

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 12

DATE: THURSDAY 20 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

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>Executive Member for Health & Social Care's Decision Meeting - 18 March</p> <p>At his decision meeting Councillor Leo Madden took the following decisions:-</p> <p>Portsmouth Local Involvement Network (LINK)</p> <p>(i) Noted that the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 has ended the role of patient and public Involvement fora from 1 April 2008; there is now a statutory duty on all local authorities with social services responsibilities to make contractual arrangements with a host organisation which will be responsible for the establishment, maintenance and support of a LINK in the local authority area.</p> <p>(ii) Approved the proposed interim arrangement for supporting a LINK role in the city (as identified in section 4 of the report) in advance of the host organisation starting its work (expected July 2008).</p> <p>Update on Progress of Action Plan from 2006/07 Annual Performance Assessment (APA) Adult Social Care Services</p> <p>The Executive Member noted the progress made in addressing the 16 areas for improvement and asked for an update report at the July HSC Executive Meeting.</p> <p>Volunteer Policy, Volunteer Agreement and Volunteer Handbook</p> <p>The Executive Member approved that the policy, agreement and handbook be adopted as working documents for the Health, Housing & Social Care Directorate and used as a reference by other directorates in the quest for a more standardised approach to volunteer management within the Council.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
	(Cont'd)	<p data-bbox="398 217 1182 248">Telecare in Portsmouth - "Moving into Mainstream"</p> <p data-bbox="398 293 1630 360">After thanking the two Telecare customers who had attended to talk about their positive experiences of the service, the Executive Member approved</p> <ol data-bbox="398 405 1765 839" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="398 405 1765 472">(1) the proposal outlined in the report to expand the use of Telecare including development of an in-house responder service; <li data-bbox="398 517 1765 616">(2) delegated authority to the Strategic Director for Health, Housing & Social Care in consultation with the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources & Services, to implement the scheme and choose the best option for meeting customer demand; <li data-bbox="398 660 1765 727">(3) the financial appraisal submitted by the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources & Services; <li data-bbox="398 772 1765 839">(4) that discussions be initiated with Portsmouth PCT regarding joint investment into the development of Telecare. <p data-bbox="398 884 1715 916">(N.B. this report was also to be considered at the Housing Executive meeting later in the day)</p> <p data-bbox="398 960 1102 992">NB: Call in date – 5.00 pm Thursday 27 March.</p>	

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
2		<p>Executive Member for Housing - Tuesday, 18 March 2008</p> <p>At his meeting Councillor Hugh Mason Executive Member for Housing took the following decisions: -</p> <p>Reviewing Portsmouth City Council's Affordable Housing Programme</p> <p>The report was noted.</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>The Executive Member endorsed the strategy.</p> <p>Amendment to the Financial Assistance Policy for Private Sector Housing</p> <p>The Executive Member agreed the broader range of assistant packages to be introduced on 1 April 2008, as detailed in Appendix A of the report. (He also commended staff on the imaginative development of the policy.)</p> <p>Council Housing Maintenance and Improvements and Housing IT Business Software 2008/09</p> <p>Councillor Mason welcomed the new approach to assessing property maintenance needs in the City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the area programmes and allocation of finance for the funding of the revenue budgets for repairs and maintenance of dwellings were noted. (ii) the capital budgets listed in Appendix B and Appendix C commencing in 2008/2009 be approved and the local authority Housing Manager be authorised under the financial rules of Section B14 to proceed with schemes within the funds approved. (iii) the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and Services' financial appraisal was approved for the capital programme – global provision. 	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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(Cont'd)	<p data-bbox="398 204 1227 240">Telecare in Portsmouth – ‘Moving into the Mainstream’</p> <p data-bbox="398 280 734 317">The Executive Member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="398 357 1742 427">(i) approved the proposal outlined in the report to expand the use of Telecare including the development of an in-house responder service. <li data-bbox="398 467 1720 571">(ii) has allocated authority to the Strategic Director for Health, Housing and Social Care in consultation with the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and Services to implement the scheme and choose the best option for meeting customer demand. <li data-bbox="398 611 1675 681">(iii) approved the financial appraisals submitted by the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and Services. <li data-bbox="398 721 1742 791">(iv) approved the initiation of discussions with Portsmouth PCT regarding joint investment in the development of Telecare. <p data-bbox="398 831 1727 901">(N.B. this report and decisions had also been approved by the Executive Member for Health & Social Care earlier in the day.)</p> <p data-bbox="398 941 1077 978">NB: Call in date – 5.00 pm Monday 31 March.</p>	

