

City of Portsmouth MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 9

DATE: FRIDAY 29 FEBRUARY 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 7 March 2008.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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PORTFOLIO: EMPLOYMENT

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	WARD	SUBJECT AND PROPOSAL	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>Childcare Voucher Provision</p> <p>Proposal: That the Head of Financial Services under delegated authority seeks tenders for Childcare voucher providers and enters into an agreement for 3 years.</p> <p>Childcare vouchers provide staff with a tax efficient method of obtaining significant discounts on childcare costs through their payslips. In addition the City Council pays lower employer National Insurance contributions.</p> <p>The current provider of Childcare vouchers to City Council staff is Busy Bees Ltd and the current agreement is due to cease on 30th September 2008. To ensure that the current provider is delivering a quality service to staff and to ensure that the current charges are competitive, it is appropriate to review both the current provider and to examine alternative service providers.</p>	<p>Shaun Tetley Financial Services Tel: 9283 4376</p>

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2		<p>Portsmouth Intermodal Goods Yard</p> <p>Proposal: That an additional £65k Capital Budget is approved for the Portsmouth Intermodal Goods Yard Capital Budget.</p> <p>Current Capital Budget:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>EU Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£313k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PCC Funding</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£200k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sub Total Capital Budget</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£513k</td> </tr> </table> <p>Current Revenue Budget: £139k</p> <p>Total Budget £652k</p> <p>The final costs / funding of the project are forecasted to be as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>EU Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£298k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PCC Funding</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£265k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sub Total Forecast Capital</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£563k</td> </tr> </table> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Revenue Budget</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 84k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Revenue EU Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 65k</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Forecast Budget</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£149k</td> </tr> </table> <p>This project provides an alternative to road haulage for freight passing through the Commercial Port at Portsmouth.</p> <p>Intermodal is requiring an additional £65k to be funded from the Revenue Reserve for Capital projects. The project needs this funding because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally it was anticipated that the EU Grant would fund only capital costs but it has in fact funded both capital and revenue expenditure • Additional legal fees were incurred in securing the sub-lease and a short-form of agreement between PCC and a chosen Freight Operating Company, (FOC). Under The Railways Act, PCC can not directly lease the site from Network Rail as it is neither a licensed Freight Operating Company (FOC) nor a licensed terminal operator therefore specialist transport lawyers have been contracted • Finally, Network Rail has also insisted on the provision of a reinforced ramp over the Northerly access / egress of the site <p>Potentially there is an additional £50k in EU Grant which has been factored into the above and is available to be bid for. However, this is still in negotiation at this stage and there is a risk that if the funding does not materialise, then either the Port will fund it from Revenue Contribution to Capital or that a bid will be made to Council for any available Corporate Capital Resources or Prudential borrowing that may arise from an additional £50k overspend on an already approved capital scheme.</p>	EU Grant	£313k	PCC Funding	£200k	Sub Total Capital Budget	£513k	EU Grant	£298k	PCC Funding	£265k	Sub Total Forecast Capital	£563k	Revenue Budget	£ 84k	Revenue EU Grant	£ 65k	Total Forecast Budget	£149k	<p>Jerry Clarke Port Service Tel: 9285 5937</p>
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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 7 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
