

# City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

**NO 19**

**DATE: FRIDAY 9 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 Executive and individual Executive 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 Executive Member or Regulatory Committee; and

Part 3 - Items of general information and news.

## **Part 1 - Decisions by the Executive**

**The following decisions have been taken by the Executive (or individual Executive 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](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

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 Executive 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 16 May 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>
1	Milton/ Eastney & Craneswater	<p><b>Safety Improvements in Bransbury Road</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p>(i) To install a pedestrian refuge on Bransbury Road, between Ringwood Road and Fordingbridge Road;</p> <p>(ii) To advertise the extension of existing waiting restrictions in order to facilitate the installation of the pedestrian refuge.</p> <p>Following the recent improvements at Bransbury Park Community Centre and sports ground, and the request from local residents, the installation of a pedestrian refuge at the above proposed location would help reduce the risk of accidents for those pedestrians crossing the road to access the various facilities.</p> <p>The proposed measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New kerb buildout on south-west side of carriageway outside 4 Bransbury Road to improve visibility for pedestrians wishing to cross the road.</li> <li>- New pedestrian refuge to be constructed in the centre of the carriageway outside 4 and 5 Bransbury Road to improve safety and assist pedestrians in safely crossing the road.</li> <li>- Extend existing Double Yellow Lines for a distance of 25m adjacent to existing bus stop opposite 3 Bransbury Road through to existing drop kerb entrance outside the Bransbury Park Community Centre and opposite the boundary of number 7 Bransbury Road.</li> <li>- Extend existing Double Yellow Lines on south side of Bransbury Road outside number 5 for a length of approximately 8m to the boundary of number 7.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Brandon Breen</b>  <b>Transport and Street</b>  <b>Management</b>  <b>Tel: 9284 1312</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 Friday 16 May 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
2	08/00452/FUL  Eastney & Craneswater	<p><b>Courtyard House</b> <b>53 Granada Road Southsea</b></p> <p>Construction of extension to front porch</p>	<p>One letter has been received from a resident of the adjoining building that has been subdivided into flats grounds of loss of car parking wishing to object on the grounds that a car parking space would be lost.</p> <p>The applicant seeks permission for the construction of an extension to the front porch sited on the boundary with No. 55 Granada Road. The proposed extension is, in terms of appearance and scale, appropriate in relation to the existing building and the surrounding area. The front porch would not have an overbearing impact on the surrounding properties and neither would it affect their light, privacy or outlook. Furthermore, with no proposed windows to boundary wall there would not be any over looking of nearby properties.</p> <p>Mindful that car parking standards place an upper limit rather than impose a minimum standard, and given that the car parking spaces are not allocated to the flats and a planning condition was not imposed requiring the spaces to be retained, an objection on the grounds that the proposed extension would effectively result in the loss of one space could not be sustained. It would, however, appear that the management company for the flats could alter the car parking layout on the forecourt to retain the current level of parking provision.</p>	<p>Nicola Frampton</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p><b>Conditional Permission</b></p>

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3	08/00468/FUL  Fratton	<p><b>Fratton Railway Station Selbourne Terrace Portsmouth</b></p> <p>Construction of new footbridge with associated lifts and stairs to each platform</p>	<p>This application was previously reported on MIS on 25 April 2008.</p> <p>Two letters of objection have been received, including The Portsmouth Society; their concerns are that the position of the footbridge would be inconvenient; the proposal is unnecessary, loss of the existing footbridge at off peak times, and no prior consultation with Portsmouth City Council.</p> <p>One letter of comment has been received from Portsmouth Cycle Forum. Whilst the cycle forum raise no objection in principle they request the following works are also carried out: a) provision of equivalent numbers of cycle parking spaces; b) replacement of existing cycle parking stands; c) installation of automatic swing doors to the booking hall; and d) cycle runners installed on stairs. Furthermore, the cycle forum recommends that a meeting is arranged between Network Rail, the station operator and the City Council's Sustainable Transport Section.</p> <p>The proposed footbridge is located to the east of the station building and adjacent to the canopy on platforms 2 and 3. The proposed footbridge incorporates lifts to provide access for the disabled from the station building at Platform 1 onto Platforms 2 and 3. Currently the station does not have disabled access onto Platforms 2 and 3. The proposed footbridge is suitably located within 25 metres of the station booking hall and main setting down/picking up point on Selbourne Terrace. The footbridge is considered to provide an important disabled persons access to Platforms 2 and 3 and would therefore comply with the requirements of policy DC4 of the Local Plan. Furthermore, its design would be appropriate to its setting.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p><b>Conditional Permission</b></p>

