

# City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

**NO 13**

**DATE: FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2008**

The Members' Information Service produced in the Democratic Services Unit by John Haskell 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 JOHN HASKELL (Democratic Services 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)

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1	Charles Dickens	<p><b>Executive – Decision Meeting – Wednesday 19 March</b></p> <p>The following decisions have been made by the Executive:-</p> <p><b>3-Year Annual Rolling Draft Community Safety Plan 2008– 11</b></p> <p>To recommend to the City Council on 25 March the strategic priorities for the new Three Year Annual Rolling Community Safety Plan 2008-11.</p> <p><b>Proposed Experimental Night-time Restriction of Vehicle Access to Guildhall Walk and Relocation of Existing Hackney Carriage Rank</b></p> <p>The Executive heard deputations from CSI Peacock (police) and Mr Charles Burns in favour of the pedestrianisation of Guildhall Walk, and Mr Clive Calf (Hackney Carriage Independent Trade Representative) and Mr David Hungate (Chair of the Portsmouth Federation of Taxis Cabs) against the proposal, together with comments by Councillor Steve Wemyss, Leader of the Opposition.</p> <p>The Executive did not approve the recommendations contained within the report before it. Instead it resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to support the principle of the pedestrianisation of Guildhall Walk from 6 pm</li> <li>• to request that options 2 and 4 regarding the relocation of the existing taxi rank as set out in the report be worked up in more detail, and a further report submitted</li> </ul> <p>Option 2 would relocate the Hackney Carriage Rank to the north side of White Swan Road facing Guildhall Walk. Option 4 would relocate the taxi rank to the north side of King Henry 1 Street outside of the University Park Building with taxis queuing in a northerly direction along Exchange Road around the circle outside King Henry Building and onto the rank.</p> <p><b>The Local Strategic Partnership Vision for Portsmouth</b></p> <p>The Executive approved the vision for Portsmouth for submission to the City Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> March including the list of potential indicators for inclusion in the Local Area Agreement. It was proposed to the City Council that changes to the list of potential indicators in the Local Area Agreement be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and other Group Leaders.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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Contd/...	<p><b>2008/09 Local Transport Capital Programme</b></p> <p>The Executive heard comments from Councillor Luke Stubbs, and Councillor Steve Wemyss, Leader of the Opposition.</p> <p>The Executive agreed to recommend to the City Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the latest forecast outturn for the 2007/08 Local Transport Capital Programme as set out in Appendix A to the report be noted;</li> <li>2. that the 2008/09 Local Transport Capital Programme proposed at Appendix B be approved;</li> <li>3. that authority be delegated to the Head of Transport and Street Management, in consultation with the Executive Member for Traffic and Transportation, to make adjustments to the programme within the overall programme budget;</li> <li>4. that the £397,482 allocation for road safety be allocated in full to the Safer Roads Partnership, but that there be a further report to the Executive on the value being derived from the Partnership before committing any further funding beyond this;</li> <li>5. that it be noted the increased maintenance costs due to changes to the highway will be funded outside the PFI contract; a specific source of funding for each scheme will be identified at the design stage of each project;</li> <li>6. that it be agreed that the Head of Transport and Street Management report progress against the agreed programme to the Executive Member for Traffic and Transportation and the City Council on a quarterly basis.</li> </ol> <p><b>Treasury Management</b></p> <p>The Executive agreed to recommend to the City Council on 25<sup>th</sup> March approval of the Treasury Management Policy Statement, Annual Minimum Revenue Position for Debt Repayment Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for the Financial Year 2008/09, which sets out the policies of the City Council to be followed in the operation of the treasury management function. A series of detailed decisions were made in accordance with the report submitted (details of which are available on the website).</p>	

