

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 20

DATE: FRIDAY 16 MAY 2008

The Members' Information Service produced in the Democratic Services 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

APART FROM THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS, THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS THIS WEEK.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

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

Your request should be made to the **Head of Planning Services** by telephoning **Julie Watson** (☎023 9283 4826 or 023 9283 4339 answerphone) and must be received by not later than **5 pm on Friday 23 May 2008**. You can also make contact by letter or by e-mail to - planningreps@portsmouthcc.gov.uk - If you wish to know more about a particular application, please contact the Case Officer indicated.

Item No	Application No Ward	Location Description of Development	Planning Officer's Comments	Application Type Case Officer Proposed Decision
1	08/00448/FUL Nelson	Flat 1 151 London Road Portsmouth Construction of rear garage and new roof to existing double garage (resubmission of 07/02409/FUL)	<p>Two letters of objection have been received from the occupier of No.1 Carmen Mews on the following grounds: (a) impact on quality of life; (b) more cars using the access road; (c) noise and fumes; (d) problems with cars turning to come in and out of the garages; (e) garage only 4m away; and (f) damage to property from cars turning in and out of Carmen Mews.</p> <p>It is proposed to enlarge the existing double garage which is currently a flat roofed structure to form an additional single garage on the east side of the structure within the boundary of No.151 and to replace the existing roof with a pitched roof. It is proposed to install an 'up and over' garage door within the north elevation which would allow the egressment of vehicles onto an access road, which is situated to the north of the garages which enables access to the rear service yard area. In design terms, the proposed structure would satisfactorily relate to the double garage, and would prove to be visually acceptable in the context of the surrounding area. Given that the structure would not significantly increase the amount of traffic using the access, it is considered that the structure would not have a significant impact on residential amenity in terms of increased noise or result in a loss of light or outlook to the adjoining occupier.</p> <p>Turning to the issues raised in relation to access, it is noted that whilst permission can be granted for the scheme, it does not give the owner/occupier of No.151 the right to use this access and an informative will be added to that effect. Furthermore, with regard to the concerns raised in respect of damage to property as a result of vehicles using the service area and the right of access, these issues amount to private legal matters. Given that the garage would not prejudice highway safety, in terms of the use of the access road, it would not give rise to an objection on highway safety.</p>	<p>Jade Ellis</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1105</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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2	08/00517/FUL Milton	St James Hospital Locksway Road Southsea Construction of single-storey building to form 36-bed older people's mental health unit; formation of enclosed gardens; provision of car parking facilities and associated landscaping works	<p>One letter of comment has been received from an occupier of Cheriton Gardens, a recently completed residential development within the grounds of St James Hospital, seeking assurance that security will be considered to safeguard the property in terms of the number of patients, visitors and staff in close proximity as the houses on the north side of Cheriton Gardens are separated from the remainder of the hospital by a 2m close boarded fence.</p> <p>Cheriton Gardens is located some 200m to the south of the site of the proposed older persons mental health unit which will provide facilities for up to 36 patients to modern day standards thereby replacing existing accommodation within the main building while allowing for projected growth in demand. The patients of the proposed unit would not fall within a category requiring secure accommodation. Such accommodation is provided elsewhere within the grounds of the hospital. The proposed development, which is considered acceptable in all other respects, would not therefore adversely affect security issues in relation to nearby residential properties.</p>	<p>Ian Parkinson Tel: 023 9283 4301 Conditional Permission</p>
3	08/00630/FUL St Thomas	8 Chadderton Gardens Portsmouth Construction of single storey rear extension.	<p>One letter of objection has been received from the adjoining occupier to the west on the grounds that the proposal would; (a) overshadow their garden, (b) breach Residents Association rules and regulations, (c) is out of keeping with the architectural integrity and appearance of the area, (d) could set a precedent for large extensions, (e) no plans for the ventilation of fumes from the enlarged kitchen, (f) noise may increase from the new kitchen/diner, (g) possible drainage problems, and (h) digging of foundations may damage the roots to mature shrubs and trees.</p> <p>This property comprises a three-storey terraced house with an integral garage. The applicants wish to construct a single-storey rear extension 5.65m wide by 2.5m tall with a flat roof, incorporating a 0.75m high lantern skylight, projecting 3m from the rear wall. The extension would be almost full width leaving a gap of 0.15m from the common boundaries. The height and depth of the extension would not give rise to a sustainable objection in terms of loss of light or outlook, and in design terms would be no more out-of-keeping than conservatories which have been added to other properties in this terrace. The proposed rooflight also enhances the appearance of what otherwise would have been a standard flat roof extension. The matters of ventilation, sound proofing, drainage layout, foundation construction and the Pembroke Park Covenant are not material to the consideration of this proposal in planning terms.</p>	<p>Paul Carnell Tel: 023 9284 1281 Conditional Permission</p>