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4	08/00551/VOC  St Thomas	<p><b>Cottage Grove Primary Chivers Close Southsea</b></p> <p>Vary condition 7 attached to planning permission reference A*37137/AC to allow the multi use games area to be used out of school hours by the local community</p>	<p>Two letters have been received from Homeroose House Residents Association and a resident of Homesea House. The representations raise the following concerns in relation to the proposal: (a) area is in use after school hours by teenagers; (b) raise no objection subject to the area being supervised at all times and the area kept secure when not in use; and (c) anti-social behaviour problems.</p> <p>Permission is sought to vary the condition restricting the use of the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) to staff and pupils by the primary school and visiting school pupils and staff, so that other supervised groups are able to use the facility. The permission for the installation of the MUGA (ref. A*37137/AC) restricts the hours to which the area is used, from 9.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Saturday and at no time on Sundays. In my view the proposed variation of the condition to allow use by other supervised groups would not result in an adverse impact on residential amenity in terms of increased noise and disturbance. Whilst the comments received refer to the area being used by unsupervised groups and anti-social behaviour when the premises are otherwise closed those issues stem from unauthorised access and would need to be addressed by the applicant.</p>	<p>Jade Ellis</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1105</p> <p><b>Approve</b></p>

## Part 3 - Information and News Items

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	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
5		<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>• Snapshots from Seafront exhibition</li> <li>• Build your own secret shelter at the City Museum</li> <li>• Best Foot Forward on Monday - Invite to Launch</li> <li>• Top line up for prison officers conference in Portsmouth</li> <li>• Square Tower open days 2008</li> <li>• Great achievements for the south's Open University graduates</li> <li>• Wallace and Gromit and Shaun the Sheep star in Museums at Night Weekend</li> <li>• Taking Deaf Awareness to new heights as Spinnaker hosts 'look at me' event</li> <li>• Tories and Lib Dems on level pegging after election</li> <li>• Invasion of the mighty minis</li> <li>• Portsmouth limbers-up for the 2012 Olympics after winning the battle to host a big screen</li> <li>• Secret life of the seaside postcard</li> </ul>	<p><b>Corporate Communications Team</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4142</b></p>
6		<p><b>Thomas King Trust - Vacancy for a Trustee</b></p> <p>The Thomas King Trust is administered by the City Council and has five trustees: the Lord Mayor (ex-officio position), two co-opted by the trust and two appointed by the City Council, via the Leader. The trust aims to give relief, via grants twice a year, to Portsmouth residents in need.</p> <p>As previously advertised on the Members' Information Service on 15 February, Dr Pine has stepped down as a trustee, leaving a vacancy. Nominations are therefore sought again to fill this vacancy, to be confirmed by the Leader at the Executive Meeting on 2 June. The trustee need not be a councillor, but this position may be of interest to a new member, or someone associated with the groups. The current trustees include Councillors Terry Henderson and Lee Mason and Mr Keith Crabbe. No remuneration expenses are paid for this duty, but the trustees only meet twice a year, usually November and March to make a distribution of grants. For further information or to make a nomination please contact Joanne Wildsmith in Democratic Services.</p>	<p><b>Joanne Wildsmith</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Democratic &amp; Community Engagement</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4057</b></p>