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
3		<p>Community Safety Decision Meeting – Wednesday, 19 March 2008</p> <p>At her meeting Councillor Paula Riches took the following decisions:</p> <p>Monitoring of 2007/08 Cash Limits and Capital Programme for the Period Ended 31st January 2008</p> <p>The report was noted.</p> <p>Hosting of National Conference on So-called Honour Based Violence</p> <p>The Executive Member noted the report and asked for a further report about the level of this crime in Portsmouth and the relationship with forced marriage.</p> <p>New National Drug Strategy</p> <p>The Executive Member for Community Safety noted the report. The Executive Member would also write to lobby the government on the cutting of funding to this authority which will impact on performance and the effectiveness of interventions.</p> <p>Preventing and Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour Beacon Event</p> <p>The Executive Member for Community Safety noted the Beacon event and continues to support the dissemination of best practice nationally during the Beacon year due to expire on 30th June 2008.</p> <p>Future of Partnership Working – Trading Standards South East (TSSE)</p> <p>This item was withdrawn for consideration.</p> <p>Regulation of Petroleum Storage and Liquid Fuel Measuring Instruments (LFMI)</p> <p>The Executive Member:</p> <p>(i) endorsed the proposal over the 2008/09 financial year, to contract out the function of licensing of premises storing petroleum spirit and the verification and the associated inspection regime at a cost equivalent to the fee income generated by the function;</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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(Cont'd)	<p>(ii) endorsed the proposal over the 2008/09 financial year, to contract out the function of verification of liquid fuel measuring instruments at a cost equivalent to the fee income generated by the function;</p> <p>(iii) endorsed the proposal over 2008/09 financial to pay a consultancy fee of £4,000 to cover the first 65 hours of work in relation to the provision of services relating to the regulation of petroleum storage and liquid fuel measuring instruments in terms of -</p> <p>(a) responses to requests from businesses concerning site redevelopment and alterations, inspection of plans, safety advice on storage and inspections resulting from these activities;</p> <p>(b) intelligence-led interventions concerning short measure, overcharging, unsafe practices, and any breach of any age restriction;</p> <p>(c) 24 hour emergency cover concerning illegal storage, spillage, assisting emergency services with any incident that may require knowledge of premises and provision of specialist equipment to detect petroleum spirit;</p> <p>(iv) that an agreement be entered into with Hampshire County Council in accordance with the Local Authority (Goods and Services) Act, subject to the terms and conditions contained within the agreement;</p> <p>(v) that the Trading Standards Manager in consultation with Legal Services be authorised to determine the terms of any such agreement; to enter into it on behalf of Portsmouth City Council; to terminate it; and subject to the agreement of the relevant Executive Member, to extend it;</p> <p>(vi) that the "proposal by Hampshire County Council" as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved subject to advice from Legal Services and authority delegated to the Trading Standards Manager to approve minor alterations in consultation with Legal Services as required to ensure agreement.</p>	