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4	08/00592/FUL St Thomas	First Floor Flat 41 St Andrews Road Southsea Conversion to form 2 flats and construction of dormer windows to front and rear roofslopes (Resubmission of 07/02295/FUL)	Two letters received raising objection to: (a) impact to the character and appearance of the 'St Andrews Road' Conservation Area; (b) development out of character with the street; and (c) impact on an existing Laburnum tree. Sub-division of an existing maisonette on the upper floors of No41 into two flats is considered acceptable in principle. The dormer windows are designed as small insertions within the roofslopes, with the proposed front dormer to be positioned above an existing two-storey stone bay on the street elevation. The proposed dormer windows are considered to relate appropriately to the appearance of the existing building and to preserve the setting of the recently designated 'St Andrews Road' Conservation Area (No30), opposite the site.	Jonathan McDermott Tel: 023 9284 1470 Conditional Permission
5	08/00668/FUL Baffins	1 Mariners Walk Southsea Construction of two storey side extension	One letter and 2 emails have been received from nearby residents wishing to object on the grounds of; (a) out of character; (b) overbearing impact/bulk and, (c) traffic/road safety. A previously refused scheme for the construction of a two-storey extension was considered unacceptable on the basis of its excessive size/bulk sited in close proximity to the southern boundary and unsympathetic character, scale and proportion in relation to properties in the locality, thereby resulting in an unbalanced appearance to the pair of semi-detached houses and the loss of a gap on the corner site that would not relate well to the more spacious character of the surroundings and be detrimental to the visual amenities of the area. The applicant now seeks permission for a revised scheme in that the overall width and depth of the extension has been reduced and thereby overcome the reasons for refusal. The width of the extension has been reduced from 4.8m to 2.9m while its length has been reduced from 10.8m to 7.55m and retains a pitched roof and eaves detail to match the existing house. This reduction in scale and bulk has reduced the visual prominence of the addition and, now representing a subservient feature, would not unbalance the pair of semi-detached houses. The design of the proposed extension conforms to the City Council's design guidelines and would be satisfactory in relation to the existing property. Furthermore, the extension will not restrict visibility of vehicles turning from Mariners Walk into Warren Avenue. I am therefore able to conclude that this revised scheme has satisfactorily addressed the reasons for refusal and is now capable of support.	Nicola Frampton Tel: 023 9283 4305 Conditional Permission

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6	08/00607/LBC St Thomas	6 Sussex Terrace Southsea Restoration of original style roof to first floor conservatory, internal alterations and painting of external elevations white to match others in the terrace	<p>Two letters of support have been received commenting that the proposed conversion is considered beneficial to the remainder of the terrace.</p> <p>One letter of objection has been received raising concerns regarding the painting of external walls requiring access from adjoining land.</p> <p>The proposed external alterations, to paint the façade white to match the remainder of the terrace is considered acceptable and would restore the appearance of this small terrace of townhouses. The internal alterations, to remove the modern partitions do not affect any original features of architectural or historic significance and restore the building back to its original form. The proposal is considered to preserve the special architectural or historic interest of the grade II Listed Building, the adjoining grade II Listed terrace and the character of the 'Owen's Southsea' Conservation Area (No2). Issues of access from adjoining land are wholly private matters and are not pertinent to the determination of this application.</p>	Jonathan McDermott Tel: 023 9284 1470 Consent

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7		<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"> • Young People 'fired up' on innovative course • Council given a new look • Portsmouth prepares for FA cup parade through the city • Chance to find out more about the future of learning in Portsmouth • New Lord Mayor for Portsmouth tomorrow • Civic awards for people who make a difference • Big screen to show all the action as Portsmouth prepares for FA Cup fever • Support the Respect Pompey campaign with a giant shirt signing on Blue 2 Day • May is the month for neighbourhood forums • Explore the Sherlock Homes phenomena as previously unseen items go on show • Portsmouth welcomes Japanese visits as the city celebrates ten years of close links with Maizuru • Make a difference to a local child by becoming a foster carer 	<p>Corporate Communications Team Tel: 9283 4142</p>
8		<p>Labour Group Spokespersons on Portfolios</p> <p>Notice has been received from the Labour Group that its spokespersons on portfolios in 2008/09 will be:</p> <p>Leader - Councillor Jim Patey Resources - Councillor David Horne Health & Social Care - Councillor Jim Patey Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development - Councillor David Horne Environment & Community Safety - Councillor David Horne Education, Children & Young People - Councillor David Horne Culture & Leisure - Councillor David Horne Housing - Councillor Jim Patey Traffic & Transportation - Councillor Jim Patey</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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

