

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 10

DATE: FRIDAY 7 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

NB: There are no Part One items this week.

Part 2 - Proposals from Managers for Implementation

The following proposals have been brought forward. The Managers indicated will exercise their powers to approve the proposal unless a Councillor requests the item be referred for decision to the relevant 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 14 March 2008.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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

PORTFOLIO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
1	Charles Dickens	<p>Old Commercial Road Parking Area</p> <p>Proposal: To advertise a Traffic Regulation Order to convert the Old Commercial Road parking area into Pay & Display with exemptions for parking scheme permit holders</p> <p>Currently, the 20-space parking area at the southern end of Old Commercial Road is primarily used by local employees parking their vehicles all day. Use of the facility by residents, and visitors to the Charles Dickens Museum, Mile End Chapel and St John's Ambulance is frequently prevented as a result. With the conversion of the former convent into flats, additional residents will require parking facilities.</p> <p>It is proposed to dissuade all-day parking by introducing Pay & Display, and therefore increase parking opportunities for residents and visitors.</p> <p>Proposed Times of Operation: 7 days a week, 8am – 7pm Proposed Charges: £1 for 2 hours then £10 all day Permit Holders Exempt (FA Old Commercial Road residents' parking scheme)</p> <p>Revenue from the car park will go towards its set-up costs (lighting, line-marking, installation of meter etc) and future maintenance of the parking area.</p>	<p>Nikki Dridge Transport and Street Management Tel: 9268 8285</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 14 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
2	08/00086/FUL Paulsgrove	<p>Land East Of King Richard School Allaway Avenue Paulsgrove</p> <p>Construction of single storey building to form new primary school</p>	<p>One letter of representation received objecting on the following grounds: a) would make local area overdeveloped; b) out of character; c) lack of privacy of school occupants due to the views of houses; d) detrimental impact on the environment, with noise pollution and loss of habitat; e) impact during works, increase in traffic and disturbance from the school use; and f) impact on parking.</p> <p>Outline planning permission has been granted establishing the principle of a replacement school in this location. There is a significant open area on the north side of Allaway Avenue and opposite the school, and the curved school building would primarily set back from the road edge. The school building is sited a minimum of 45 metres from the closest residential property and does not propose any classrooms, and only limited external playing areas on the north side of the building.</p> <p>As such the proposal would not result in a detrimental impact on the privacy of the occupants of the school or the residential properties. The proposal is for a replacement school and therefore although the location of traffic movements may alter from Jubilee Avenue to the west, the access points are as approved under the outline application and are considered acceptable.</p>	<p>Mark Bridge</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4298</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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2	(Cont'd)		<p>Any impact on parking would be for short periods of time for dropping off and collecting of children and this would not be considered to result in a significant and detrimental impact on the neighbouring residential properties. Although the proposal includes the loss of trees, those on the boundary of the railway are to be retained and a landscape master plan has been submitted which indicates an enhancement of the variety of planting within the area. An area of habitat planting within the school grounds is also proposed. It is inevitable that some disturbance will occur during the development, however this would be for a limited period of time and an objection to the proposal on this ground could not be sustained.</p>	

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
3		<p>Media Releases</p> <p>The following media releases have been issued in the last week by the Corporate Communications Team. These 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">• Taxi drivers to be trained as city's ambassadors• 'Eggciting' offer - exchange an extra egg for free Easter entry at Spinnaker Tower• Special school events for National Science and Engineering Week 2008• 20mph scheme nears completion• Mountbatten Centre selected for Olympic training camp guide• Work starts to cut congestion on the Eastern Road• Discover how much fun science can be• Portsmouth rewarded for response to domestic abuse in the city• Glide around Guildhall Square as free ice skating rink visits city• Community safety tops agenda at public meetings in Portsmouth• Crime reduction in Portsmouth best in Hampshire• Duisburg delegation in Portsmouth visit• Gardeners' recycling sites start up for spring• City hoping for success in "people power" Beacon award• Working up an appetite for school dinners• Teenage pregnancy rates fall in Portsmouth• Solving the case of the Conan Doyle Collection	<p>Mark Wingham Corporate Communications Team Manager Tel: 9283 4142</p>