3	08/00111/FUL Drayton & Farlington	1 Laburnum Avenue Drayton Construction of new pitched roof with front and rear dormer windows (Re-submission of 07/01980/FUL)	<p>Two letters of objection have been received from neighbouring residents on Central Road. The objections are summarised as follows: (a) additional bulk unacceptable; (b) not in keeping with the surrounding area; (c) slab sided and overbearing; (d) access to the adjoining property will be required; (e) the bungalows on the west side of Laburnum Road have the same roof height; (f) dormers unsymmetrical; (g) increased sense of enclosure; (h) expanse of gable end visually unacceptable; (i) loss of view to Portsdown Hill; (j) devalue property; (k) loss of privacy; (l) loss of light and (m) resubmission does not differ from the previous submission.</p> <p>This application follows on from a previously refused scheme which entailed the construction of a pair of dormers to the front roof slope and a large box dormer to the rear roof slope.</p> <p>The applicant now seeks permission to construct a new pitched roof, approximately 1m higher than the existing ridge, and a pair of pitched roof style dormers to the front and rear roofslopes. With some variation in roofline and building styles, and taking into account that the box dormer to the rear has been replaced by two individual pitched roof dormers similar to those proposed for the front roof slope and that the proposed facing materials will now match the existing, it is considered that in design terms the proposed alterations have satisfactorily addressed that element of the previous reasons for refusal.</p> <p>With regard to the impact on the adjoining occupiers on Central Road, given the spatial separation and the large gardens separating these properties, I am satisfied that the additional bulk to the roof would not unreasonably affect the occupiers of the properties to the south, and would not significantly affect the degree to which rear gardens are overlooked.</p> <p>Loss of property value and issues in relation to maintenance and access are not material to the determination of this application.</p>	<p>Jade Mephram-Ellis</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1105</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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4	07/01777/PLAREG Nelson	<p>Rudmore House Rudmore Square Portsmouth</p> <p>Retrospective permission for construction of building comprising 2230 sqm of Class B8 storage and distribution floorspace; associated landscaping, parking and bin store (after demolition of existing)</p>	<p>Two letters of objection have been received from Portsmouth Commercial Port and an adjoining landowner, their concerns are:- (a) colour of the existing building; (b) the need to re-impose the conditions on the previous planning permission for the original building and; (c) the means of access.</p> <p>Planning permission is sought for the retention of a building comprising 2230sqm of Class B8 storage with associated car parking, landscaping and bin store.</p> <p>The applicants have proposed a revised colour treatment to the north and south elevations which is visually acceptable. With the exception of the colour treatment, the proposed building is identical to that approved by planning permission (ref 06/00654/FUL) in December 2006. The existing point of access onto Rudmore Road is retained. The proposal is therefore considered acceptable.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>
5	07/02310/FUL Copnor	<p>Land Adjacent Kendall Bros Ltd Kendalls Wharf Eastern Road</p> <p>Change of use from open space to storage and distribution yard (use class B8) and construction of three detached single storey buildings</p>	<p>One letter of objection has been received from the Portsmouth Society on the grounds that there is no clear need for the buildings whilst there is a clear need to conserve open space on the edge of the SSSI.</p> <p>This application relates to the former Southern Water Services compound located to the south of the existing access road which serves both the applicant's premises and the Outdoor Centre. The site is currently used for car parking. As part of a programme of improvements to operations carried out on the applicant's existing site it is proposed to utilise the former compound to provide a Bagging Shed with associated plant and external storage, Test Cube Laboratory and some additional office accommodation.</p> <p>The former compound has a bund to its southern and western boundaries and is screened by existing trees and shrubs. The proposed structures would not be considered to amount to visually obtrusive features when viewed from the Eastern Road, and the use of the site would not adversely affect nature conservation interests. With the re-provision of an area of open space on part of the former Harbourside Caravan Park [subject to application reference 07/02308/FUL] the proposed scheme would not give rise to a sustainable planning objection.</p>	<p>Ian Parkinson</p> <p>Tel: 023 9283 4301</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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6	07/02308/FUL Copnor	Land At Harbour Side Caravan Site Eastern Road Copnor Change of use to form open space	<p>One letter of representation from the Portsmouth Society on the grounds that the site should continue to be used for the purposes of a caravan park and thereby generate some income from the site.</p> <p>This application relates to the most northern, and narrowest section, of the former Harbourside Caravan Park with an area of 4,941sq.m. It is currently un-used and in need of visual improvement, while the remainder, and largest part, of the former Caravan Park is unaffected by this proposal. The use of this part of the site as public open space would improve access to this section of the coastline and would amount to an acceptable form of mitigation in respect of the proposed use of the former Southern Water Services compound by Kendalls, the latter subject of application reference 07/02310/FUL. In planning terms the proposed use of this site as open space represents a satisfactory alternative to the current authorised use and is therefore capable of support.</p>	<p>Ian Parkinson Tel: 023 9283 4301</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>
