

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 22

DATE: FRIDAY 30 MAY 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 SASKIA KIERNAN (Scrutiny Support Manager) 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

NB: There are no Part One items this week.

Part 2 - Proposals from Managers for Implementation

The following proposals have been brought forward. The Managers indicated will exercise their powers to approve the proposal unless a Councillor requests the item be referred for decision to the relevant Cabinet Member or Regulatory Committee. **Your request must be made to NICK EATON (Committee Support Manager) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 6 June 2008.**

An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>Autistic Spectrum Disorder Unit – Milton Park (Federated) School</p> <p>Proposal: to approve the allocation of £50k from the uncommitted £826k Asset Management Funding 08/09 for the construction of an Autistic Spectrum Disorder unit at Milton Park (Federated) School, to facilitate the installation of a set of two toilets to serve the specialist unit.</p> <p>The overall resource is to be based in two rooms at the school that have had to be made good and prepared. In addition a quiet / withdrawal area has been created, ICT and other equipment purchased and installed, lighting installed etc.</p> <p>The existing revenue budget plan of staffing and purchasing of the necessary facilities leaves a shortfall equivalent to the costs of the toilet and lighting installation, this had been costed at £50k. This includes AMS professional fees. The costs of the toilets are relatively high due to the age and style of the building and include a contingency given there could be additional issues with asbestos / wiring etc.</p> <p>It is anticipated that this unit will be completed prior to the September 2008 start of term.</p>	<p>Ken Rankin - School Services Manager Tel: 9284 1223</p>

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2	All	<p>Land Charges – Personal Searches</p> <p>Proposal: to introduce a charge of £40 to access non-statutory information for personal searches.</p> <p>In line with the Communities and Local Government Good Practice guidance for Local Authorities and Personal Searchers, the City Council provides to all those making personal searches, access to non-statutory information. It is proposed that as from 9 June 2008, a charge will be imposed for supplying this information. The charge will be cost recovery only. The Department for Communities and Local Government have recently completed a consultation the results of which may, in the future, result in further guidance on charging or possible introduction of a statutory charge.</p>	<p>Wendy Mitchell Planning Services Tel: 9283 4320</p>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

The Head of Planning Services will exercise his powers to determine the following applications in accordance with the proposed decision for each application unless a Councillor requests the application be referred for decision to Committee.

Your request should be made to the **Head of Planning Services** by telephoning **Julie Watson** (☎023 9283 4826 or 023 9283 4339 answerphone) and must be received by not later than **5 pm on Friday 6 June 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
3	08/00688/PLAREG Cosham	<p>76 Hawthorn Crescent Portsmouth</p> <p>Retention of 1.79 metre boundary wall</p>	<p>One email has been received objecting to the proposal on the grounds that: (a) the height and position of the wall impedes the sightline of exiting vehicles and is detrimental to pedestrian safety; (b) the wall is on a prominent corner of a busy road; (c) the new access onto Pitreavie Road will prove detrimental to the safety of pedestrians and vehicles entering from Hawthorne Crescent; and (d) the wall is out of character for the surrounding area.</p> <p>This application relates to the boundary treatment to the front and side of a two-storey end of terrace house located on the southern side of Hawthorn Crescent. The applicant has constructed a 1.8m boundary wall reducing to 1.4m to the Pitreavie Road frontage, incorporating an access to the front hardstanding, and a 1.4m high wall to the Hawthorn Crescent frontage. Although higher than other front boundary walls on Hawthorn Crescent, the wall subject of this application incorporates an acceptable degree of articulation including piers, string and dentil coursework to complement the existing house. It is mainly of red facings with a yellow face brick header course and stringcourse work. The wall fronting Pitreavie Road has similar detailing is of a similar height to other boundary walls fronting the highway. The design and appearance of the wall is considered acceptable in the context of policy DC1 of the Local Plan, and in terms of highway safety, the Highways Engineer raises no objection.</p>	<p>Paul Carnell</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Permission</p>

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4	08/00719/FUL Charles Dickens	<p>Guildhall Square Portsmouth</p> <p>Construction of 8.4 metre high public broadcasting screen adjacent to the Mountbatten Gallery for a temporary period of up to 5 years</p>	<p>One email of representation has been received from the Portsmouth Society expressing concern that the noise of the screen could be intrusive and might spoil the enjoyment of the open space.</p> <p>This application is for the erection of a public broadcasting screen to be located in Guildhall Square adjacent to the entrance to the Mountbatten Gallery. The structure would be 8.4m in length by 8m tall. The base of the screen would sit approximately 4m from ground level with an active screen area 3.6m tall by 6.6m long. The proposal is part of the nationwide "Live Sites" project and the applicant is applying for permission to erect the screen for a period of 5 years. The height and design of the screen are considered acceptable given the backdrop of the Civic Offices. Also, the commercial nature of this part of the conservation area would mean the screen would not be out of keeping with the character of the square. The operation of the screen, including levels of the sound amplification system, would come under the control of the Council and in such circumstances it is not considered necessary to impose a condition in respect of noise levels.</p>	<p>Paul Carnell</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Temporary Permission</p>