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4		<p>The Policy & Review (Oversight) Panel</p> <p>The Policy & Review (Oversight) Panel met on 6 March to consider the following items:</p> <p>Monitoring Recommendations from Completed Reviews - Review of Community Sustainability The Panel noted that some progress had been made but there is still work outstanding.</p> <p>Post Office Closures. The Panel resolved that this item be considered for inclusion in the next scrutiny work programme at the next Oversight Panel meeting.</p> <p>Review of the Council's Policy on the Flying of Flags from Civic Buildings. The Panel resolved to recommend to the Executive the adoption of the following suggested policy with regard to the flying of flags from civic buildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly on the Civic Offices roof top flag mast the Union Flag, which will be replaced with the city flag on those occasions as determined by protocol. • Fly on the Civic Offices apron flag poles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the flags of the United Kingdom, the European Union and the countries with which Portsmouth is officially twinned as appropriate. • as and when there are civic events or visits involving persons from overseas, the appropriate national flag of that country should wherever practicable be flown. • as and when an organisation is holding a conference or event in the Guildhall, the flag of that organisation. • Consider annually new requests to fly on the Civic Offices apron flag poles flags from organisations whose causes are not in conflict with the principles espoused by the City Council. • Fly from the Guildhall flagpole (as and when it is re-commissioned): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Union Flag as appropriate on those days determined by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport for the flying of the national flag 'on government buildings', or as otherwise determined by protocol. • the city flag on the day when a council meeting is taking place or as otherwise determined by protocol. <p>Quarterly Report to the Council: July 2007 - March 2008. The Panel resolved that the report be received, noted and submitted to the City Council.</p>	<p>Jane Di Dino Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4060</p>

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5		<p>Flagship moves to five issues a year</p> <p>Flagship will now be produced five times a year. Corporate Communications have proactively sought advertising sources from the public sector and key stakeholders to enable the extra editions. Increasing the number of editions of Flagship will improve opportunities for residents to feedback whilst allowing us to strengthen our key messages, engage more effectively with residents and include more time specific information.</p> <p>Flagship aims to keep Portsmouth people well informed and to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase awareness and understanding of PCC, our priorities, the services we offer and the effect we have on people's lives • promote PCC as approachable through the use of interviews, lively design and photography • engage with Portsmouth residents through well-written and easily accessible information • offer a range of contact points - phone, email, web address <p>Note: Flagship is Portsmouth City Council's free resident's magazine and it is delivered by Royal Mail to 86,000 homes and 3,000 businesses. It is also distributed through libraries and public buildings across the city. It can also be downloaded via our website at http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/AtoZ/3871.html</p>	<p>Debbie Button, Corporate Communications Tel: 9283 4797</p>
6		<p>Standards Committee dates</p> <p>Members are asked to note that the meeting that was due to take place on Monday 10 March and which was postponed will now take place on Monday 31 March at 4.00pm instead.</p> <p>Members are asked to make a note of this change in their diaries.</p>	<p>Nick Eaton Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>

