlord/developer able to make application for Housing Corporation Funding is initiated;</p> <p>(vi) The four Local Authority owned sites described in the report be reserved for the project;</p> <p>(vii) A report be made to the Cabinet on the results of the procurement process and confirmed scheme costs and nomination arrangements for approval so that an application can be made to the Housing Corporation with the full commitment of the Local Authority;</p> <p>(viii) The appropriate consultations with the residents, their relatives and the staff of the Alexandra Lodge and Longdean Lodge residential care home be undertaken;</p> <p>(ix) The arrangements necessary for the demolition of the Highgrove Lodge building be actioned, (including consultation with ward councillors) and demolition take place;</p> <p>(x) The financial appraisal be approved.</p> <p><b>The Mary Rose Special School</b></p> <p>It was agreed that</p> <p>(i) the report be noted;</p> <p>(ii) the funding arrangements as set out in the exempt Appendix be approved;</p> <p>(iii) the settlement of the account at the figure given in the exempt Appendix be approved.</p> <p><b>NB: Call-in date – Wednesday 16 July</b></p>	

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2		<p><b>Resources Portfolio Decision Meeting – 9 July</b></p> <p>At a portfolio decision meeting held on Wednesday 9 July the cabinet member with responsibility for Resources: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* noted the terms of reference for the new Resources portfolio</li> <li>* gave authority for the Assistant Head of ICT Services (Infrastructure) to enter into an Information Management and Technology Partnership Agreement with other Hampshire and Isle of Wight area authorities and to be the City Council's official representative on the Strategic Partnership Board.</li> </ul> <p><b>NB: Call-in date – Friday 18 July</b></p>	<p><b>Nick Eaton</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4052</b></p>
3		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Traffic &amp; Transportation – Decision Meeting –10 July</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Traffic &amp; Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg, made the following decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Traffic Speed in Doyle Avenue</b> - the Cabinet Member for Traffic &amp; Transportation noted this report which was brought before her at the request of Councillor Alistair Thompson.</li> <li>• <b>The Portsmouth City Council (Wymering Extension) (Residents' Parking Places and Prohibition of Waiting) (No. 7) Order 2008</b> – following consideration of representations received in response to the Public Consultation on this Order, and due to the high level of objections received from residents, the Cabinet Member agreed that the proposals in this Order be deleted, with the exception of the following items relating to Wymering Lane, Colchester Road and Cromer Road – A3, A4, A17, B3, B4, B17, C1, C2, C6.</li> <li>• <b>The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Amendments to Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) (No. 19) Order 2008</b> - following consideration of representations received in response to the Public Consultation on this Order, the Cabinet Member agreed that this Order be made as advertised, with the following exceptions: -</li> </ul>	<p><b>Karen Martin/ Lucy Wingham</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>

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3	(Cont'd)	<p>1) Delete Item A8 relating to Hoylake Road  2) Delete Item F relating to New Road  3) Delete Item H relating to Portsmouth Road  4) Amend Item A16 (b) relating to Toronto Road, reducing the proposal from 3m to 2m –    The south side from a point 2m west of its junction with Balliol Road to a point 2m east of that junction</p> <p>5) Amend Item I relating to Albany Road, reducing the proposal by 20m –  The west side from a point opposite the south side of Hereford Road northwards to its junction with The Thicket</p> <p>6) Amend Item A14 (a) relating to Sywell Crescent to read, reducing the proposal by 24m –    The south-east side, a 116m length around the western bend.</p> <p>In addition, Councillor Stagg agreed that if any of the anticipated problems relating to Sywell Crescent occur, they should be addressed in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Requests for One-way Roads</b> – the Cabinet Member agreed that the priority list be reviewed every second year and that approval be given to implement new one-way roads in the following order of priority, as far as the available budget allocation and any other sources of identified funding for 2008/09 will allow: <p style="text-align: center;">Bonchurch Road &amp; Edgeware Road  South Road &amp; Station Road</p> <p><i>Reserve Roads:</i> Ringwood Road &amp; Fordingbridge Road</p> </li> </ul> <p>Councillor Stagg also agreed to amend the assessment methodology, approved in September 2007, to include consideration for contra-flow cycle facilities.</p>	