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9		<p>Executive Arrangements – Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p> <p>The next Forward Plan, produced in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000, was published on 14 May.</p> <p>The Plan covers matters that are likely to be the subject of a key decision (as defined in Article 13(3) of the Constitution) in the next 4-month period, commencing on 1 May 2008.</p> <p>A copy of the Plan has been sent to those members of the City Council who have requested a paper copy, and a copy placed in each Members' Room.</p> <p>Key decisions will be taken by the whole Cabinet, or by individual Cabinet Members, on or after the dates shown in the Plan.</p> <p>The financial threshold for key decisions is £250,000 or 25% of the relevant budget item, whichever is the greater. Key decisions may also be made in relation to matters that have a significant effect on local communities.</p> <p>The Forward Plan contains a list of the documents (when available) due to be considered in relation to the key decisions to be taken, and gives a contact for each item.</p> <p>The Forward Plan also contains details of Budget and Policy Framework decisions to be made by the City Council, in accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution (general reservation of powers to the City Council).</p> <p>The Plan is available for inspection by the public during normal office hours at the Civic Offices Information Desk, and the City Council's web site at http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil/1446.html.</p> <p>The Forward Plan will be published for each following four calendar month period on the 14th day of each month.</p> <p>(NOTE: Any new members of the council who would like a paper copy of the Forward Plan each month, rather than viewing it on the Council's website, are asked to contact Lin Chaplen).</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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10		<p>Release for Funds from Contingency – Support for Shopmobility</p> <p>Shopmobility provides manual and powered wheelchairs and scooters to help people with immobility to shop and use the city centre facilities. It can be used by young or old no matter whether their disability is temporary or permanent, and is available to both residents and visitors. First time visitors need to register and training in the use of the vehicle is provided. Shopmobility schemes are located next to car parking facilities so that when users of the scheme arrive, they are able to park and transfer directly to their chosen vehicle. The user pays a deposit on the vehicle, which is refunded when the vehicle is returned.</p> <p>The scheme is operated by Portsmouth Council for Community Services (PCCS) which is itself core funded by the City Council.</p> <p>Shopmobility is forecasting a shortfall in running costs for 2008/09 of £40,000 and the project will close at the end of May if no short term bridging funding can be found. It is possible that the Lottery may help with a 2 year extension of funding, and a further application and business plan are currently being prepared. However, this process will take time and it is proposed that the City Council offers interim support of £20,000 to cover 6 months running costs, payable in two instalments. This offer will be conditional on the business plan and lottery application being submitted within 3 months and before the second instalment payment is made.</p> <p>Under his delegated powers and following consultation with the Leader of the City Council, the Strategic Director and Section 151 Officer reports that he has approved interim support to Shopmobility of £20,000 funded from the General Fund Contingency Provision in 2008/09.</p>	<p>Valerie Lane Head of Financial Services Tel: 9283 4447</p>
11		<p>Licensing Sub Committee – Tuesday 20 May 2008 at 9.30 am in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3 of the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following item will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Act 2003 - Temporary Event Notice - Consideration of an objection to notice by the Police - Mountbatten Centre, Alexandra Park, Portsmouth, PO2 9QA 	<p>Karen Martin/ Lucy Wingham Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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12		<p>Development Control Committee – Wednesday 21 May 2008 at 2 pm in Conference Room A of the Civic Offices, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following items will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Practice for Councillors and Officers Dealing with Planning Matters - to consider the amendments to the proposed Code following consideration by the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development. • Appeal decision: 107 Havant Road, Drayton - to inform members of the Inspector's decision to dismiss the appeal. <p>Development applications;</p> <p>1) A*39243/AB - 74-96 Fort Cumberland Road, Eastney, Portsmouth - construction of four storey addition to existing block (south/west elevation) to form four flats with associated cycle/refuse storage and car parking.</p> <p>2) 07/01066/FUL - 57 Osborne Road, Southsea - change of use of ground floor from estate agents (Class A2) to a restaurant (Class A3): construction of single storey rear extension, extraction duct and replacement shopfront.</p> <p>3) 08/00377/CON - Concrete Shelter, Eastney Esplanade, Southsea - demolition of concrete shelter (Re-submission of 07/01945/CON).</p> <p>4) 08/00478/FUL - 137 Albert Road, Southsea - change of use from cafe (Use Class A3) to hot food takeaway (Use Class A5).</p>	<p>Karen Martin/ Lucy Wingham Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4662</p>
