

# City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

**NO 27**

**DATE: FRIDAY 4 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)

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Health &amp; Social Care's Decision Meeting – 1 July 2008</b></p> <p>At his decision meeting, Councillor Leo Madden made the following decisions:-</p> <p><b>Community Equipment Service Review</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member</p> <p>(i) noted the contents of this report  (ii) approved the further exploration of option iii  (iii) will receive an update in September 2008 to approve the final option.</p> <p><b>Charges for Adult Social Care Services</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member agreed that</p> <p>(i) the maximum hourly charge limit of £10.40 for Non-Residential Care services be discontinued.</p> <p>(ii) That once the necessary IT system changes are complete the above proposals be implemented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New clients with immediate effect</li> <li>• Existing clients with effect from April 2009</li> </ul> <p>(iii) All clients affected should receive explanatory advice &amp; assistance from the Financial Assessment &amp; Benefits Team.</p> <p><b>The Health Improvement &amp; Development Business Plan</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Health &amp; Social Care noted the nine priorities for the Health Improvement &amp; Development Service contained in the business plan.</p> <p><b>Appointment to Portsmouth Council of Community Service</b></p> <p>As there had been no nominations forthcoming this vacancy would need to be re-advertised for the appointment to be reconsidered at the September decision meeting.</p> <p><b>Call-in Date:</b> Wednesday 9 July 2008.</p>	<p><b>Joanne Wildsmith</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4057</b></p>

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2		<p><b>Culture &amp; Leisure Decision Meeting – 3 July 2008</b></p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Culture &amp; Leisure has made the following decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After being informed of progress made in finding <b>additional storage space for archives</b>, to note that the National Archives will continue to recognise Portsmouth City Museum and Record Office as a place of deposit for archives for a further two years. A progress report will be submitted to the National Archives as requested by them, and also to the Cabinet Member, in 6 months.</li> <li>• To note the implementation of the extended <b>Postal Research Service</b>, and to instruct that the viability of extending the Postal Research Service to include other museum collections be explored and proposals formulated.</li> <li>• To note the outcome of Portsmouth's success <b>Play Pathfinder</b> bid (which was also reported to the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People at her decision meeting on 19 May 2008) and how the project is to be progressed. Regular update reports will be submitted to the Cabinet Member's briefing meetings.</li> <li>• After hearing a deputation from Councillor Terry Henderson about resources for the Library Service, to note the response to the <b>District Auditor's Annual Audit and Inspection Letter March 2008 in respect of Cultural Services</b>, and specifically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- that the sports and recreation service in Portsmouth has a higher participation compared with the basket of demographically similar authorities</li> <li>- that value for money (VFM) for sports &amp; recreation will remain in the upper quartile of high spend per head in 2008/09; however as costs decrease and quality assured facilities increase, there is a planned improvement in VFM over the next two years</li> <li>- that various initiatives and activities are required to address the decline in visitor numbers to museums, galleries and libraries</li> <li>- that Sport England accredited sports facilities are expected to increase in number in 2008/09</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>

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	Contd/...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="398 180 1776 395">• To note the findings of the <b>Cultural Strategy assessment</b> and approve the development of a cultural blueprint to outline the development of the framework of cultural activities for the next five years, building on the assessment's findings and recent developments within Cultural Services. A one-off grant of £7,000 has been approved for the work of the Cultural Consortium, to support its expanded lobbying and advocacy role in support of Portsmouth City Council's Cultural Services.</li></ul> <p data-bbox="398 435 795 475"><b>Call-in Date:</b> Friday 11 July</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 11 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 & TRANSPORTATION**

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	<b>WARD</b>	<b>SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL</b>	<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Milton</b>	<p><b>Traffic Regulation Order for Parking Restrictions in the Fratton Park Area</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> To advertise a Traffic Regulation Order proposing part-time parking restrictions in the roads around Fratton Park football ground, to operate on match days only.</p> <p>The police have relinquished the responsibility of preventing parking in specified roads around Fratton Park on football match days, which included putting out No Waiting cones. The council has taken on that responsibility, and requires a Traffic Regulation Order with associated line marking and signage in order to enforce the restricted parking. It is imperative that access is maintained in the roads around Fratton Park football ground in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>The police have provided details of the roads and sections of roads where they prohibited stopping and waiting on football match days. The council's proposal is to continue enforcement of the same, with drop-down signs to indicate when the restrictions are in operation. The roads affected are:-</p> <p>Alverstone Road (part)            Anson Road (whole)            Apsley Road (part)            Carisbrooke Road (part)            Fratton Way (whole)            Frogmore Road (part)            Milton Lane (part)            Rodney Road (whole)            Ruskin Road (part)</p>	<p><b>Nikki Dridge</b>  <b>Transport &amp; Street</b>  <b>Management</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8285</b></p>