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3	(Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Residents Parking – Widley Road</b> – following the decision made on the 10 June 2008 to postpone the implementation of residents parking in Widley Road, the Cabinet Member decided that item B5 (relating to residents parking in Widley Road) of the Portsmouth City Council (East Cosham) (Residents' Parking Places Extension) (Prohibition of Waiting) (No 6) Order 2008 be implemented at the same time as the other parts of the Order which were approved at her meeting of 10 June 2008.</li>   <li>• <b>Residents Parking Survey Responses in Parts of North End and Hilsea</b> – Councillor Lynne Stagg decided that:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approval be granted for the Parking Manager to advertise a traffic regulation order to introduce residents' parking to the roads listed in Appendix A under the heading Angerstein Road area; this area to be an extension to the existing zone covering the Bevis Road area.</li>   <li>2. due to a lack of sufficient support for residents' parking across the area surveyed, the Parking Manager be instructed to take no further action in respect of the roads listed in Appendix A - Mountbatten Centre Area.</li>   <li>3. due to a lack of sufficient support for residents' parking across the area surveyed and a number of emailed deputations from residents living in Chichester Road, the Parking Manager be instructed to re-examine the North End area.</li> </ol> </li>   <li>• <b>Monitoring of the Outturn of the 2007/08 Revenue Cash Limits &amp; Capital Programme</b> - the Cabinet Member, Councillor Lynne Stagg noted the report.</li> </ul> <p><b>NB: Call-in date – Friday 18 July</b></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 NICK EATON (Committee Support Manager) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 18 July 2008.**

**An email or handwritten letter will suffice.**

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

### **PORTFOLIO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION**

**FRIDAY 11 JULY 2008**

	<b>WARD</b>	<b>SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL</b>	<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Nelson</b>	<p><b>Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Residents' Parking Scheme For Buckler's Court</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> to advertise proposals for a residents' parking scheme in Buckler's Court, North End, a cul-de-sac. A recent survey saw a 62.5% return, with 85% of respondents in favour, 10% against and 5% made no comment.</p> <p>The properties are entirely residential, but residents find it difficult to use the limited space available, due to long-term parking by local employees and other non-residents.</p>	<p><b>Nikki Dridge</b>  <b>Transport &amp; Street</b>  <b>Management</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8285</b></p>

### **PORTFOLIO: RESOURCES**

**FRIDAY 11 JULY 2008**

	<b>WARD</b>	<b>SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL</b>	<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
<b>5</b>		<p><b>Rental Subsidy to City of Portsmouth Preserved Transport Depot: Release of Funds from Contingency</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> that the rental subsidy, as described below, be approved, to be funded from contingency provision.</p> <p>When the City of Portsmouth Preserved Transport Depot was forced to move from their former premises in Broad Street, Old Portsmouth, it found suitable rented accommodation in some farm buildings in Warnford. The City Council has subsidised the rental payment of these buildings for four years. When the lease on their building at Warnford expired the Chairman of the Society advised that they had moved the collection to new premises near Fareham. In 2007/8 the City Council agreed to pay an increased subsidy of £7,000 towards the rental of the new premises.</p>	<p><b>Sue Page</b>  <b>Corporate</b>  <b>Resources &amp;</b>  <b>Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4438</b></p>

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5	(Cont'd)	<p>Their costs are continuing to rise, but they have been largely offset by increasing the rents that individuals pay for storage. For 2008/9 the Society is seeking to maintain the City Council subsidy of £7,000 paid in 2007/8. A provision of £5,000 towards the rental has been included in the budget for 2008/9 leaving a shortfall of £2,000. The Strategic Director of Corporate Resources &amp; Services advises that the increased rental subsidy of £2,000 can be funded from the General Fund Contingency Provision in 2008/09.</p>	