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4	(Cont'd)	<p>Action Plan to Cease Portsmouth City Council's Funding of Square Deal</p> <p>The Executive Member for Community Safety approved the principle of delivering the Square Deal brand via the vehicle of TLM Enterprises, a private sector company, on payment of an endorsement fee to Portsmouth City Council to be reinvested in providing Trading Standard Services to meet Portsmouth business needs subject to exploration of the contractual arrangements with Legal Services.</p> <p>NB: Call-in date 5pm on Monday 31 March.</p> <p>Culture & Leisure Decision Meeting – 20 March</p> <p>At this meeting, the Executive Member for Culture & Leisure, Councillor Terry Hall, made these decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To note the progress of the seafront improvement works to date and the approved funding allocated for further improvements, and to seek additional funding for future improvements as set out in the report. * After receiving a presentation from the consultant who undertook the Performance Venue Review to note the review, and instruct that an action plan to deliver its recommendations be implemented, including the preparation and delivery of a theatre strategy and the development of a cinema partnership at the Third Floor Arts Centre for a one year trial * To support in principle the idea of a "dowry" system for large private and business archives, and request the Head of Cultural Services to report back on how the system could be effected. * To approve the transfer of responsibility for the management of the Paulsgrove Cyberspace Project and its IT equipment and furniture to Paulsgrove Learning & Leisure Centre Ltd (PCC). The Executive Member has decided that the part of the Paulsgrove Community Centre currently occupied by Cyberspace will be transferred to PCC under a five year tenancy on terms to be negotiated, and that the two posts currently existing within the Project will be declared redundant. There has been extensive consultation within the community and with the staff concerned about these proposals. 	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
(Cont'd)	<p>* To approve a green planting policy to respond to the need to conserve and maximise resources and promote sustainability. The Parks & Recreation Manager has been asked to report back to a future decision meeting on the development and implementation of the policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After receiving a deputation from Mr Charlie Adie (the Chief Executive of Motiv8) and Mr Kevin Chippinhal-Higgins (of Adventure College), the Executive Member made these decisions which will be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 25 March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To seek expressions of interest in leasing the Portsmouth Outdoor Centre for a minimum of 25 years, on terms and conditions that will allow the tenant to develop the facilities and charge market rates in order to maximise the rental offer. • External consultants will be engaged to assist with the marketing and leasing arrangements, subject to a request being approved for the costs of this to be funded from the contingency reserve. • If the asset is leased or disposed of, the grant for the climbing tower may become repayable and there may be a future call on the budget. • The Head of Asset Management has been authorised to accept the offer providing best value, subject to prior consultation with the Executive Member for Culture & Leisure. • The City Solicitor has been authorised to undertake all necessary steps and complete all legal documentation to effect the disposal. • Consideration was given to alternative proposals that may be developed by the staff whilst the expressions of interest are sought. • It was agreed to provide a timetable and progress reports to all Culture and Leisure Briefings. <p>NB: Call-in date Monday 31 March.</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 31 March 2008.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: CULTURE & LEISURE

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
5		<p>Southsea Tennis Club Clarence Esplanade</p> <p>Proposal: That a new 25 year lease be granted to Southsea Tennis Club (STC), with full repairing and insuring obligations, at a peppercorn rent, with a management obligation for the public courts.</p> <p>In 1998 the facilities were unsuccessfully advertised and the Southsea Tennis Club, as the residents club, undertook the management. In 2004 and 2007 the Procurement Unit confirmed the arrangement could continue without the need to seek public invitation to tender, on the grounds that there was no alternative. The STC have currently been in occupation by way of an agreement at £500 per annum, inclusive of repairs and insurance, the cost of which are met by the Council.</p> <p>In 2007 STC invested £22,000 of their own funds in floodlights for three courts, demonstrating they are a club of substance with the capacity to maintain and improve the facility. Building maintenance and operation expenditure incurred by the City Council in 2006/07 was £6919 and to date this year is £6553 (excluding repainting costs in 2006 of approximately £14,000 which were also met by the City Council).</p> <p>A long lease will enable the club to approach the Lawn Tennis Association, Sport England and private sponsors for funding to improve the facilities, whilst saving the council a minimum of £6,000 annual maintenance and other expenses.</p>	<p>Anne Cains Asset Management Service Tel: 9283 4287</p>