7	07/02424/FUL St Thomas	41 Elm Grove Southsea Construction of 4-storey building to form 4 flats and 2 maisonettes and 2-storey building to rear to form 1 dwellinghouse with associated refuse and cycle storage (after demolition of existing building)	<p>2 letters of representation have been received objecting on the following grounds: a) loss of privacy; b) loss of light; c) overbearing; d) lack of parking; e) errors on previous application consultation.</p> <p>Amended plans have been received reducing the depth of the dwellinghouse at the rear of the site and altering the internal layout. Following re-consultation 1 letter was received from a neighbouring resident repeating their objections and confirming that the changes make no difference to impact on light and privacy.</p> <p>There is an existing permission on the site which was approved under reference 06/00718/FUL, which was for a larger number of units and included two flats in a detached building to the rear. This scheme proposes a single dwellinghouse to the rear of the site and the amended plans propose a building of shorter depth and introduces an obscure glazed bathroom window and a bedroom window to the first floor rear elevation, where previously a bay window to a lounge/dining room were proposed. The alterations to the building result in an improvement over the previous approved scheme in terms of the relationship with adjoining properties and as such it is considered there would not be a detrimental impact on these properties in terms of light, privacy and outlook.</p>	<p>Mark Bridge Tel: 023 9283 4298</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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8	07/02407/FUL Copnor	Battenburg Avenue Clinic Battenburg Avenue Portsmouth Formation of additional car parking and installation of 3 x 5 metre high lighting columns	<p>A letter from a neighbouring resident has been received commenting on landscaping. The comments are summarised as follows: (a) no shrubs in excess of 1.8m in height should be planted adjacent to the rear boundary of the properties fronting Hewett Road; and (b) any tall trees being planted would result in the loss of light.</p> <p>The application is for the formation of an additional car parking area in the south-east of the parking area of Battenburg Clinic, which forms an area of open space at present. Permission is also sought to install a number of lighting columns in this area. In my view, the proposed car park surfacing would be appropriate and would prove to be visually acceptable. The lighting columns would be 5m high, adjacent to the rear of the properties on Hewlett Road and would only be illuminated during the opening hours of the clinic. With a condition requiring the provision of deflectors I am satisfied that the luminaires would not adversely affect residential amenity. With regard to the landscaping, the drawings indicate that shrubs would be planted along the adjoining boundary and that any further landscaping would be optional. The details of those works would be controlled by condition.</p>	<p>Jade Mepham-Ellis Tel: 023 9284 1105</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>
9	07/02321/FUL Eastney & Craneswater	5 Crinoline Gardens Southsea Construction of single storey detached building to form summerhouse and installation of rear boundary fencing	<p>Two letters of representation have been received from neighbouring residents of Marine Court. The first comments in relation to the cast-iron railings which front onto Cromwell Road on the rear boundary. Those railings, however, do not form part of this application. The second objects to the application and comments on the recent construction work. The objections are summarised as follows: (a) the recently constructed side extension and garage when added to the proposals would double the size of the original house; and (b) the plot has become overdeveloped.</p> <p>The applicant seeks permission to construct a large wooden structure with a tiled roof and the installation of fencing 2.77m in height to the rear boundary fronting Cromwell Road. The properties on Crinoline Gardens are characterised by large gardens to the rear, and therefore it is considered that the scale and bulk of the summerhouse would not be inappropriate in the context of the surrounding area. Given that the site is well screened by a number of trees and vegetation in addition to the proposed fencing along the boundary, it is considered that the proposals would not amount to a visually obtrusive feature in this context. Furthermore, it is considered that the proposals would preserve and enhance the Eastney Barracks Conservation Area (No17).</p>	<p>Jade Mepham-Ellis Tel: 023 9284 1105</p> <p>Permission</p>