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<p data-bbox="185 177 322 204"><b>Contd/...</b></p> <p data-bbox="185 676 322 740"><b>Charles Dickens</b></p>	<p data-bbox="398 177 1765 316">It was further agreed that the Strategic Director Corporate Resources &amp; Services will submit an annual report to the Executive on the treasury management outturn of the previous financial year by the following 30 September and an Annual Treasury Management Report for approval by the Executive in March 2009.</p> <p data-bbox="398 357 1458 384"><b>Budget and Performance Monitoring 2007/08 – to End December 2007</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 426 1753 639">The Executive decided to recommend to the City Council on 25<sup>th</sup> March that the contents of the Budget and Performance Monitoring 2007/08 report be noted, and in particular that the overall forecast underspend of £5,939,500 has been taken into account in preparing the revised budget for 2007/08, the budget for 2008/09 and the forecasts for future years which was approved by Council on 12 February 2008. The Executive endorsed the actions taken by officers and the policy direction provided by the Administration as outlined in section 7 of the report.</p> <p data-bbox="398 681 1585 708"><b>Proposed Decommissioning of the Large Ceremonies Room at Milldam House</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 750 1760 995">The Executive has decided to recommend to Council on 25<sup>th</sup> March that application be made to the Registrar General of Marriages to decommission the large ceremonies for at Portsmouth Register Office, Milldam House; to make an application to allow the ceremonies room to become a licensed venue for civil marriage ceremonies and civil partnerships; to appoint two deputy registers from time to time on a casual basis for work as needed; and that fees be levied as set out in section 5 of the report to the Executive from the date of decommissioning the large ceremonies room.</p> <p data-bbox="398 1037 1211 1064"><b>Support for Voluntary and Community Sector 2008/09</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 1106 1771 1278">The Executive approved the allocation of funding for 2008/09 as set out in appendices 1 to 6 of the report submitted. It noted the implementation of the first stage of the review of the ongoing grants programme which was started last year, and the ongoing work being done to complete the review. The review will also take into account the possibility of working alongside other local grant making bodies.</p> <p data-bbox="398 1319 1106 1347"><b>Policy on Balloon Releases from Council Land</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 1372 1738 1479">The Executive received deputations from Mr Mike Mayberry in favour of a ban on balloon releases on City Council land, and from Mr Mark Austin questioning the reason for the ban due to, in his view, a lack of supporting evidence for it.</p>	

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<p data-bbox="185 199 322 231"><b>Contd/...</b></p> <p data-bbox="185 523 376 627"><b>Charles Dickens and St Thomas</b></p>	<p data-bbox="398 199 1778 491">The Executive decided to prohibit balloon releases from Council land, including schools where they agree, and that all contractual arrangements relating to events with other organisations or individuals that the Council is involved with include a statement prohibiting balloon releases as part of any event. It instructed that the NABAS (National Balloon Association) code of conduct for mass balloon releases should be circulated to all schools to assist them in making their decision about any balloon releases. It was further agreed that any organisations requesting advice from the City Council in respect of fundraising events involving balloon releases be advised about the issues relating to such releases and asked to consider other methods of fundraising.</p> <p data-bbox="398 523 1167 555"><b>Somerstown and North Southsea Area Action Plan</b></p> <p data-bbox="398 587 1771 655">The Executive received a deputation from Mrs Jan Dod, the secretary of PATCH, urging rejection of the proposed action plan.</p> <p data-bbox="398 687 1760 826">The Executive noted that there had been widespread consultation on the proposals and no clear consensus view had emerged; that the proposals were intended to be a fair solution to achieve the longer term regeneration of the area; and that there would eventually be a public inquiry and many more opportunities for consultation and comment. The Executive therefore resolved</p> <ol data-bbox="398 858 1760 1465" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the headline results of public consultation on a draft area action plan and three regeneration options that took place in November/December 2006 be noted and that the City Council's responses to representations received be approved;</li> <li>2. that the principle of progressing towards the adoption of an area action plan for Somerstown and North Southsea, with the aim of securing a planning policy framework for the area, be approved;</li> <li>3. that a revised area boundary for the Area Action Plan, effectively reducing the size of the action plan area and removing 15 sites from the boundary be approved;</li> <li>4. that feasibility work to try to identify an alternative location for a community hub (one that facilitates the early delivery of community facilities), be approved;</li> <li>5. that any plan for the area should maximise the proportion of houses, instead of flats;</li> <li>6. that Portsmouth City Council Housing Services be requested to bring forward plans for the refurbishment of housing stock in Somerstown.</li> </ol>	