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4	Charles Dickens	<p><b>Additional Youth Facility for the Charles Dickens Centre</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> To provide a quiet room for young people to use as a meeting, counselling and training room adjacent to the youth activity centre.</p> <p>In order to further support the Youth Service working with young people in Landport and Buckland it is planned to install an 'expandacabin' (measuring 7m x 3.3m) at the Charles Dickens Centre. Planning permission has been obtained and the extra facility will be added to the City Council's asset register. The extra room has multi agency support as it meets local need.</p> <p>The cost of the facility, including installation and running costs for 2 years will be met with a grant from Neighbourhood Management. Following this the Youth Service will take a decision to either continue funding or remove the expandacabin.</p>	<p><b>Nigel Selley</b>  <b>Neighbourhood Services Officer</b>  <b>Tel: 9260 6600</b></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 11 July 2008**. You can also make contact by letter or by e-mail to - [planningreps@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto: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	08/00982/FUL  Paulsgrove	<b>4 Coleridge Road</b>  Construction of two storey and single storey side extension	<p>One letter of objection has been received from a neighbouring occupier objecting to the proposal on the grounds that; (a) the proposal would result in an increase in overlooking and loss of privacy; (b) it would be visually overbearing and block light to their property; (c) increased demand for car parking; and (d) an increase in traffic and roadside parking will cause traffic problems.</p> <p>This application relates to a two-storey semi-detached house with a barn-hipped roof, situated on the southern side of Coleridge Road. There is a downward slope so that the house sits above number 27 Bridges Avenue which borders the house to the south-east. The applicant seeks permission to construct a part two/part-single storey extension to the eastern side of the house. The two-storey element would measure 4.5m wide and be as tall as the existing building maintaining the barn hip style roof. A single-storey side extension would be added to this to form a garage, extending the projection eastward by a further 2.5m. The garage would be 5.5m deep from the front of the house, with a pitched roof. The enlarged building would not be out of keeping with other similarly sized properties in the area. The majority of the extension would be pulled back from the boundary so it is 3m at its furthest point. Given the amount of vegetation on the boundary and the presence of a shed and greenhouse in the garden of Bridges Avenue, the proposal is not considered to have an unneighbourly impact. The proposed first-floor dormer would be obscure glazed, and given the position of the existing ground floor window, it is not considered the proposal would significantly increase the degree to which the adjoining property is overlooked. It is considered the sympathetic design would result in an acceptable appearance both in relation to the existing building and the surrounding area. The proposal conforms to maximum parking standards and would not adversely affect highway safety.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul Carnell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Permission</b></p>

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6	08/00867/FUL  Drayton & Farlington	<b>Unit 2 Applied House Fitzherbert Spur</b>  Installation of 2 exhaust flues at roof level and wood waste collector to rear elevation (re-submission of 08/00472/FUL)	<p>One letter of objection has been received from a resident of Fairways on the grounds that the proposed flues would be visually overbearing and thereby detract from visual amenity.</p> <p>One flue would be located approximately half way along the building while the second would be located at the western end of the building. Both would terminate 2m above ridge level, some 8.5m above ground level. The nearest flue would be some 53m west of the Fairways block of flats. The height of the proposed flues are determined by environmental requirements, and in the context of their commercial setting they are not considered to amount to visually obtrusive features. It is, however, considered appropriate to impose a safeguarding condition in relation to noise and odour.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton  Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p><b>Conditional Permission</b></p>
7	08/00285/FUL  Paulsgrove	<b>Household Waste Recycling Point Port Way</b>  New road for vehicular access and traffic control to household waste recycling centre	<p>Five letters were originally received raising objection on the following grounds: (a) traffic flow to and from the site; (b) need for a new access road; and (c) proposals for country park traffic. Following renotification an additional letter has been received echoing the objections above.</p> <p>The existing HWRC (household waste recycling centre) operations at the site take place in an 'open' compound with open skips, shipping containers, two portable buildings and a single lane access. The original scheme proposed refurbishment of the open compound. To address the concerns of the Environment Agency, this part of the scheme has been deleted. The vehicular access and traffic control system has been assessed by the Highways Officer who considers it would represent an improvement over the current situation.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott  Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p><b>Conditional Permission</b></p>



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### TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER DECISIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE HEAD OF TRANSPORT & STREET MANAGEMENT

The Head of Transport & Street Management will exercise his powers to proceed with the following Traffic Regulation Order(s) in accordance with the proposed action unless a Councillor requests the proposal to be referred for decision to Committee.