	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
6		<p>Commercial Port – Award of Contract for the Supply of a Pilot Boat Service for Portsmouth Competent Harbour Authority</p> <p>Proposal: that following a robust tender process and evaluation, the Port Manager’s Department award the contract for the Supply of a Pilot Boat Service for Portsmouth Competent Harbour Authority to Associated British Ports. The contract is to commence on 1 June 2008, to run for a two year period with the option to extend for a further three year period. Funding has been identified within the Ports revenue budget.</p>	<p>Julie Shotbolt Port Finance Officer Tel: 9285 5916</p>
7		<p>Former IOW Car Ferry Slipway – Use by Portsmouth Sailing Club</p> <p>Proposal: To offer a renewal of the existing licence to Portsmouth Sailing Club for the use of the Former Car Ferry Slipway for a period of one year from 1 May 2008 at an increased fee of £925.00. The licence will be subjected to a detailed list of current users.</p> <p>The licence granted to Portsmouth Sailing Club enables members to launch and slip their boats at the Former IOW Car ferry Slipway and expires on 30 April 2008. It is proposed to increase the fee from £900.00 to £925.00 for which written acceptance will be requested from the club.</p>	<p>Julie Shotbolt Port Finance Officer Port Manager’s Department Tel: 9285 5916</p>

PORTFOLIO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
8		<p>Signing of a Community Use Agreement</p> <p>Proposal: To agree that Portsmouth City Council with the support of the Governing Bodies of Charles Dickens Infant and Charles Dickens Junior Schools sign a community use agreement with the Portsmouth Table Tennis Club which will give them up to 12 hours a week usage for 15 years (i.e. a continuation of their existing usage).</p> <p>In return Sport England will give £38,000 to enhance the acoustic performance and lighting systems of the Charles Dickens Centre sports hall. It will also provide window film, all of which will enable the Portsmouth Table Tennis Club to be able to hold matches and tournaments at the facility.</p>	<p>Mike Fowler Building Schools for the Future Project Project Director Tel: 9284 1207</p>

	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
9	Eastney & Craneswater, St Jude	<p>Disabled Parking Bays on the Seafront</p> <p>Proposal: To advertise a Traffic Regulation Order to make the existing disabled bays on the seafront enforceable.</p> <p>There are a number of courtesy disabled bays located along the seafront on Clarence Esplanade and Eastney Esplanade. The Parking Service proposes to make the existing bays enforceable to prevent misuse of them, thereby increasing the chances for genuinely disabled people to use the facilities provided for them.</p>	<p>Nikki Dridge Transport & Street Management Tel: 9268 8285</p>

MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

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

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

Your request should be made to the **Head of Transport & Street Management** by telephoning **Margaret O'Neill** (☎ 9283 4971) and must be received by not later than **5 pm on Monday 31st March 2008**. You can also make contact by letter, or by email to engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk. If you wish to know more about a particular application, please contact the Case Officer indicated.