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<p><b>St Jude</b></p>	<p><b>Pyramids</b></p> <p>The Executive received deputations from Mr Bob Adderley, of the Friends of the Pyramids, Mr Mark Austin and Councillors Linda Symes and Luke Stubbs and Steve Wemyss. All spoke in support of the proposal to keep the Pyramids open for an interim period beyond 31 March 2008 whilst options for the longer term were considered.</p> <p>The Executive decided to recommend to the City Council on 25 March</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that the decision taken by the City Council on 20 February 2007 to close the Pyramids on 31 March 2008 be rescinded;</li> <li>2. that the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources &amp; Services and the City Solicitor be authorised to extend the existing contract with Parkwood for a period of 13 months from 31 March 2008, to operate the Pyramids on terms and conditions to be agreed;</li> <li>3. that a further set of condition surveys be undertaken in order to identify the current extent of maintenance liabilities associated with the Pyramids over the short, medium and long term;</li> </ol>	



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<b>Paulsgrove</b>	<p><b>Paulsgrove Learning Campus</b></p> <p>The Executive resolved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that approval be given to progress this scheme to develop the Paulsgrove Learning Campus and construct the new primary school to replace Saxon Shore and Westfield Schools as set out in the report;</li> </ol>	

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2	Contd/...	<p>2. that the project progress as described in the report be endorsed;</p> <p>3. that the exempt financial appraisal and proposed funding sources be approved;</p> <p>4. that the decision by the Head of Asset Management Service to use the procurement route as set out in paragraph 9 of the report be noted.</p> <p>NB: Call-in date – 5 pm on Tuesday 1 April</p> <p><b>The Executive Decision Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>The Executive has made the following decisions:-</p> <p><b>Real Time Passenger Information System</b></p> <p>After receiving deputations from Mr Prothero of FARA and Councillor Wemyss as well as hearing a presentation from Charles Stunell the presenting officer supported by a representative from Atkins Consultancy, the Executive decided:</p> <p>i) that the current real time project be terminated and decommissioned due to the high costs and risks associated with progressing it further.</p> <p>ii) that the estimated cost of terminating the system as set out in paragraph 6.2 of the report at an estimated cost of £150,000 be funded from the approved budget for the Traffic and Transportation Portfolio (RTPI systems support budget).</p> <p>iii) that a business case for developing a new system be prepared and be submitted to a future meeting of the Executive with the Executive Member for Traffic and Transportation and Opposition Spokespersons being kept informed of the process.</p> <p>iv) that the potential for a new robust RTPI system be developed in accordance with the Council's new project management framework.</p>	<p><b>Joanne Wildsmith</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4057</b></p>

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Contd/...	<p data-bbox="396 178 1742 245"><b>Consolidated Debt Position and Credit Expansion Strategy – Material Sources of Income 2007/08</b></p> <p data-bbox="396 288 1765 395">After hearing from Councillor Wemyss commenting on the debt recovery priorities and Chris Ward presenting his report the Leader of the Council on behalf of all members thanked Chris Ward and his colleagues for their hard work to improve the financial situation. It was agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="396 437 1749 539">i) the report be noted and in particular, the like for like improvement in the city council's end of year collection performance of £2.6 million and the consequent additional interest earned on the sum of £78,000.</li> <li data-bbox="396 580 1771 647">ii) the strategies contained within the report for the collection of income and recovery have yet to be endorsed.</li> <li data-bbox="396 689 1760 836">iii) that the full year effect of the General Fund cash flow benefits (i.e. additional interest earned) of £150,000 be transferred from the Asset Management Revenue Account to Financial Services in order to fund the ongoing and forthcoming additional costs of the Income, Collection and Debt Recovery strategies outlined in the report.</li> <li data-bbox="396 877 1727 1024">iv) in the event that the remaining costs associated with the Income, Collection and Debt Recovery strategies cannot be contained within the cash limits during 2008/09, a Spend to Save bid be prepared recommending that funding be released from the MTRS Reserve to fund these initiatives.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="396 1066 1765 1133"><b>(The exclusion of press and public was moved for those reports or part of the reports that were exempt for the following items)</b></p> <p data-bbox="396 1174 824 1203"><b>Portsmouth Outdoor Centre</b></p> <p data-bbox="396 1244 1765 1351">This item had already been considered by Councillor Terry Hall as Executive Member for Culture and Leisure who had made amendments to the recommendations which were reported and supported at the meeting. It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="396 1393 1711 1460">i) expressions of interest be sought to lease the outdoor centre for the minimum 25 year full repairing lease;</li> </ul>	