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6		<p><b>Portsmouth Craft &amp; Manufacturing Industries (PCMI) purchase of a Riveting Machine</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> for the purchasing of a piece of machinery (riveting machine) costing approximately £8k using funds currently held in the PCMI reserve account.</p> <p>The machinery will allow for the production of our products in a more cost effective and environmentally friendly way whilst allowing the development of additional skills for the machine operators.</p> <p>It will also enable compliance with the current legislation governing production methods for the product range.</p> <p>In addition it will mean that the PCMI will be able to tender for additional specialist work which will support the ongoing employment of staff and generation of more income.</p>	<p><b>Derek W. Christie</b>  <b>Portsmouth Craft &amp; Manufacturing Industries</b>  <b>Tel: 9232 2816</b></p>

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7		<p><b>Department for Children, Schools and Families – Pathfinder funding</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> to authorise the expenditure of up to £50,000 capital and £25,000 revenue from the Play Pathfinder grant from the Department of Children, Schools and Families</p> <p>Portsmouth City Council has been awarded Pathfinder status and £2,119,881 capital and £490,692 revenue from the DSCF to deliver 28 new or refurbished and extended open access play sites, a staffed adventure playground and a programme of play promotion and play training across the city. This money is wholly external, new money and is ring fenced to projects and activities agreed and approved by the DCSF.</p> <p>The delivery timetable for year one demands 12 play areas to be completed by March 2009 and this tight timetable requires that the spend start at once to enable design and other preparatory works be undertaken.</p> <p>Reports on the Pathfinder project have been approved by the Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People in whose portfolio the project sits and by the Executive Member for Culture and Leisure who is joint Play Champion.</p> <p>A full report is being prepared and will go the next Cabinet meeting.</p>	<p><b>Chris Richards</b>  <b>Community Services</b>  <b>Manager</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4810</b></p>

THERE ARE NO PLANNING APPLICATIONS THIS WEEK

## **Part 3 - Information and News Items**

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	<b>WARD</b>		<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
8		<p data-bbox="398 212 629 244"><b>Media Releases</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 276 1738 379">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 data-bbox="398 411 1738 1449" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="398 411 920 443">• Get more out of it - Learn for Life</li><li data-bbox="398 467 1205 499">• A 'Night at the Oscars' for Portsmouth's premier pupils</li><li data-bbox="398 523 1458 555">• MP3 players open up the world - wide web for blind and visually impaired</li><li data-bbox="398 579 1039 611">• Enterprising garage reassuring customers</li><li data-bbox="398 635 1003 667">• City welcomes home Lively Lady home</li><li data-bbox="398 691 1043 722">• New panels mark out historical high points</li><li data-bbox="398 746 1294 778">• Enjoy an evening of opera in Victoria Park - Saturday 19 July</li><li data-bbox="398 802 981 834">• A new lease of life for Strouden Court</li><li data-bbox="398 858 1238 890">• New social housing is back on the agenda after 25 years</li><li data-bbox="398 914 1155 946">• Para Spectacular in Portsmouth on 12 and 13 July</li><li data-bbox="398 970 936 1002">• Cash for green-minded employers</li><li data-bbox="398 1026 1731 1058">• Community Wardens and the Police work together to move travellers on after just eight hours</li><li data-bbox="398 1082 1238 1114">• New social housing is back on the agenda after 25 years</li><li data-bbox="398 1137 1010 1169">• Albert Road just keeps on getting better</li><li data-bbox="398 1193 869 1225">• Summer Activities Pack 2008</li><li data-bbox="398 1249 972 1281">• Join the library and enjoy a free DVD</li><li data-bbox="398 1305 1216 1337">• Big screen brings sport, news and entertainment to city</li><li data-bbox="398 1361 1462 1393">• Forced marriage and so-called honour violence highlighted at conference</li><li data-bbox="398 1417 1160 1449">• Students sign up to support city action on Respect.</li></ul>	<p data-bbox="1787 212 2040 355"><b>Corporate Communications Team Tel: 9283 4142</b></p>