Item No	Ward	Traffic Regulation Order	Case Officer & Tel No	City Engineer's Comments	Proposed Action
10	Central Southsea Charles Dickens Copnor Hilsea Fratton Paulsgrove St Thomas St Jude	The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Prohibition of Waiting and Loading and Amendments to Prohibition of Waiting) (No.38) Order 2007 (a copy of the Public Notice is available in members' rooms and on the website at http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/10446.html)	Nikki Dridge 9268 8285	4 letters received: 1 in support, 1 with comments, 2 objections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SUPPORT</u> – A business in New Road supports proposal E (Langford Road) as it will assist HGVs in making deliveries to retail units in New Road & prevent congestion / obstruction on New Road itself. • <u>COMMENT</u> – Contractors currently working at the Highbury College Campus point out that proposal D (Tudor Crescent) may put further pressure on adjacent roads. <u>REPOSE</u>: Daytime access will be maintained, whilst allowing residents to park at peak times, i.e. evenings and weekends. • <u>OBJECTIONS</u>– 1) A Langford Rd resident objects as the extent of the restriction is unclear: is it across his property? Deliveries are unlikely to occur within the proposed period. The zebra crossing and its required clearance takes up a lot of potential parking space. <u>RESPONSE</u>: Resident was notified that the proposal does not extend across his property; no further objection received. New Road businesses indicate this proposal will assist with deliveries & reduce congestion on the main road. Zebra crossing markings are necessary, & in accordance with DfT safety guidelines. 2) 2 residents object “in the strongest terms” to proposal K (Jura Close), as vehicular access to the common shared driveway will be compromised – especially for large vehicles which may have to drive over gardens. <u>RESPONSE</u>: The points raised by this resident are valid, which is why a bay was not positioned in that location previously. The road is 4.7m wide at that point, and provides vehicular access to Nos. 3, 4, & 5. 	That the Order be made as advertised, with the exception that Item K relating to Jura Close be deleted.

Item No	Ward	Traffic Regulation Order	Case Officer & Tel No	City Engineer's Comments	Proposed Action
11	Central S'Sea Charles Dickens Cosham Drayton & Farlington Paulsgrove Milton St Jude St Thomas	The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Amendments to Prohibition of Waiting) (No.44) Order 2007 (a copy of the Public Notice is available in members' rooms and on the website at http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/11180.html)	Nikki Dridge 9268 8285	34 letters + 1 petition received:- 29 in support , 1 in comment, 18 objections (includes petition signed by 13 residents): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LETTERS OF SUPPORT</u> – 29 residents wrote in support and/or confirmed why the proposed restrictions are required • <u>LETTER OF COMMENT</u> – 1 resident queried the need for proposal A20 unless requested by immediate resident (it was). • <u>LETTERS OF OBJECTION</u>– <p>1) A petition signed by 13 residents and separate letters from 3 further residents object against Proposal A5 (East Cosham Rd). <u>Response:</u> A Councillor phoned on behalf of a resident to request this proposal, but as only 1 resident offered support, many objected, and there are no safety issues, I recommend it is withdrawn.</p> <p>2) Residents of Racton Avenue (1) and Burrill Avenue (1) are in favour of additional restrictions, but feel proposals A10 & A2 respectively do not go far enough <u>Response:</u> The proposals are adequate; there are no reported traffic problems to justify further extensions. Restrictions cannot be increased in excess of those advertised in this Order, but they can be considered in a future Order if necessary.</p> <p>3) A new resident of Southampton Rd objects to proposal A21 to stop cars parking on the pavement, as parking is limited. Wants grass replaced by tarmac to create more space. <u>Response:</u> Cars parking on the footway alongside the A27 is dangerous; it is a 2-lane 40mph road. 4 letters of support & photos received from other residents with safety concerns, and who also object to the unique view being obstructed by cars.</p>	That the Order be made as advertised, with the exception that Item A5 relating to East Cosham Road be deleted.

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 Monday 31 March 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
12	08/00148/FUL Fratton	<p>1 - 80 Hale Court 326 Fratton Road Portsmouth</p> <p>Landscape improvements to internal courtyard</p>	<p>Two e-mails have been received from residents of Hale Court commenting on the application. The comments are summarised as follows: (a) timber decking slippery; (b) grounds have not been maintained in satisfactory condition in the past few years; (c) a level ground would be more appropriate for residents with wheelchair users and mobility aids; (d) area needs to be more friendly for elderly residents; (e) heavy gates make accessibility difficult; and (f) safety issues with the pond.</p> <p>The application is for a number of landscape improvements within the internal courtyard area of Hale Court, including the construction of a gazebo of some 3.8m in height, two ponds, new surfacing, bed planting and planters. It is considered that given that the proposals are surrounded on three sides by Hale Court, the structures and landscaping would not amount to visually intrusive features in this context. Furthermore, the landscaping improvements are considered to be acceptable in terms of design. Whilst there is a change in ground level across the site, the applicant has not supplied details that this will change, and would not be justification for withholding permission.</p> <p>The other comments made in relation to the decking, maintenance and safety are not material to the determination of this application. Furthermore, the gates do not form part of this application.</p>	<p>Jade Mepham-Ellis</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1105</p> <p>Permission</p>