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3	Contd/...	<p>i) Agreement is given that there are travelling fairs on Southsea Common for the 2008 summer season, subject to a payment to the city council from the operators of these funfairs (as referred to within the exempt appendix).</p> <p>ii) The city council may also permit funfairs and rides on Southsea Common which form part of another event.</p> <p><b>Tipner Lake Interchange Major Maintenance Scheme – Grant Acceptance and Confirmation of the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and Services Powers Regarding grant Terms and Financial Agreements</b></p> <p>This report was also subject to Council approval later that day. It was recommended to Council</p> <p>i) that in respect of the Tipner Lake Interchange Maintenance Scheme the City Council accepts the terms and conditions as set out within the exempt appendix</p> <p>ii) that the powers of the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and Services, Section 151 officer, should also include the power to accept grant terms and conditions and the power to enter into binding financial arrangements on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>NB: Call-in date – 5 pm on Friday 4 April</p> <p><b>Executive Member for Traffic and Transportation Decision</b></p> <p>At his decision meeting, Councillor Alex Bentley made the following decisions:</p> <p><b>Tree Guards</b></p> <p>The Executive Member deferred making a decision on this item pending him meeting with Colas to discuss alternative scenarios and costs including the potential to move existing tree guards from established trees.</p> <p><b>Car Club</b></p> <p>A deputation was heard from Mr Burns.</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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Contd/...	<p>The Executive Member agreed that a total of £15,000 be approved to fund the setting up of a car club in the city. This to consist of £13,000 as a one-off grant to Commonwheels and a further £2,000 to cover the internal expenses of setting up on-street car parking spaces. The Executive Member also asked officers to work with Ward Councillors to identify potential opportunities for car club parking spaces.</p> <p><b>Eastern Road Safety Barriers Feasibility Study</b></p> <p>A deputation was heard from Mr Dobson of the Portsmouth Cycle Forum.</p> <p>The Executive Member deferred this item to allow officers to consider alternative options (which would not involve narrowing the carriageway), costs and timings. He also asked officers to write to all Council Members to appraise them of the situation.</p> <p><b>Central Southsea Permanent Area Wide Traffic Calming Scheme</b></p> <p>Deputations were heard from Mr Kinsey, Mr Prince, Mr Keys and Mr Connor in favour of the scheme and from Mr Wilson, Mr Esmali and Mr Cole opposing.</p> <p>The Executive Member agreed that approval be given for the existing experimental scheme to be made permanent in Haslemere Road and Liss Road, including the financing of necessary works from the 2008/09 transport capital programme. He also asked officers to consider a number of issues raised in deputations including the width of the barrier, the junction at Liss Road/ Winter Road, the scope to use the wide pavement at the Shepherds Crook PH for improving the junction, and the need for additional 20mph road markings in Francis Avenue.</p> <p><b>Parking Restrictions</b></p> <p>A deputation was heard from Mr Dobson of the Portsmouth Cycle Forum.</p> <p>The Executive Member noted the report. He also asked officers to ensure that the Portsmouth Cycle Forum be invited to comment on future on street parking changes via the Cycle Liaison Officer and that, in the event of large scale parking restriction plans, cycle audits would be undertaken.</p> <p>NB: Call-in date – 5 pm on Friday 4 April</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 Executive Member or Regulatory Committee. **Your request must be made to JOHN HASKELL (Democratic Services Manager) and must be received by not later than 5 pm on Friday 4 April 2008.**  
**An email or handwritten letter will suffice.**