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10	08/00010/FUL St Thomas	Car Ferry Terminal Gunwharf Road Portsmouth Installation of 3 UPVC windows at first floor level to north elevation of Terminal Building	Two letters of objection have been received from neighbouring residents on Perseus Terrace on the grounds of loss of privacy. The applicant seeks to install a further three windows on the north elevation of the office building at the Wightlink Car Ferry Terminal. The proposed windows will be in matching brown UPVC and measure 1.2m wide by 1.26m high. In terms of appearance, I am satisfied that the windows would satisfactorily relate to the recipient building and would prove to be an appropriate design solution in the context of the Gunwharf Conservation Area (No25). Turning to the issue of the amenity, the windows would be installed more centrally to the north elevation, with a cill height of 3.6m above ground level, approximately 10m away from the rear boundary of the Perseus Terrace gardens. Whilst the north facing elevation already has a number of windows, the proposed works would unreasonably increase the degree to which the Perseus Terrace properties are overlooked. It is therefore considered that the harm to amenity could be overcome by the imposition of a condition requiring those windows to be obscure glazed.	Jade Mephram-Ellis Tel: 023 9284 1105 Permission
11	08/00089/FUL Drayton & Farlington	15 Station Road Drayton Portsmouth Construction of first floor rear extension and construction of hipped roof to existing dormer (re-submission of 07/02251/FUL) (Amended Description)	A letter from a neighbouring resident has been received and commenting that the seclusion of the rear gardens in the surrounding area should be retained and that the proposals should reflect the character of the surrounding area. The design of the first floor extension would be similar in terms of appearance to that of the existing dormer roof extension and in my view, the additional building bulk would not be inappropriate to the existing building as it would have the appearance of a two-storey house from the rear. Furthermore, the addition of the extension at first floor level would be in keeping with the recipient building and would be acceptable in the context of the varying house types in the surrounding area. Turning to the issue of residential amenity, it is considered that the extension would not adversely affect the amenity of the adjoining occupier to the north in terms of loss of light or outlook, as the window on the flank wall affected by the proposals does not serve a habitable room. It is therefore considered that the proposals would not have a significant impact on residential amenity.	Jade Mephram-Ellis Tel: 023 9284 1105 Conditional Permission

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12	08/00104/FUL Eastney & Craneswater	18 Helena Road Southsea Construction of detached dwelling house fronting Bruce Road (re-submission of 07/02323/FUL)	<p>Two letters of objection have been received, the concerns relate to; (a) loss of light; (b) overdevelopment of the site; (c) proposed garage is too narrow to be a garage; (d) access to garage is too close to the boundary; (e) existing fence would make it dangerous to drive out of the access safely; f) out of keeping with the conservation area; (g) loss of privacy.</p> <p>Planning permission is sought for the construction of a detached house within the rear garden of 18 Helena Road and fronting Bruce Road.</p> <p>A number of properties have been constructed within the rear gardens of Helena Road, fronting onto Bruce Road it is considered that the proposal, similar to other houses within Bruce Road does not result in an overdevelopment of the site. The house has been sited away from the boundary to the north and having regard to the location of existing habitable room windows is not considered to result in a significant loss of light and outlook to adjoining occupiers to north and south. The design of the house replicates the barn hip style of the bungalow to the south and is therefore considered appropriate and would preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.</p>	Jonathan McDermott Tel: 023 9284 1470 Conditional Permission
13	08/00100/ADV Central Southsea	Shell Filling Station Goldsmith Avenue, Southsea Display of internally illuminated signs	<p>One letter of objection has been received from a nearby resident on the grounds that there is already enough illumination in the surrounding area and requests that the hours of the illumination are restricted.</p> <p>The applicant seeks to display a number of signs around the garage forecourt including to the side of the forecourt canopy, carwash and to the garage shop. The proposed signs would be internally illuminated, and vary in size and design. Given that the canopy on the south elevation would not be illuminated where it faces over a number of residential properties to the south of the site on Chestnut Avenue and Fernhurst Road, I am satisfied that the signage would not adversely affect residential amenity. The number, size of signs and levels of illumination would be typical to that of a garage forecourt, and in my view would not amount to a significant visual intrusion in the context of the surrounding area. Furthermore, by virtue of the number, size, design and level of illumination of the signs, I am satisfied that the signs would not be of detriment to the amenity interests of the surrounding area. Furthermore, the signs would not give rise to an objection on the grounds of public safety.</p>	Jade Mephram-Ellis Tel: 023 9284 1105 Consent