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9		<p><b>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 7 July 2008 - Checklist 27/08</b></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 <a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">http://www.lga.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p><b>The Big Tidy Up 2008</b> On 1st September ENCAMS, the Keep Britain Tidy organisation, will be launching their first national clean up in over 8 years to encourage a public upsurge in local clean up events. The LGA Environmental Advisory Service will host a live web event on 15th July on this. LG Alert Reference: 120/08</p> <p>POST OFFICE CLOSURES</p> <p><b>Post Office Ltd Guidance on local funding of Post Offices</b> Post Office Limited launched a guide for local councils who want to provide local funding to Post Offices at a workshop at the LGA Annual Conference on Thursday 3 July. LG Alert Reference: 119/08</p>	<p><b>Local Government Association (LGA)</b> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@lga.gov.uk">info@lga.gov.uk</a> <b>Tel: 020 7664 3131</b> <a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">www.lga.gov.uk</a></p>
10		<p><b>Licensing Sub Committee - 25 June 2008</b></p> <p>The following is a summary of the decision made at the meeting;</p> <p>Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a premises licence - <b>The Persian Palace, 221 Albert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO4 0JP</b> - The premises licence was granted so as to permit the following licensable activities and with the additional condition listed;</p> <p>Sale of late night refreshment on Monday to Saturday from 2300 until 0130 hours and on Sunday from 2300 hours until 2359 hours.</p> <p>Sale of alcohol - Monday to Friday 0730 hours until 0100 hours and Saturday 0730 hours until 2359 hours and Sunday 0730 hours until 2330 hours, to allow for half an hour drinking up time. With the premises open to the public being Monday to Saturday from 0730 until 0130 hours and on Sunday from 0730 hours until 2359 hours, with the following additional conditions - CCTV be installed and stored as per the letter of representation from the Police dated 5 June 2008 and that the system be approved by the Police prior to the venue operating under the premises licence.</p>	<p><b>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin, Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>

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11		<p><b>Employment Committee - 8 July</b></p> <p>At this meeting, the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Appointed Councillor Steve Wemyss to serve on the <b>Hampshire Pensions Fund Panel</b> for the period to June 2010, representing both Portsmouth and Southampton Councils. (NOTE: it was established after the meeting of the Employment Committee that this appointment will in fact be held by Southampton until October 2008; then Councillor Wemyss will hold the appointment from October 2008 - October 2010)</li> <li>* Noted an update about the <b>Smoking at Work policy</b>. No difficulties have been reported with the operation of this policy.</li> <li>* Noted an update about the <b>Time Off for Public Duties policy</b>. No new applications have yet been received.</li> <li>* Noted the <b>sickness absence</b> quarterly report and the progress in establishing the Occupational Health Service. There is a small decrease in sickness absence. The committee asked for historical and comparative information in future reports, to allow direction of travel and the effectiveness of the actions being taken to be assessed.</li> <li>* Approved the <b>2008/09 Health &amp; Safety Action Plan</b>, and a number of specific actions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the redesign of the health &amp; safety information on the web pages</li> <li>- the establishment of the Employee Involvement Forum (based on the former Wellbeing Focus Groups)</li> <li>- on completion of the Health &amp; Safety Action Plan targets, to require services to implement current policy and provide feedback demonstrating good practice; this being monitored by the Joint Health &amp; Safety Forum and the new Employee Involvement Forum</li> <li>- the introduction of health &amp; safety management audits of service groups to ensure a system of evaluation to demonstrate Council compliance with national and European legislation and provide examples of good practice</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Committee was pleased to note in particular the year on year reduction achieved in violent incidents reported by staff.</p>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>