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

### **COMMITTEE: LICENSING**

**FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2008**

	<b>WARD</b>	<b>SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL</b>	<b>OFFICER CONTACT</b>
4		<p><b>Review of Taxi Stands – Various Locations</b></p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> To review and recommend the formal revocation to a number of existing taxi stands due to historical non-use and to simultaneously recommend some variations to existing stands on individual merit.</p> <p>This follows the Hackney Carriage unmet demand survey by TPI Ltd and after consultation with designated taxi trade representatives, the Police and the Head of Transport. Following MIS approval, the proposals will be subject to statutory notice and public consultation for a period of 28 days.</p> <p>Due to the number of recommended revocations/changes a composite plan of the proposals in detail can be viewed in the Licensing Office during normal opening hours and on the website using the attached link <a href="http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/media/061842_HH-77_Taxi_Stands.pdf">http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/media/061842_HH-77_Taxi_Stands.pdf</a></p> <p>These proposals <b>do not</b> consider the Guildhall Walk environs and managing the late night economy which are subject to separate consideration.</p>	<p><b>Nickii Humphreys</b>  <b>Licensing Manager</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4604</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 4 April 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	08/00236/FUL  St Thomas	<p><b>Horatia House Meriden Road Southsea</b></p> <p>Installation of metal sculpture to Meriden Road entrance</p>	<p>Two letters of objection have been received. Issues raised include; (a) the potential health and safety implications of the sculpture; and (b) a range of other non-related planning issues including concerns over the priority given to the sculpture and the desire to see alternative structures on the site.</p> <p>In planning terms the sculpture is considered acceptable. It would not amount to a visually obtrusive feature in the street scene and has been designed so as to minimise misuse of the structure. It would be possible to address the issue of health and safety by other means (through signage for example). The potential for people to climb on the structure, is not considered sufficient grounds to refuse permission. The other issues raised are not planning matters, and cannot therefore be considered material to the application.</p>	<p>Ben Cracknell</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1127</p> <p><b>Permission</b></p>



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6		<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>• Diploma success for city schools and colleges</li> <li>• Your Game 2008 – Portsmouth success in Solent regional football event</li> <li>• Portsmouth school first in Hampshire to get Food for Life Flagship status</li> <li>• Dog Mess Success</li> <li>• Portsmouth becomes 20mph city</li> <li>• Increased financial support to improve private sector homes</li> <li>• Portsmouth hosts regional health project</li> <li>• Boys' singing celebrated at Fratton Park</li> </ul>	<p><b>Corporate Communications</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4043</b></p>
7		<p><b>Executive Member for Education, Children &amp; Young People Decision Meeting – Tuesday 1 April 2008 at 10.30 am in the Executive Meeting Room in the Guildhall</b></p> <p>The following items will be considered by the Executive Member for Education, Children &amp; Young People:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intermediary Services</li> <li>2. "It's still everyone's business" Development strategy for Child and Adolescent Mental Health</li> <li>3. Building Schools for the Future</li> <li>4. North End Adult Learning Centre</li> <li>5. 2009/10 Admissions Policy for Community &amp; Controlled Primary and Secondary Schools Primary and Secondary Co-Ordinated Admission Arrangements</li> <li>6. Briefing Paper: Youth Opportunities and Youth Capital Fund 2008/11</li> <li>7. The Setting of Statutory Pupil Performance Targets for 2009 at Key Stages 2, 3 and 4</li> <li>8. Early Intervention Fund 2008/2009</li> </ol>	<p><b>Teresa Deasy</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4056</b></p>