13	Eastney & Craneswater	<p>Special Meeting of the Cabinet - Wednesday 21 May at 4.45pm</p> <p>A special, urgent, meeting of the Cabinet has been called to discuss the issue of Land at Fort Cumberland Road, Southsea, to consider rescission of the previous decision taken by the Executive on 29 January. The City Solicitor's report (with exempt appendix) reports on negotiations with QinetiQ Limited and on current litigation regarding the site.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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14		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 12 May 2008 - Checklist 19/08</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>CONFERENCES</p> <p>Programme roll-out through the Big Lottery Fund</p> <p>On 3 April the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) launched myplace, a new programme of capital investment that aims to deliver £190 million in funding over three years for world class places for young people to go. It has since been announced that Big Lottery Fund will be responsible for administering the funds. This alert gives a bit more detail on the latest information on the funds.</p> <p>Contact: Big Lottery Fund on 0845 410 2030 or general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk LG Alert Reference: 84/08 Date of Issue: 14/05/2008</p> <p>FUNDING</p> <p>Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) Annual Conference 2008Myplace</p> <p>The CfPS Annual Conference at Victoria Park Plaza on 10-11 June 2008 is the largest event in the UK for those involved in public sector scrutiny. LG Alert Reference: 79/08</p> <p>LGA CAMPAIGNS</p> <p>LGA Safe and Secure Campaign</p> <p>We would like you to tell us which powers you have found to be most effective in dealing with crime in your area, and are also seeking expressions of interest from councils, to host visits to raise awareness of council's work on community safety. LG Alert Reference: 78/08</p> <p>LGA CONFERENCES</p> <p>LGA Safer Communities Conference 14-15 October 2008, Nottingham</p> <p>Advising of the two-day event, which will look at the broad range of services and activities local authorities undertake to reduce crime and make their communities safer. Speeches and a wide range of practical workshops will be delivered by senior representatives from within local government as well as senior officials from a range of external organisations. LG Alert Reference: 80/08</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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15		<p>Policing with the Community - one day event in London on 18 July 2008 This one day conference will provide a unique opportunity to discuss the recommendations from the Police Green Paper and Crime and Communities Review report. These are expected to cover reforms to the current police accountability structures with the possibility of directly elected police commissioners or directly elected police authorities, and changes to the funding arrangements for local police and community safety functions. They are also expected to increase the importance of neighbourhood policing, and to look at how neighbourhood policing can be better integrated with local authority neighbourhood management functions as recommended by Flanagan. LG Alert Reference: 81/08</p> <p>LGA MEETINGS</p> <p>Meeting for Elected Members who are members of NHS Trusts, Health Authorities, Primary Care Trusts - Friday 27th June 2008 in London This is the latest free-of-charge meeting for elected members who sit on the boards of NHS statutory bodies - the LGA has been developing strong links with these members, and since 2001 have been holding meetings such as this one. The event will focus on the relationship between Local Government and health, partnership working and commissioning services; and give delegates an opportunity to talk about the next steps and implications for NHS boards, following publication of Lord Darzi's NHS Next Stage Review. Findings of the LGA Health Commission will also be presented for discussion. LG Alert Reference: 82/08</p> <p>VACANCIES</p> <p>European and International Programme Manager Could you be the face of local government in Brussels? We have an exceptional opportunity for a talented individual to lead our policy and lobbying work on a secondment in our Brussels office for a 9 month period, starting in September 2008. LG Alert Reference: 83/08</p> <p>Clarification of Appointment to the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority 2008/09 Members have received the schedule of appointments to committees and the outside bodies made at the Annual Council meeting. This includes the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service. The list of those appointed includes Councillor Lee Mason. This should read Councillor Lee Hunt. Please note the change on your list, and accept apologies for any inconvenience caused by the error.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic & Community Engagement Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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.

Item No	Ward	Licence No:	Premises Name and Address	Brief description of application:	Closing date for representations:
16	Milton	339	Drink Link 8-9 Rodney Road	<p><i>Application for a Premises Licence</i></p> <p>Type of Premises: Off-Licence</p> <p>Proposed Licensable Activities:</p> <p>Sale of Alcohol</p> <p>Proposed standard days and timings:</p> <p>Sunday to Thursday from 21:30 until 02:30 Friday and Saturday from 21:30 until 04:30</p>	3 June 2008