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14		<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"> • Solving the case of the Conan Doyle Collection • Council set to launch new 24/7 council tax enquiry service • First language conference for primary schools to take place in Portsmouth • Join the Portsmouth Mountbatten Centre Mile on Sunday 16 March • Portsmouth staff switch on support for E-Day • £4 million Portsmouth Gymnastics Centre opens • Portsmouth schools take part in Boccia Festival 2008 • Close inspection reveals 'a rapidly improving school' • Floodlights at Mountbatten Centre • New tourism web site puts Portsmouth on the map • Untaxed cars seized in council swoop • Vandals strike at public loos • Buy a place of your own • Tackling crime and grime at Buckland • Awareness of underage drinking raised with youth inspired 'Chalkhill' DVD drama • Ten-inch machete sold to boy, 15 	<p>Mark Wingham Corporate Communications Team Manager Tel: 9283 4142</p>
15		<p>Change of Date for Executive Meeting in March</p> <p>All members of the Council are asked to note that as a result of some diary difficulties for a number of members the date for the Executive scheduled for March will change. The meeting will move from Monday 17 March at 1.00pm to Wednesday 19 March, at 2.00pm. Members are asked to update their diary accordingly.</p>	<p>Nick Eaton Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>

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16		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 25 February 2008 - Checklist 08/08</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>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>Local usp - boosting the creative economy Circulating a copy of "Local usp - boosting the creative economy" on the role of local councils in promoting the creative industries. LG Alert Reference: 29/08</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Flood Risk Management Seminar 9 April Advising of a free event for local authorities, developers and consultants, called "Delivering flood risk management in new development" which takes place on 9 April 2008 in Solihull. LG Alert Reference: 30/08</p> <p>FIRE</p> <p>Sprinklers in Schools Circulating a letter from Cllr Michael Murphy, Chair of the LGA's Fire Suppression and Sustainable Buildings Task Group, providing an update on the fitting of fire suppression systems since the publication of Building Bulletin 100 - Design for fire safety in schools and highlighting the wider benefits of installing sprinklers in schools. LG Alert Reference: 36/08</p> <p>LGA CONFERENCE</p> <p>Exclusive Summit for Adult Social Care Lead Members - limited spaces available Advising of this event on the 10 March, free, for adult social care lead members. It will run from 10:30 to 15:00. There are only a limited amount of spaces left for this key event . LG Alert Reference: 35/08</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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Contd/...	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</p> <p>Secondment Opportunity - Senior Project Officer Advising of this position and enclosing a letter from Paul Coen on this secondment. LG Alert Reference: 32/08</p> <p>Secondment Opportunity - Project Officer Advising of this position to manage a major new initiative - the Environment Advisory Service for councils. This is a great development opportunity for anyone interested in building project management and campaigning skills. LG Alert Reference: 33/08</p> <p>Cohesion Guidance for Funders In June 2007, the Commission on Integration and Cohesion published its final report, Our Shared Future, setting out practical ways in which local authorities could help to build strong communities by promoting cohesion and integration locally. Communities and Local Government (CLG) has now published a consultation document which is part of the Department's response to the Commission report. The consultation period runs until 26 May 2008. LG Alert Reference: 34/08</p> <p>SOCIAL SERVICES</p> <p>Delivering Improved Health Care Well-being Programme Circulating a letter on The Health, Care and Well-being Leadership Academy, part of a new approach by the IDeA to community well-being, adult services and healthy communities. It is for lead members and portfolio holders of adult social care or health, as well as chairs of health and social care scrutiny committees. Expert tutors, local government and health professionals and guest speakers will guide the module and the emphasis will be on participants' personal and career development. LG Alert Reference: 37/08</p> <p>WASTE</p> <p>Defra's letter to council Chief Executives clarifying point of waste management law The LGA wrote to Defra Ministers on 15 February in response to their letter sent to councils in October 2007 on the classification and reporting of waste. The LGA's response is now on the LGA website at http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelid=258756. It would be helpful as well if councils can write letters directly to the Minister, in particular underlining the costs and tonnage implications for their authority. LG Alert Reference: 31/08</p>	