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7		<p>Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development Decision Meeting, 10 March</p> <p>A PRED Decision meeting will be held at 10am on Monday 10 March 2008 in the Executive Meeting Room, Guildhall, Portsmouth. The following items will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible Article 4(2) Direction Area - Point, Old Portsmouth - asks the Executive Member to consider the options for an Article 4(2) Direction for Point, Old Portsmouth; • Possible New Conservation Area - St David's Road and Nos. 38-66 St Andrew's Road, Southsea - asks the Executive Member to consider the designation of a conservation area to include St David's Road and Nos. 38-66 St Andrew's Road Southsea; • Portsmouth Core Strategy Issues and Options 2007 Consultation Responses - details the results of the consultation on the Portsmouth Core Strategy Issues and Options 2007 document and to set out the council's response to the issues raised during this consultation stage; and • Strategic Priorities for Portsmouth City Council in Managing and Developing the Visitor Economy - informs members and officers of the work that has taken place to develop a Strategic Priorities and a Delivery framework to manage and develop the visitor economy in Portsmouth. 	<p>Sam Meyer Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4083</p>
8		<p>Executive Member for the Environment Decision Meeting - to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 11 March 2008 in the Executive Meeting Room, Floor 3, The Guildhall.</p> <p>The Executive Member will consider the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy on Balloon Releases from Council Land • Update on Air Quality Action Planning Process 	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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9		<p>Development Control Committee Meeting – to be held on Wednesday 12 March 2008 at 2.00pm in Conference Room A, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following main agenda items will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the 1APP planning application forms • Code of Practice for Councillors and Officers dealing with Planning Matters <p>The following Development Applications will be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/00115/FUL - 64 Aberdare Avenue, Portsmouth - Construction of part single/part two storey side and single storey rear extension (re-submission of 07/02215/FUL) • 08/00155/FUL - Meadow House Rest Home, 47-51 Stubbington Avenue, Portsmouth - Construction of rear conservatory (re-submission of 07/01971/FUL) • 07/01556/FUL - 62-70 Broad Street, Old Portsmouth - Alterations and conversion to form 17 flats, including extension to form lift housing, new balconies to rear, roof terraces and associated bin/cycle stores • 08/00105/OUT - Lake House, 12 St Helens Parade, Southsea - Outline Application for the construction of seven flats after demolition of existing building (principles - access, appearance, layout and scale to be considered) • 07/02134/CON - Lake House, 12 St Helens Parade, Southsea - Demolition of existing building • 07/02406/FUL - 5 Battery Row, Portsmouth - Construction of extension at roof level to form an additional floor at 4th floor level with balustrade (after removal of existing)(re-submission of 07/01902/FUL) • 08/00027/FUL - 1-2 Seymour Terrace, St Georges Way, Portsmouth - Conversion of existing properties to houses in shared occupation for up to 13 persons; construction of additional storey (3rd floor) to whole building, and 3 storey front extension, external alterations including new windows and rooflights, front boundary wall and associated cycle and refuse storage (re-submission of 07/01392/FUL) 	<p>Karen Martin/ Lucy Wingham Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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9	(Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/00064/OUT - 108-112 Elm Grove, Southsea, Hampshire - Outline application for construction of 3 storey building to form 6 flats and 3 shops (access, layout and scale to be considered) • 08/00075/FUL - The Town House, Portland Road, Southsea - Construction of part single/two/four storey building to form 9 houses with associated parking (after demolition of existing Public House) • 08/00157/CON - The Town House, Portland Road, Southsea - Demolition of existing building (conservation area consent) • 08/00101/FUL - 8 Kings Road, Southsea, Hampshire - Construction of additional storey (first floor) with mansard roof to form 3 flats over existing restaurant, with associated refuse/cycle stores (re-submission of 07/01573/FUL) 	
10	St Thomas	<p>Land to Rear of 25/26 Landport Terrace Southsea PO1 2RG Ref: 07/01391/FUL Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 11 February 2008</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal for the construction of a two-storey building to form four flats with associated bin storage.</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p>Jon McDermott Planning Service Tel: 9284 1470</p>
11	Eastney & Craneswater	<p>35 Salisbury Road Ref: 07/01895/FUL Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 28 February 2008</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal for the construction of single storey building to form detached bungalow to rear of site with associated cycle/refuse storage.</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p>Jon McDermott Planning Service Tel: 9284 1470</p>

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

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12	Drayton & Farlington	<p>54 Grant Road PO6 1DX Ref: 07/01557/FUL Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 28 February 2008</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal for alterations to form gable with barn hip (re-submission of 07/00340/FUL).</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p>Jon McDermott Planning Service Tel: 9284 1470</p>
13	Drayton & Farlington	<p>54 Grant Road PO6 1DX Ref: 07/00340/FUL Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 28 February 2008</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal for alterations to form barn hip with dormer window and Juliet balcony to rear roof slope.</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p>Jon McDermott Planning Service Tel: 9284 1470</p>
14	Hilsea	<p>Royal Court Apartments 356 London Road PO2 9JX Ref: 07/00926/FUL Decision: Allowed Decision Date: 3 March 2008</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal to construct part two-storey and part single-storey rear extensions to form two additional flats with associated car parking, bin and cycle stores.</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by the written representation procedure and the Inspector decided to allow the appeal.</p>	<p>Mark Bridge Planning Service Tel: 9283 4298</p>