13	08/00224/FUL Charles Dickens	Unit 51 Cascades Portsmouth Installation of new shopfronts and security roller shutters	<p>An e-mail objecting to the proposals have been received from the City Centre Manager. The objections relate to the roller shutters which relate to the solid type of shutter, the comments are summarised as follows: (a) the shop is located within the City Centre retail area; (b) the Council encourages the use of the City Centre streets as it improves safety and security; (c) solid shutters should be declined; (d) shutters should be at very least pin-hole; (e) sets a precedent; (f) insecurity for residents; (g) solid shutters encourage graffiti and vandalism; and (h) no policy to refuse solid shutters.</p> <p>Since these objections have been made, the applicant has submitted details for the installation of pin-hole shutters, which would allow a reasonable degree of security. Although the City Centre Manager has indicated that it would be preferable to have an open grill shutter, the pin-hole shutter would be satisfactory without having an adverse impact on the street scene. Furthermore, whilst there is no policy which relates to the type of shutter that is preferable within the City Centre, the drawings indicate that the shutters would be steel micro-perforated, and in my view would prove to be visually acceptable within the context of the Principal Retail Area. With regard to the new shopfront, it would be designed with mirror polished stainless steel with tiled stallrisers and would appropriately relate to the existing premises. It is therefore considered that the proposed alterations would prove to be an acceptable design solution within the context of policy DC1.</p>	<p>Jade Mepham-Ellis Tel: 023 9284 1105 Permission</p>
14	08/00242/FUL Fratton	Ground Floor 186 Kingston Road Portsmouth Installation of new shopfront and roller shutter	<p>One objection has been received from the Portsmouth Society in relation to the roller shutter. The objections raise concerns that the roller shutter would have a detrimental impact on the street scene and state a preference for a grid or transparent shutter.</p> <p>The applicant seeks permission to install a new shopfront, designed with a powder coated aluminium frame and laminated security glass. In my view the proposed alterations would satisfactorily relate to the existing premises and would prove to be an appropriate design solution. Furthermore, the proposed shopfront would prove to be a visually acceptable feature in the context of the Kingston Road Local Centre. With regard to the roller shutter, the applicant has indicated that it would be designed with steel, alloy and nylon components with a perforated curtain. In design terms, it is considered that the roller shutter would prove to be an acceptable addition to the shopfront and would therefore prove to be in accordance with policy DC1.</p>	<p>Ms Jade Mepham-Ellis Tel: 023 9284 1105 Permission</p>