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11	(Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="398 180 1765 475">* Noted actions being taken to progress the achievement of the <b>People Management Strategy 2005-2008</b>, and discussed in particular the representation of the black and minority ethnic population within the City Council. Information was given about the revised recruitment process, which has been designed to be more flexible than in the past and which will focus on the specific requirements of each job. There will be a tailored approach to seeking and recruiting candidates to posts, rather than the more traditional methods, which is expected to encourage a wider range of applicants. The People Management Strategy 2009/12 will be submitted to the Committee for approval in due course.</li> <li data-bbox="398 512 1765 874">* Approved the constitution of elected member panels for <b>appointments to Director and Heads of Service posts</b>, which will comprise 5 members in the proportion of two each from the Liberal Democrat and Conservative Groups, and one from the Labour or Independent Groups (shared on a rota basis). Every effort will be made to include representatives from different political groups (which for smaller parties will mean representation on a cyclical basis) but appointment panels will no longer be set up to reflect the political make-up of the Council. However, Group Leaders (or their appointed representative) will be consulted when this is likely to happen. It was agreed that all political groups should accept the outcome of any appointment subject to the right of challenge afforded to each member of the Cabinet as set out in the City Constitution.</li> <li data-bbox="398 911 1765 1023">* Noted that <b>industrial action</b> in support of the 2008 pay claim is planned by UNISON and T&amp;G Unite for 16 and 17 July. A letter has been sent to staff regarding their position should they choose to strike, and exemptions agreed with the Unions for critical services.</li> <li data-bbox="398 1059 981 1099">* Noted the <b>employment law update</b>.</li> <li data-bbox="398 1136 1765 1394">* Agreed to invite a representative of the Labour Group to attend the <b>Portsmouth City Council and Staff Joint Committee</b> meeting being held on 28 July, and to seek a change to the constitution of the Staff Joint Committee to allow for representation from all the political groups on the City Council in future (if not already provided from the employer's side standing membership (which is, ex officio, all members of the Employment Committee plus the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition, or the deputy leaders where the leaders already members).</li> </ul>	

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11	(Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Approved the process, scope and timeline of the <b>Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) Review</b> as per the report submitted</li> <li>* Received an update in exempt session about the negotiations with the Unions regarding the <b>Local Pay Review</b>. A meeting of the Staff Joint Committee will be held at 4pm on 28 July, followed by a special meeting of the Employment Committee at 5.30pm on the same day, or at the conclusion of the Staff Joint meeting if later than 5.30pm</li> </ul>	
12		<p><b>St Luke's Community Sports Centre Joint Management Committee - 8 July 2008</b></p> <p>At this meeting the St Luke's Community Sports Centre Joint Management Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elected Councillor Steven Wylie as Chair and Councillor Jason Fazackarley as Vice Chair of the JMC for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.</li> <li>• Noted and approved the operational report as submitted. Attendance at the centre has been affected by the recent pool closure, and there have also been staffing changes. Repair works to the pool have now been completed and it is open as normal. A new manager has been appointed who will be concentrating on restoring usage and effectively promoting the centre.</li> <li>• Decided to meet next in early December 2008 (date to arranged).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>
13		<p><b>Old Portsmouth and Southsea Dispersal Area</b></p> <p>The Dispersal Order was in place from 00:01 on the 30/06/2008 and will continue until 23:59 on the 31/10/2008. It begins at the Camber Docks and includes the Isle of Wight ferry car park, runs through Old Portsmouth and along the seafront, and inland to Pembroke Road, where the edge of the area then runs along Southsea Terrace and Western Parade, and then on to Clarence Parade. From here it goes up to Clarendon Road, along Granada Road and up St. Helens Parade, stopping at the Pavilion. (A poster of the exact area is available from the Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Unit).</p>	<p><b>Claire Manchester</b>  <b>ASB Unit</b>  <b>Tel: 9284 1770</b></p>