	WARD		OFFICER CONTACT
15		<p>Consultation by the Department of Communities and Local Government on Local Petitions and Calls for Action</p> <p>A draft response has been prepared to a Government consultation document on Local Petitions and Calls for Action. The draft response indicates that the proposal to place a statutory duty on local authorities to respond to local petitions may be unnecessary legislative step, may have significant resource implications and may prove difficult to administer. The draft response welcomes the introduction of the Councillor Call for Action as this enshrines in legislation councillors powers of referral to overview and scrutiny committees that are already in place in Portsmouth. The draft response agrees with the proposal that regulatory matters such as planning should be excluded from the Call for Action. A copy of the consultation document and the proposed draft response has been placed in each of the Members Rooms. Any member wishing to comment on the draft response should contact Saskia Kiernan in Democratic Services on 9268 8360 by Friday, 14 March 2008. The consultation closes on 20 March 2008.</p>	<p>Saskia Kiernan Democratic Services Tel: 9368 8360</p>
16		<p>Policy & Review Topic Panel A - 14 March</p> <p>The Policy & Review Topic Panel A will meet on Friday 14 March at 2pm in Conference Room H to consider and sign off its report of the support available to care leavers.</p>	<p>Jane Di Dino Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4060</p>
17		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 3 March 2008 - Checklist 09/08</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>HEALTH AND SAFETY</p> <p>LACORS and HSE guide to Health and Safety and LAAs The guide highlights how workplace health and safety contributes towards councils' priorities and targets in local and multi area agreements. LG Alert Reference: 38/08</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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17	(Cont'd)	<p>WASTE</p> <p>Site Waste Management Plans Advising that new Regulations have been laid in Parliament to make Site Waste Management Plans mandatory for all construction projects in England with a project cost of more than £300,000 (excluding VAT). LG Alert Reference: 39/08</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Support to improve local environmental skills A new web based resource: www.localenvironmentskills.org was launched on 4 March, at the ENCAMS Cleaner Safer Greener (CSG) Network conference in Manchester. Localenvironmentskills will help local authorities and other organisations in the local environmental management sector to achieve improvements in service delivery. LG Alert Reference: 40/08</p> <p>Flooding Review consultation: deadline 31 March A reminder that the deadline for responses to the recommendations made in Sir Michael Pitt's Interim Report into the summer 2007 floods is 31 March 2008. LG Alert Reference: 41/08</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>CAA: LGA response and sector proposition Consultation on the joint Inspectorate proposals for CAA closed in February. The LGA supports the White Paper vision for CAA, and whilst we recognise the challenges involved in developing and delivering it, we also have high expectations about how we want CAA to be developed - in a way that works for councils and their partners. LG Alert Reference: 42/08</p>	

LICENSING ACT 2003 – APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

The Licensing Authority has received the following applications in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003. The table below outlines the premises location, a brief description of the application and the closing date by which responsible authorities or interested parties may make representations. An interested party is defined as either a *person* living in the vicinity of the premises, a *body* representing persons who live in that vicinity, a *person* involved in a business in that vicinity or a *body* representing persons involved in such businesses.

Members should be aware that under the legislation ward councillors do not have an automatic right to make representations on behalf of their constituents, but have the right to make representations when specifically requested to do so by constituents who live in the vicinity of the premises concerned. To prevent challenges by unsuccessful applicants you may wish to request any objector to include in any letter of objection to you or to the Licensing Section that they formally authorise you to make representations on their behalf.

If you have any queries relating to any of the applications outlined below, please contact the Licensing Section, Telephone number: 023 9283 4607 or email: Licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.

Item No	Ward	Licence No:	Premises Name and Address	Brief description of application:	Closing date for representations:
18	St Thomas	166	Slug and Lettuce (formerly Santa Fe) Gunwharf Quays	<p>Application to vary a Premises Licence</p> <p>Type of Premises: Public House</p> <p>Proposed Licensable Activities:</p> <p>Alterations to the premises. No change to the licensable activities.</p>	2 April 2008
19	Charles Dickens	455	Route 66 37-39 Guildhall Walk	<p>Application to vary a Premises Licence</p> <p>Type of Premises: Nightclub</p> <p>Proposed Licensable Activities:</p> <p>Alterations to the premises. No change to the licensable activities.</p>	2 April 2008

Item No	Ward	Licence No:	Premises Name and Address	Brief description of application:	Closing date for representations:
20	Fratton	572	The Drink Project Unit 308 Victory Business Centre	<p>Application for a Premises Licence</p> <p>Type of Premises: Off-Licence</p> <p>Proposed Licensable Activities:</p> <p>Sale of Alcohol</p> <p>Proposed standard days and timings:</p> <p>Monday to Sunday from 00:00 until 23:59</p>	2 April 2008