Your request should be made to the **Head of Transport & Street Management** by telephoning **Margaret O'Neill** (☎ 9283 4971) or **Alison Parker** (☎ 9284 1928) and must be received by not later than **5 pm on Friday 11 July 2008**. You can also make contact by letter, or by email to [engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk). If you wish to know more about a particular application, please contact the Case Officer indicated.

Item No	Ward	Traffic Regulation Order	Case Officer & Tel No	City Engineer's Comments	Proposed Action
8	Charles Dickens	<p>The Portsmouth City Council (Old Commercial Road) (Off-Street Parking Places) (No.20) Order 2008</p> <p>(a copy of the Public Notice is available in members' rooms and on the website at <a href="http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/9488.html">http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/9488.html</a> )</p>	Nikki Dridge 9268 8285	<p>Two letters received; one in support, two of objection and/or concern.</p> <p><u>1. Letter of support</u> –the Museum &amp; Records Service requests that the Dickens Birthplace Museum staff are allocated a space. This proposal is welcomed, as visitors often turn back due to there being no spaces available. Car park is full before 9am Mon-Fri, preventing anyone else from using it.</p> <p><u>2. Letter of objection</u> – an Old Commercial Road resident opposes making the car park 24/7 Pay &amp; Display, charging £10 for over 2 hours' stay. This shows prejudice against the residents of the road that PCC claims to be helping, as their guests / helpers / family will have to pay £10! This is a council money-making scheme, as nearby All Saints Car Park charges a maximum £3 a day, only up to 7pm. Why charge triple the amount of a car park nearer to town? Many town workers try to find free parking, and will be displaced from the car park onto nearby streets, making it more unsafe for drivers and pedestrians.</p> <p><u>3. Letter of concern</u> – The Cascades Shopping Centre Director believes it foolish to lose all-day parking for city centre workers when there are no alternative options in place. Another cost to commuters will impact on the ability to fill vacancies. The other changes appear to be subject to local residents' input, and it is right that local concerns are addressed.</p> <p><u>Comments:</u> 1. The Museum staff will be entitled to at least one permit for use in the car park, and hopefully more visitors will be able to visit the museum with somewhere to park.</p>	That the Order be made as advertised

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8	Contd/...			<p>2. Residents will be entitled to use their permits and visitor permits in the car park. Visitor permits cost 80p for 12 hours or £1.50 for 24 hours. The £10 charge will discourage long-term parking whilst allowing people to park and visit the Museum etc . The Civil Enforcement Officers will enforce nearby restrictions to maintain road safety and access.</p> <p>3. Both All Saints and Church Street Car Parks are both less than 1 minute away, nearer to town and have larger capacities. The all-day parking charge is just £3.00, compared with £10.00 for all other city car parks, and season tickets are available at £42.50 per month for a further saving. The Commercial Road car park has only 20 spaces, which are needed for short-term parking by residents' visitors, visitors to local amenities and attractions and shoppers. At present it is full on a daily basis with cars that do not move all day, thus removing a much-needed parking facility.</p>	

## Part 3 - Information and News Items

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9		<p><b>Media Releases</b></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"> <li>• Council welcomes new shipbuilding company as sign of confidence in city</li> <li>• China expect to give business tips to city firms</li> <li>• Summer fun at the gazebo</li> <li>• Victory Unit celebrates after helping more than 150 people back home</li> <li>• Portsmouth commuters cut climate change gas</li> <li>• Councillor calms fears about parking on Southsea Common</li> <li>• New signs keep drivers up to date</li> <li>• Free admission to D-Day Museum on 13 July marks Veterans Day</li> <li>• City Council celebrates tax victory</li> <li>• A Shakespearean summer special at the City Museum</li> <li>• Find out more about fostering</li> </ul>	<p><b>Corporate Communications Team</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4142</b></p>
10		<p><b>Portsmouth Council of Community Service – Appointment to Vacancy – Repeat Advertisement</b></p> <p>Members have been notified in the MIS dated 6 and 20 June of a vacancy on the Portsmouth Council of Community Service (PCCS). The City Council appoints three elected members to the PCCS. Councillors Andy Fraser and April Windebank were appointed at the Cabinet meeting on 2 June, but a third appointment remains to be made.</p> <p>The PCCS meets about 10 times a year during the day at 338 Commercial road. No remuneration or expenses are paid by the PCCS.</p> <p>No volunteers have yet come forward for this vacancy. Any member prepared to undertake this duty is asked to seek the support of their group and then give their name to Lin Chaplen, Democratic &amp; Community Engagement, by 21 July. The appointment will then be made by the Executive Member for Health &amp; Social Care at his next decision meeting.</p>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>