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14		<p><b>Postponement of the Health and Overview Scrutiny Panel - Wednesday 16 July.</b></p> <p>Please note that this meeting will be rescheduled for <i>Thursday 31 July at 3pm.</i></p>	<p><b>Katie Benton Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9268 8360.</b></p>
15		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Housing's Decision Meeting - Friday 18 July at 11am in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</b></p> <p>At his meeting Councillor Wylie will consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Housing Investment Programme/Capital Budgets</li> <li>* Supporting People Programme Update</li> <li>* Community Housing Sustainable Communities Programme Update</li> <li>* Empty Homes Campaign (and use of compulsory purchase powers)</li> <li>* Application for Home Repair Assistance</li> </ul> <p>(NB this meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday 17 July at 4pm)</p>	<p><b>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4057</b></p>
16		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Education, Children &amp; Young People - Decision Meeting - Monday 21 July at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</b></p> <p>At her meeting, Councillor Eleanor Scott will be considering the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Portsmouth Play Pathfinder</li> <li>* Schools' Balances as at 31 March 2008</li> <li>* The Green Report: Corporate Parenting Report Card for Looked After Children</li> <li>* Implementation of Integrated Youth Support Services</li> <li>* Developing a Participation Strategy for Children &amp; Young People</li> </ul>	<p><b>Teresa Deasy, Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4056</b></p>

17	WARD						OFFICER CONTACT		
		<b>Enterprise Centres 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report April – June 2008</b>					<b>Clare Seek</b> <b>Enterprise Centres</b> <b>Manager</b> <b>Tel: 9282 6225</b>		
		<b>Key Facts</b>							
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 enquiries led to 12 visits to the centres. 9 units were let from these 12 viewings.</li> <li>• Enquiries analysis:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Technopole recommendation (led to 2 new tenants)</li> <li>3 Flagship advert (led to 1 new tenant)</li> <li>2 Banner at Portsmouth Enterprise Centre (led to 1 new tenant)</li> <li>15 Various others (word-of-mouth, CIBAS newsletter, recommendation)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• % of monthly revenue achieved</li> </ul>							
		<b>Centre</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Apr 08 Actual</b>	<b>May 08 Actual</b>	<b>June 08 Actual</b>			
		Challenge	98.5%	96.6%	96.04%	96.6%			
		Portsmouth	98.5%	86.73%	87.3%	87.3%			
		Victory	70%	77.32%	75.23%	74.82%			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Employees for Companies based at Centres (figures collated in Apr 08)</li> </ul>							
		<b>Centre</b>	<b>No of Companies</b>	<b>Total Emp</b>	<b>Living in PO1 – 6</b>	<b>Based at Centre</b>		<b>External to Centre</b>	<b>Sub-Contractors</b>
		Challenge	24	113	65	79		34	59
		Portsmouth	30	165.5	120	96.5	68	76	
		Victory	46	557	414	155	402	229	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>835.5</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>330.5</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>364</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press Releases:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‘Local firms thrive in current economic climate’ April 2008 (story about Morstaff Woods Recruitment &amp; Just Clear) Published in The News &amp; Start Your Own Business</li> </ul> </li> </ul>							

## 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](mailto:Licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk).

Item No	Ward	Licence No:	Premises Name and Address	Brief description of application:	Closing date for representations:
18	St Jude	14	69 Palmerston Road (Currently Sur La Mer Cafe Bar)	<p><b>Application for a Premises Licence</b></p> <p><b>Type of Premises:</b> Nightclub</p> <p><b>Proposed Licensable Activities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regulated Entertainment</li> <li>2. Late Night Refreshment</li> <li>3. Sale of Alcohol</li> </ol> <p><b>Proposed standard days and timings:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monday to Sunday from 11:00 until 04:00</li> <li>2. Monday to Sunday from 23:00 until 04:00</li> <li>3. Monday to Sunday from 11:00 until 04:00</li> </ol>	31 July 2008