Part 3 - Information and News Items

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	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
15	St Thomas	<p>15 Broad Street Old Portsmouth Ref: 07/01728/LBC Appeal Lodged: 1 February 2008</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of Listed Building Consent for the installation of French doors and balustrading at 3rd floor level to rear elevation</p> <p>The appeal is to be dealt with by the written representation procedure.</p>	<p>Ben Cracknell Planning Service Tel: 9284 1127</p>
16	Cosham	<p>Land Rear of 26 Fifth Avenue PO6 3PE REF:07/01745/FUL Appeal Lodged:13 December 2007</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of Planning Permission, for the construction of two detached dwellinghouses with associated parking, cycle / refuse storage and vehicular access from Ashurst Road.</p> <p>The appeal is to be dealt with by the written representation procedure.</p>	<p>Jonathon McDermott Planning Service Tel: 9284 1470</p>
17		<p>Licensing Sub Committee - Wednesday 26 March 2008 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>The following item will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a premises licence - Gemini News, 107 London Road, Portsmouth, PO2 0BN 	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
18		<p>Executive Member for Planning, Regeneration & Economic Development – Friday 28 March at 11.30am in the Executive Meeting Room</p> <p>The Executive member for PRED will be holding a brief meeting on Friday 28 March to consider the adoption of a Code of Practice for Councillors and officers dealing with planning matters (this matter having previously been considered by Standards Committee and Development Control Committee.)</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
19		<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"> • Increased financial support to improve private sector homes • Credit Crunch puts Talking Money in the spotlight • Obesity targeted in £50,000 Portsmouth project • PCMI celebrates 80th birthday • 16 April deadline for new city residents wanting to vote on 1 May • Southsea's seafront set for new look • Greener planting in Portsmouth • Getting ready to have your say about health and social care in Portsmouth • 'Rapidly improving' the Ofsted verdict for City of Portsmouth Boys' School • Talking Money: Don't face your cash problems alone • Northern Quarter agreement to be revised • Your chance for a bigger say in your local community • Pyramids Centre given new lease of life • Operation Drink Safe partners pleased alcohol tax is raised 	<p>Mark Wingham Corporate Communications Team Manager Tel: 9283 4142</p>