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11	<p><b>Governance &amp; Audit Committee – 30 June</b></p> <p>At this meeting the following decisions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To elect Councillor Hugh Mason as <b>vice chair</b> for 2008/09</li> <li>• To receive three reports from the District Auditor on:</li> </ul> <p><b>Audit Progress, June 2008</b>  <b>The results of the review of the Benefits Service</b>  <b>The Audit &amp; Inspection Plan for 2008/09 (including the level of fee)</b></p> <p>and instruct the Chief Executive to take any action necessary arising from them.</p> <p>In relation to the Benefits Service, the Committee noted the very good progress which had been made in improving the service, which had previously been underperforming. The District Auditor expressed his satisfaction with the action plan that had been drawn up and his belief that further sustainable improvement in outcomes can be expected. The committee was informed that current, as yet unaudited figures showed continuing, substantial progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to note and approve the <b>Audit Performance</b> for 2007/08, the audit opinion for 2007/08 on the system of internal control, and audit performance and highlighted areas of control weakness for the 2008/09 audit plan year to 23 May 2008. Further reports will be brought to the committee on the highlighted areas of control weakness, including the PORTAL project (second report), the review of payments to consultants and social services contracts.</li> <li>• to approve the final <b>Annual Governance Statement</b>, which forms part of the Financial Statements</li> <li>• to approve the action plan to address the findings of the <b>Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2006/07</b> (and remaining action from the 2005/06 action plan). Regular updates on progress on the action plan will be submitted to the committee. The Chief Executive has been asked to consider identifying Lead Member responsibilities within the Plan.</li> <li>• to note the progress being made on the <b>Business Continuity Management Implementation Programme</b>, which will continue to be monitored through the full lifecycle (planned development through to testing/exercising), with update reports to the committee.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>

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12		<p><b>Change in date of Cabinet Member for Housing's Decision Meeting to 18 July</b></p> <p>Due to planned industrial action on the dates of 16 and 17 July, Councillor Steven Wylie has agreed to change the date of this Housing Decision Meeting. This was scheduled for Thursday 17 July and will now take place on Friday 18 July at 11 am. The group spokespersons were consulted on this rescheduling.</p>	<p><b>Joanne Wildsmith</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4057</b></p>
13		<p><b>Councillor Steven Wylie – Change of Address</b></p> <p>Would you please note Councillor Wylie's change of address with immediate effect:</p> <p>191 Shearer Road          Portsmouth          PO1 5LW</p> <p>His previous landline telephone number will be replaced with mobile number 07783 884273</p>	<p><b>Carol Todd</b>  <b>Members' Secretary</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4172</b></p>