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5		<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"> • Plans for transformation of learning in Portsmouth • Mountbatten Centre to feature in Paralympic training camp guide • Splash into summer • Spinnaker a 'must-see' say travel experts • Steam engines in action this weekend at Eastney Beam Engine House 	<p>Corporate Communications Team Tel: 9283 4142</p>
6		<p>City of Portsmouth Sports Council Grant Aid 2008/9</p> <p>Following the meeting on Thursday 22 May 2008 the City of Portsmouth Sports Council agreed 17 grant aid applications totalling £4940 to a range of sporting causes. These were allocated from £8500 in the approved revenue estimates for 2008/9 leaving a balance of £3560 to be allocated later this year (subject to budgetary pressures). A breakdown of grants has been placed in the members' rooms.</p>	<p>Jean Cornish - Parks and Recreation Tel: 9283 4831</p>
7		<p>Correction - Cancellation of Policy & Review (Performance) Panel Meetings</p> <p>Within last week's MIS issue, item 17, members were informed of the cancellation of the 29 May meeting and there was, in error, reference to a meeting on 24 July. With the current changes to the Scrutiny system implemented at the annual council meeting, there are no further planned meetings of this panel.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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8		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 26 May 2008 - Checklist 21/08</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>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</p> <p>Fair Play: A consultation on the play strategy On 3 April, the government launched its 'Fair Play' consultation on the Play Strategy. The LGA would like to hear member council's comments on the strategy. LG Alert Reference: 91/08</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>New CROSS funding partnership to help reduce carbon emissions and fuel poverty There is a new LGA partnership which will help member councils access the multi-million pound funding stream available from energy suppliers, through the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT), to improve home energy efficiency. It is called the CROSS funding partnership, and management of this has been awarded to Enact Energy. The service is free of charge to local councils and RSLs with costs being recovered from the energy suppliers. The LGA hopes that the new partnership will help you deliver on both carbon reduction and fuel poverty targets, especially in those areas where these targets will be prioritised in local area agreements. LG Alert Reference: 92/08</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>
9		<p>Serving communities - A learning and development programme for elected members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HI Achievers is a new learning and development programme funded nationally to help elected members in Portsmouth and across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight ▪ The Government says local public services must be more integrated; changing the ability of councillors to influence what is delivered. The forthcoming Empowerment White Paper members must shape the future of local democracy in the way that's best for them and their communities 	<p>Jackie Rogers Learning & Development Tel: 9284 1617</p> <p>SOLACE Enterprises - Michelle Cunningham Tel: 0845 601 0649</p>

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9	(Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The HI Achievers programme will run throughout 2008, organising the events and activities you've asked for. The varied learning development programme is free, and is run by experienced local government practitioners. <p>An information pack with further details has been sent to all councillors.</p>	
10		<p>Portsmouth's LINK – Progress Report</p> <p>What is a LINK? LINKs are the new way central government want agencies to involve local people and communities to have their say on how health and social care issues are provided.</p> <p>The LINK aims to provide more people with the opportunity to influence public services in ways that are relevant and meaningful to them, ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ communities have a voice in the process of commissioning health and social care and making key decisions about local health and social care services ▪ both individuals as well as local user groups, and voluntary and community sector organisations are involved ▪ people's views and experiences of health and social care services in their area are gathered and recommendations made to local commissioners and providers. <p>How are we making this happen in Portsmouth?</p> <p>The city's LINK Development Group brings together representatives from voluntary and community sector, the former patient and public involvement forums, user and carer groups and interested local people. The group first met in May 2008. Portsmouth's 'proper' LINK will start from September 2008, when a 'host' organisation is up and running.</p> <p>Recent work by the project team - the team carrying out the day-to-day development work of the city's LINK, have included a series of workshops and presentations at local groups to find out what people want the city's LINK to look like, as well as production of a DVD by students at the University of Portsmouth to raise awareness of this new way to involve local people in decision-making and encourage people to get involved.</p>	<p>Mary Vallely/Lynda Jones – LINK Development Officers - Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9268 8657</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items (cont'd)

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11		<p>Licensing Sub Committee - Wednesday 4 June 2008 at 9.30am in meeting room 1, floor 3, of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>The following items will be considered at the meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a premises licence - Keys News, 56 Tregaron Avenue, Portsmouth, PO6 2NE • Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a premises licence - Rita Express, 81 Elm Grove, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO5 1JF 	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin, Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
12		<p>Development Control Committee - Wednesday 4 June 2008 at 2.00pm in the Executive Meeting Room, floor 3, of the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following items will be considered at the meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portsmouth City Council Planning Service Enforcement Policy and Protocol - members are requested to agree the adoption of the Enforcement Policy and Protocol • Development applications; 08/00099/REM - Land Fronting Cascades Shopping Centre (south), Market Way (west), Andrew Bell Street (north), and Commercial Road (east), forming part of the Northern Quarter Development Site, Portsmouth - reserved matters submission for the redevelopment of the site for the following; construction of: retail units (Class A1-A5) (68,964.5 SQM); leisure units (Class D2) (2,089 SQM); 200 residential units, including affordable; multi-level car park (2,300 spaces), including link bridges; basement service area; centre management suite, public toilets and shopmobility unit; and public realm, including new streets and spaces. Landscaping of public realm areas and of residential amenity areas. (Reserved matters application for building blocks 1-3 and 5-8 and for public realm, pursuant to outline planning permission ref. A*39165/AA). • 08/00109/LBC - St Agatha's Church, Cascades Approach, Portsmouth - construction of brick walls to north of church to form service yard enclosure; supporting wall for proposed two storey retail building (block 8) to south of church; entrance feature wall linking south-east corner of church to proposed block 8; removal of steps and guard rails on south side entrances to church and provision of new steps and guard rails; and adaptation of steps on north side of church to suit new ground levels. • 08/00449/OUT - 22 St Helens Parade, Southsea - outline application for the construction of new building to form 9 flats/maisonettes, after demolition of existing (principles of access, appearance, layout and scale to be considered) (Resubmission of 07/01786/OUT) 	