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7		<p><b>Climate Change Strategy Consultation</b></p> <p>Portsmouth, as a coastal city is incredibly vulnerable to the predicted impacts of climate change with sea level rise increasing the risk of flooding, and rising temperatures increasing the risk of heat related deaths for the most vulnerable of our residents.</p> <p>A Climate Change Strategy will be produced for Portsmouth by the end of the year – this will be a strategy where everyone in Portsmouth will need to be involved – public sector, businesses and residents.</p> <p>Consultation will be carried out between May – July, with a full presentation to the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) on 23<sup>rd</sup> July</p> <p>The consultation is focusing on 4 main priorities and asking if these are the right ones for a climate change strategy for Portsmouth:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the carbon footprint of Portsmouth – Zero Carbon Portsmouth</li> <li>2. Adaptation – to maintain/improve quality of life</li> <li>3. Co-ordinated energy strategy for the city</li> <li>4. Stakeholder and community engagement</li> </ol> <p>To keep this consultation as sustainable as possible we are using as little paper as possible, and are therefore encouraging you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look out for the 4 page pull out in the summer edition of Flagship</li> <li>• Read our sustainability and climate change web pages to find out suggested ways we could tackle climate change in Portsmouth and fill in the online form – link from <a href="http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk">www.portsmouth.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• Contact PCC for more information – <a href="mailto:sustainability@portsmouthcc.gov.uk">sustainability@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</a> or phone our Climate Change and Sustainability Co-ordinator on 023 9268 8156</li> <li>• Attend your Neighbourhood Forum or request a presentation to a relevant group</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jasmine Fletcher</b>  <b>Climate Change and Sustainability</b>  <b>Co-ordinator</b>  <b>Tel: 9268 8156</b></p>

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8	Milton	<p><b>Cumberland Lodge Methuen Road Southsea PO4 9HQ - Planning Appeal Decision</b></p> <p><b>Ref: 07/01857/OUT</b>  <b>Decision: Dismissed</b>  <b>Decision Date: 7 May 2008</b></p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal of planning permission for construction of three storey building to form three flats after the demolition of the existing building.</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal .</p>	<p><b>Mark Bridge</b>  <b>Planning Service</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4298</b></p>
9		<p><b>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing 5 May 2008 - Checklist 18/08</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>GOVERNMENT PROJECTS</p> <p><b>Project on mapping joined up public service funded delivery</b></p> <p>Attaching a letter from the Government Office for the North West, writing on behalf of the Government Office Network, inviting councils to submit examples of local initiatives for a project the GO Network is undertaking. The project seeks to identify initiatives funded by the public sector that are targeted at specific families in small geographical areas in council areas with high levels of worklessness and multiple deprivation.</p> <p>Contact: Sion Jones on 029 2066 0250 or <a href="mailto:sjones@londecon.co.uk">sjones@londecon.co.uk</a>  LG Alert Reference: 76/08 Date of Issue: 07/05/2008</p>	<p><b>Local Government Association (LGA)</b>  <b>Email:</b>  <b><a href="mailto:info@lga.gov.uk">info@lga.gov.uk</a></b>  <b>Tel: 020 7664 3131</b>  <b><a href="http://www.lga.gov.uk">www.lga.gov.uk</a></b></p>



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

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		<p>LGA FUNCTIONS</p> <p><b>Royal Garden Parties – confirmation of dates</b> Confirming that councils have had their applications sent to the Palace, and everyone has been granted their first choice(s). Tickets will be issued by early June direct from the Palace. Contact: LGconnect on 020 7664 3131 or info@lga.gov.uk LG Alert Reference: 75/08 Date of Issue: 07/05/2008</p> <p>LGA RESEARCH</p> <p><b>Consultation on the revised place survey</b> This alert is a follow on from alert 67/08, and updates member authorities on progress and asking for views on the changes proposed to the Place Survey. The alert also attaches the proposed survey and the additional questions have been highlighted. The alert also asks 4 questions to advise whether the LGA endorse or reject the revised survey. Contact: LGconnect on 020 7664 3131 or improvement@lga.gov.uk LG Alert Reference: 77/08 Date of Issue: 07/05/2008</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](mailto:Licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk).

Item No	Ward	Licence No:	Premises Name and Address	Brief description of application:	Closing date for representations:
10	Fratton	31	Trafalgar 254 Fratton Road	<p><b>Application to vary a Premises Licence</b></p> <p><b>Type of Premises:</b> Public House</p> <p><b>Proposed Licensable Activities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regulated Entertainment</li> <li>2. Sale of Alcohol</li> </ol> <p><b>Proposed standard days and timings:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monday to Saturday from 19:00 until 23:59 Sunday from 15:00 until 23:59</li> <li>2. Sunday to Thursday from 12:00 until 23:59 Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 until 01:00</li> </ol>	27 May 2008

### ..... And Finally

After more than 42 years service with Portsmouth City Council, John Haskell, the Democratic Services Manager retired on Friday 9 May. Since its introduction 16 years ago John has been the "Executive Editor" of the MIS, amongst his many other duties, keeping the wheels of democracy turning for the City Council. Happy Retirement John!