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14		<p><b>Advertisement of Local Democracy Manager Post</b></p> <p>Members will be interested to know the progress on the recruitment to this post: this has been locally and nationally advertised with a closing date of 14 July for applications to be made. Copies of the advert/job description are available from Fiona White's office.</p>	<p><b>Fiona White</b>  <b>Head of Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8446</b></p>
15		<p><b>Development Control Meeting - 2 July</b></p> <p>Committee Members considered the following main agenda item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update report on work to upgrade audio/visual systems in the Council Chamber and Executive Meeting Room.</b> The report was noted.</li> </ul> <p>The following decisions were made on development applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>08/00898/FUL - 22 Paignton Avenue, Portsmouth</b> - Construction of dormer window to rear roof slope was Refused.</li> <li>• <b>08/00142/FUL - Former Alders Warehouse, Cross Street Portsea</b> - Construction of 165 dwellings in 3 blocks - in form of a terrace of 6 two-storey houses (with accommodation in roof) fronting new access road between King William Street and Cross Street, 4-storey building for 18 flats onto Prince George Street and 3- to 9-storey building for 141 flats/ maisonette onto Cross Street, surface/ basement car parking with access via Cross Street and Prince George Street, cycle stores and landscaping (after demolition of existing building) subject to completion of S106 Agreement Head of Planning Services was authorised to Grant Conditional Permission.</li> <li>• <b>08/00719/FUL - Guildhall Square, Portsmouth</b> - Construction of 8.4 metre high public broadcasting screen adjacent to the Mountbatten Gallery for a temporary period of up to 5 years was Granted Temporary Conditional Permission.</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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16		<p><b>Employment Committee – Tuesday 8 July at 5 pm – Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</b></p> <p>At this meeting the Committee will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An appointment to the Hampshire Pensions Fund Panel</li> <li>• An update on the smoking at work policy</li> <li>• An update on the time off for public duties policy</li> <li>• The sickness absence quarterly report</li> <li>• The Health &amp; Safety Action Plan 2008/09</li> <li>• The People Management Strategy 2005/08</li> <li>• The constitution of member appointment panels when recruiting directors and heads of service</li> <li>• Update concerning possible industrial action regarding the current pay award</li> <li>• Employment Law update</li> <li>• Portsmouth City Council and Staff Joint Committee - employers' side representation - meetings regarding the Local Pay Review</li> <li>• Integrated Youth Support Service Review</li> <li>• Local Pay Review update (exempt report)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>
17		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Resources – Decision Meeting – Wednesday 9 July at 2 pm in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall</b></p> <p>At this meeting Councillor Hugh Mason will be considering the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Terms of Reference for the Resources Portfolio</b> - to note the terms of reference for this new portfolio</li> <li>• <b>Information Management and Technology Partnership Agreement</b> - seeking approval to enter into an Information Management and Technology Partnership Agreement with other local authorities in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Area</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nick Eaton Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4052</b></p>

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18		<p><b>Cabinet Member for Traffic &amp; Transportation – Decision Meeting – Thursday 9 July 2008 at 9.30 am</b> in the Executive Meeting Room of the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The cabinet member Councillor Lynne Stagg will consider the following items;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Traffic Speed in Doyle Avenue</b> - to report on the outcome of a traffic safety investigation.</li> <li>• <b>The Portsmouth City Council (Wymering Extension) (Residents' Parking Places and Prohibition of Waiting) (No. 7) Order 2008</b> - to consider representations received in response to the public consultation.</li> <li>• <b>The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Amendments to the Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) (No. 19) Order 2008</b> - to consider representations received in response to the public consultation.</li> <li>• <b>Requests for One-way Roads</b> - to report on the current status of the implementation of the 2007/08 programme of one-way roads and to seek approval to continue the programme into 2008/09.</li> <li>• <b>Residents Parking - Widley Road</b> - to report on the responses received from residents and Ward Councillors to the decision made on 10 June to postpone the implementation of residents parking in Widley Road.</li> <li>• <b>Residents Parking Survey Responses in Parts of North End and Hilsea</b> - to report on the responses received from residents to surveys undertaken to establish their views on the introduction of residents permit parking.</li> <li>• <b>Monitoring of the Outturn of the 2007/08 Revenue Cash Limits &amp; Capital Programme</b> - to update on the actual outturn revenue expenditure.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Karen Martin/ Lucy Wingham Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>
19		<p><b>The Adoption Agency Annual Report 2007-08</b></p> <p>The Adoption Agency Annual Report 2007-2008 gives an overview of the work of the Portsmouth Adoption Agency for the last year and also looks at the objectives for the coming year. In the last twelve months the number of children adopted has increased to 11 with a significant increase in the number of children under 2 being placed for adoption. This indicates clear planning at an early stage and also maximises the likelihood of a successful adoption in the long term. There were no disruptions pre adoption order in the year.</p>	<p><b>Jennie Dix Adoption Agency Manager Tel: 9284 1626</b></p>



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20	Contd/...	<p>There has also been an increase in the number of prospective adopters approved in the year. An objective for the coming year is to try to recruit families outside of the city with whom we can place children whose birth families live in the City. There are also initiatives to improve our recruitment of black and minority ethnic families to meet the needs of children waiting both locally and nationally. It is also hoped that we can improve our links with other agencies such as Education and Health to build on the support services we offer to adoptive families.</p> <p>A copy of the full report is available in the Group Rooms.</p> <p><b>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts - Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing 30 June 2008 - Checklist 26/08</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>EMERGENCY PLANNING</p> <p><b>Flooding Update</b></p> <p>An LGA Briefing on Sir Michael Pitt's Final Report into the summer 2007 floods is available on the Environment pages of the LGA website: <a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">www.lga.gov.uk</a> . The Final Report and information about the Pitt Review is available on: <a href="http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/thepittreview">http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/thepittreview</a> The Government has announced its intention to respond to the Review this autumn; a draft Floods and Water Bill is expected to be published in Spring 2009; and the LGA is intending to hold a high level conference on flooding in the autumn, looking at the Pitt Review, Future Water Strategy and Floods and Water Bill. LG Alert Reference: 118/08</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p><b>Financial Incentives for recycling pilots</b></p> <p>LGA has campaigned for a power for councils to introduce financial incentives schemes for household recycling. Legislation currently making its way through Parliament as part of the Climate Change Bill will allow up to 5 councils to pilot financial incentive schemes. Defra has now written to local authorities asking them to come forward to pilot waste incentives schemes. There is £4.5 million available over 3 years to support pilots. LG Alert Reference: 115/08</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>