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8		<p><b>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 24 March 2008 - Checklist 12/08</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>EUROPE</p> <p><b>Rough Guide to the Reform Treaty</b> The LGA has published an impartial Rough Guide to the potential effects of the Reform Treaty on local authorities. LG Alert Reference: 54/08</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p><b>Chewing Gum Litter campaign 2008</b> Just a reminder that the deadline for taking part in this year's Chewing Gum Litter campaign is Monday 7th April. LG Alert Reference: 55/08</p> <p>FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT</p> <p><b>Prosperous communities III</b> sets out the current state of our thinking and it aims to inform the debate that will take place in the context of the government's formal consultation paper on SNR implementation due to be published shortly. LG Alert Reference: 57/08</p> <p>MEMBER SERVICES</p> <p><b>Members' Allowances - Daily Rate</b> This alert updates the LGA guidance on the suggestion that authorities can adopt a "day session" rate when developing and updating their local scheme of allowances for members. The median increase for 2007 was 2.9% - we would like to point out that the rate is purely advisory, and local authorities are free to use these or other indices and benchmarks which are appropriate to up-rate member allowance rates. LG Alert Reference: 56/08</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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9		<p><b>Policy &amp; Review (Performance) Panel – 20 March</b></p> <p>The Policy &amp; Review (Performance) Panel met on Thursday 20 March and considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Auditor's Annual Inspection Letter</li> <li>• Absence and Attendance Rates in Schools</li> <li>• Pupil Achievement at Key Stage 3 (age 14) and Key Stage 4 (age 16)</li> <li>• Report on Progress on Spend to Save Schemes</li> <li>• Update Report on Legionella Management</li> <li>• Data Quality Audit 2007</li> <li>• CPA Update and Proposed Changes to Performance Regime</li> </ul>	<p><b>Vicki Plytas</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4058</b></p>
10		<p><b>Licensing Sub Committee – 26 March 2008</b></p> <p>The following is a summary of the decision taken;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a premises licence - <b>Gemini News, 107 London Road, Portsmouth, PO2 0BN</b> - Following negotiations between the Chief Fire Officer and the applicants, an agreement was reached, that subject to the applicants installing an automatic fire detection system within 60 days of the date of the hearing and also subject to a fire risk assessment on completion of the installation, the Chief Fire Officer withdrew his representations and the licence was granted.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lucy Wingham/  Karen Martin</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>
11		<p><b>Standards Committee – Monday 31 March 2008 at 4 pm</b> in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3 of the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following items will be considered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DVD - "The Code Uncovered"</b></li> <li>• <b>Ombudsman Complaints</b> - an annual report on Local Government Ombudsman complaints received and the lessons learnt will be considered.</li> <li>• <b>Proposals for Standards Committee Work Programme 2008 to 2009</b> - the committee will be asked to consider the draft work programme for 2008-2009 and agree any amendments.</li> <li>• <b>Gifts and Hospitality Update</b> - the committee will be asked to comment on the list of frequently asked questions and answers which the Monitoring Officer has provided.</li> <li>• <b>Training Exercise for Standards Committees</b></li> <li>• <b>Rearranged interview dates for Independent Members</b> - the City Solicitor will update the committee at the meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nick Eaton</b>  <b>Democratic Services</b>  <b>Tel: 9283 4052</b></p>

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12		<p><b>Development Control Committee - Wednesday 2 April 2008 at 2.00pm</b> in conference room A of the Civic Offices, Portsmouth.</p> <p>The following planning applications will be considered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 07/02389/PLAREG - <b>12 Elizabeth Gardens, Southsea</b> - retention of alterations and extension to boundary wall with an increased height to 2.5M.</li> <li>• 08/00115/FUL - <b>64 Aberdare Avenue, Portsmouth</b> - construction of part single/part two storey side and single storey rear extension (Re-submission of 07/02215/FUL).</li> <li>• 08/00158/FUL - <b>80 Northern Parade, Hilsea</b> - retention of vehicular access onto classified road.</li> <li>• 08/00205/FUL - <b>1-3 Alma Terrace and land to rear of 217-223 Highland Road, Southsea</b> - construction of two storey building, with accommodation within the roofspace to form 5 terraced dwellings (after demolition of garage and store) with associated parking, cycle and refuse storage (Re-submission of 07/01825/FUL).</li> <li>• 08/00319/VOC - <b>The Garden View Apartments, 2-10 St Vincent Road, Southsea</b> - application to vary condition 11 of permission A*37826/AJ which requires any proposed gates to be set back at least 5.5M from the back edge of the pavement.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</b></p>
13	Nelson	<p><b>Market House Tavern, 472 Mile End Road, PO2 7BX</b>  <b>Ref: 07/01159/OUT</b>  <b>Decision Dismissed</b>  <b>Decision Date: 26 March 2008</b></p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal for construction of two storey building to form five dwellings with associated refuse and cycle stores.</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 Planning Service Tel: 9283 4298</b></p>