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20		<p>Talking Money</p> <p>PCC, supported by a number of partner organisations, is running a four-day benefits campaign next week called Talking Money.</p> <p>Talking Money aims to increase the take-up of benefits and money advice through increased awareness and targeted support. A special team of advisers will offer advice including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • managing your money • getting out of debt • finding work to make you better off • benefits and other financial help • help with childcare costs • support for pensioners and health costs. <p>Callers can ring freephone 0800 085 8357 24/7 over a four-day period from Tuesday 25 March to Friday 28 March. From 9am to 5pm, the advisers will take calls direct. Callers who ring out-of-office times can leave a message for the team to return your call the next day.</p> <p>Members have been written to about the campaign. For more information, please contact Tony Nicholas.</p> <p>Internally, the campaign has involved the Economic Regeneration Team, the Housing Service's Debt Advice Team, and Financial Services.</p>	<p>Tony Nicholas Head of Revenues and Benefits Tel: 9284 1749</p>
21		<p>Hampshire Pension Fund Panel</p> <p>An item appeared on last week's MIS saying that Portsmouth has to appoint a representative for two years to the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel, representing both Portsmouth and Southampton. At the time the item was written it was thought this appointment would run from June 2008. However, it has now been clarified that the appointment will be from September. Therefore the item making the appointment will not appear on the Employment Committee agenda for 27 March, but at the next meeting on 3 July. However, it will still be the intention to appoint the current deputy, Councillor Steve Wemyss, as long as he is still an elected member.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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22		<p>Employment Committee – 27 March 5pm in Conference Room A</p> <p>At this meeting, the Committee will consider reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * sickness absence quarterly report and progress of the in-house Occupational Health Service * the ongoing work in the review of how recruitment is undertaken in the City Council, and the proposed interim recruitment and selection policy * changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme effective from April 2008 * the amendment of the panel constitution for senior officer appointments * the adoption of Positive Action Recruitment to assist the Council's recruitment and selection of applicants with a learning disability * a request for a reduction in staffing (1 post) on grounds of the efficiency of the service (exempt) * the review of the Internal Audit Service (exempt) 	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>
23		<p>Executive - Tuesday 25 March at 11am in the Executive Meeting Room</p> <p>At this meeting the Executive will consider the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Real Time Passenger Information * Consolidated Debt Position & Credit Management Strategy - Material Sources of Income 2007/08 * Portsmouth Outdoor Centre (report with exempt appendix) * The Northern Quarter Development Agreement (exempt report) * Tipner Lake Interchange Major Maintenance Scheme (supplementary item) * Travelling Funfairs (supplementary item with exempt appendix) 	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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24		<p>Executive Member for Traffic and Transportation Decision Meeting – Thursday 27 March at 10am in The Executive Meeting Room, The Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>Councillor Alex Bentley will consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Guards – following call in by Councillors Hunt and Adair, consideration will be given to the provision of tree guards for the Spring 2008 season. • Car Club – a one-off funding allocation to support a car club becoming established in the city. • Eastern Road Safety Barriers Feasibility Study – to inform the Executive Member of the outcome of the recent safety barrier study. • Central Southsea Permanent Area Wide Traffic Calming Scheme - to decide the future of the experimental traffic calming within the Central Southsea area and more notably Haslemere Road. • Parking Restrictions - to highlight the need to maximise kerbside parking in residential areas when considering parking restrictions. 	<p>Karen Martin/ Lucy Wingham Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
25		<p>Extra Environment Executive Decision Meeting</p> <p>Please note in diaries that there will be a special Environment Decision Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8 April at 4.30pm in The Executive Meeting Room.</p>	<p>Karen Martin/ Lucy Wingham Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
26		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 17th March 2008 Checklist 11/08</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>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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	(Cont'd)	<p>CORPORATE/STRATEGIC POLICY</p> <p>Free BSSP seminar 3rd April The LGA is hosting a seminar on Business Support Simplification on Thursday 3rd April 10am - 1.15pm followed by lunch, to be held at Local Government House, Westminster. Baroness Vadera, the Minister responsible for BSSP has been invited to give the opening speech. There will also be presentations from the LGA, the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR) and the business sector. Spaces are limited and on a first come basis. LG Alert Reference: 51/08</p> <p>Third Sector Issues Update - March 2008 The latest edition of the update has been published with items relating to many issues including the Community Empowerment White Paper, the Consultation on Cohesion Guidance for Funders and the LGA Health Commission. LG Alert Reference: 53/08</p> <p>CULTURE</p> <p>Unlocking local treasure - collections management and the local authority museum In their museum collections, local councils hold in trust the treasures and the histories of our towns, cities and rural areas. This pamphlet, produced in partnership with the Museums Association, explores how local councils can make the most of the valuable assets that they own. LG Alert Reference: 47/08</p> <p>A Passion for Excellence This strategy sets a framework for improvement in culture and sport covering: improving data and evidence; the mechanisms for improving performance and addressing underperformance, including the new self assessment tool Culture and Sport Improvement Toolkit; improving and simplifying the regional support; improving knowledge-sharing and learning; and improving leadership and workforce development. LG Alert Reference: 48/08</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Growing in the Community - a good practice guide for the management of allotments The LGA has revised this best-selling resource for allotment officers and associations, to provide an update on the policy framework, legislation and practice affecting allotment gardening. LG Alert Reference: 52/08</p>	

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		<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Making the Most of Your Money - Free Seminars delivered by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) The LGA recently invited the Financial Services Authority (FSA) - the UK's financial watchdog - to present one of their Making the Most of Your Money (MMYM) seminars to staff across the LGA and central bodies. The seminar was very well received by our staff, and the LGA is now keen for as many of its member authorities as possible to participate in the programme - which comes at no cost to you. LG Alert Reference: 50/08</p> <p>HEALTH AND SAFETY</p> <p>Corporate manslaughter and leadership on Health and safety matters The Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 comes into force on 6th April 2008. This will mean that if someone to whom a relevant duty of care is owed, dies as a result of the way an organisation is managed and the breach of the relevant duty is considered to be gross the organisation can be charged with corporate manslaughter. LGE and Warwick Law School are staging a series of workshops for Chief executives, Directors, Cabinet, and committee chairs to ensure that they are aware of the issues and have taken steps to prevent a charge of corporate manslaughter. LG Alert Reference: 49/08</p>	