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21	Contd/...	<p>IMPROVEMENT</p> <p><b>New Local Area Agreements launched</b>  All 150 new Local Area Agreements have now been formally signed off by Hazel Blears. To celebrate round two LAA sign-off, we have produced a series of 'LAA: real life success' stories from round one LAAs. The stories are based on more detailed LAA case studies that have been developed for the IDeA's new Partnerships and Places Library at: <a href="http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/laa/home.do">http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/laa/home.do</a> . For information, the Department for Communities and Local Government will shortly be publishing all 150 new LAAs on their website, <a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk">www.communities.gov.uk</a> . If you have a project that you would like to share with colleagues across the country please contact us at <a href="mailto:improvement@lga.gov.uk">improvement@lga.gov.uk</a>. LG Alert Reference: 116/08</p> <p>WASTE MANAGEMENT</p> <p><b>Landfill Tax report published</b>  A great many Leaders co-signed a letter from Sir Simon Milton to Hilary Benn MP asking for Landfill Tax to be returned to local authorities. Concerns that progress has not been made has resulted this week in the publication of a report on the impact of Landfill Tax on residents, councils and on the environment. Leaders and Portfolio Holders are encouraged to continue to help us with this campaign by expressing concerns directly to Treasury, CLG and Defra Ministers. LG Alert Reference: 117/08</p> <p><b>Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration &amp; Economic Development Decision Meeting - Friday 11 July 2008 at 10.00am</b> in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, The Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member will consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring of 2007/08 Cash Limits and Capital Programme Final Outturn Position</li> <li>• Harbour Economic Development Forum – Appointment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Karen Martin/  Lucy Wingham  Democratic &amp;  Community  Engagement  Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>

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22		<p><b>Portsmouth Gymnastics Centre Joint Management Committee (JMC) - 1 July</b></p> <p>At this meeting the JMC -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed Councillor David Horne as the chair for 2008/09, and County Councillor Eunice Byrom as the vice chair</li> <li>• Co-opted Phillip Johns (British Gymnastics Southern Region), Ruth Easterling (Hampshire Gymnastics Association) and Chris Hopper (Portsmouth Gymnastics Clubs) to the JMC for 2008/09</li> <li>• Received the operational report for the centre. The relocation of the centre from Pitt Street took place smoothly, and usage has now returned to the previous levels and is expected to increase, benefiting from the first class standard of the facilities, the accessibility of the centre, the nearness to residential areas and improved parking. The centre is already used by gymnasts from the wider area, and information about current and potential country-wide use is to be assembled to assist decisions about its future development.</li> <li>• Noted the requirement for Parkwood Leisure to recruit a Director of Gymnastics, who will also play a key role in drawing up a strategic development plan for gymnastics. The draft job description was submitted for the information of the JMC, and any comments invited.</li> <li>• Received an update about Hampshire County Council's current review of its support for gymnastics within its region, which might affect the level of future financial support to the Portsmouth Gymnastics Centre. The County Council has gradually reduced its financial support to the centre, and currently contributes £12,000. The result of the review is expected within 6 - 9 months.</li> <li>• Agreed the date of the next meeting as 3 February 2009 unless there is a need for an earlier meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>
23		<p><b>St Luke's Community Sports Centre Joint Management Committee (JMC) - 8 July 4.30pm Committee Room 5, Guildhall</b></p> <p>At this meeting, the JMC will elect the Chair and Vice Chair for 2008/09 and consider the operational review for the centre. The centre has had staffing and technical difficulties during the April - June period, that has an effect on usage and income, but the report explains the work in hand to address this situation.</p>	<p><b>Lin Chaplen Democratic &amp; Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</b></p>

**NB: There are no Licensing applications this week**