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17		<p>The Victoria Climbié Inquiry – monthly reporting of unallocated cases for 31 January 2008</p> <p>The report of the inquiry carried out by Lord Laming into the death of Victoria Climbié recommended that elected members should receive monthly reports on the number, nature and reasons for unallocated cases. The Executive Member, Education, Children and Families agreed that these reports be made available to all councillors via MIS.</p> <p>A copy of the detailed report for 31st January 2008 has been placed in the members' room. In summary the detailed report shows that:</p> <p>there were 1217 children's cases open to children's social care on 31/01/08, a 2.2% decrease (- 27 children)) over the previous month;</p> <p>the number of children whose cases were open and who were "unallocated" according to the standard recommended by Lord Laming (<i>i.e. that to be counted as allocated the case must be being actively worked by a qualified social worker</i>) decreased by 1.1%, down from 661 at the end of December to 654 at the end of January;</p> <p>that if cases being actively worked by non social work qualified workers are counted as allocated, the proportion of unallocated cases has risen slightly, up from 27.8% at the end of December to 28.8% at the end of January;</p> <p>of these unallocated cases (<i>which are normally managed through either a 'care management' approach, whereby a qualified social worker or team manager commissions services from other providers such as family centres; or are held on duty - i.e. a team manager or senior practitioner keeps the case under regular review and the duty officer for the team responds to immediate needs as they occur</i>), 11 were looked after children, 9 were children on the child protection register; and 330 (compared to 342 in the previous month) were children in need (<i>i.e. mainly cases close to the threshold of becoming looked after or placed on the child protection register</i>).</p> <p>The comparison table that accompanies the Detail Report includes comparative figures for the same month last year. This shows that there were 109 fewer cases open in January 2008 compared to January 2007 (1217 in 2008 compared to 1326 in 2007). In this context, other headline figures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there were 44 more children on the child protection register in 2008 than there were in 2007, 13 of whom were unallocated according to the Climbié definition compared to none unallocated in 2007; and - there were 14 more looked after children in 2008 compared to 2007, and 19 more unallocated according to the Climbié definition than there were in 2007. 	<p>Stuart Gallimore Head of Safeguarding Tel: 9284 1154 or Lynda Fisher Strategic Director, Children, Families and Learning Tel: 9284 1202</p>

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18		<p>Internal Training Sessions</p> <p>Over the next few months, a series of training session will be held by planning services covering specific topics. These sessions are open to Members and any officers who feel they would be of benefit. All of the sessions will be in Conference Room A (apart from the session on 16 September which will be in Conference Room B) and will start at 10am.</p> <p>For more details, or to book a place on any of these sessions, please contact Vicky Piper.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="405 478 1507 879"> <thead> <tr> <th>Session</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Planning and health</td> <td>19 February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning policy statement 25 (development and flood risk)</td> <td>18 March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The code for sustainable homes</td> <td>15 April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The partnership for urban south Hampshire</td> <td>20 May</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Environmental impact assessments</td> <td>17 June</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education contributions from development</td> <td>22 July</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning policy statement 3 (housing)</td> <td>16 September</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Session	Date	Planning and health	19 February	Planning policy statement 25 (development and flood risk)	18 March	The code for sustainable homes	15 April	The partnership for urban south Hampshire	20 May	Environmental impact assessments	17 June	Education contributions from development	22 July	Planning policy statement 3 (housing)	16 September	<p>Vicky Piper Planning Services Tel: 9268 8458</p>
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19		<p>Policy & Review (Performance) Panel – 21 February</p> <p>The Policy & Review (Performance) Panel met on Thursday 21 February and considered the following reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly report on Procurement Strategy • Asset Management Action Plan Initial Report • Results of the Portsmouth Residents' Survey 2007 • Audit Commission Report into Project Management (6 monthly progress update) and Risk Management Verbal Update • Performance Management Strategy 2008/09 • Performance Management Quarterly Report • Update of LPSA target - volunteering • Report on difficult to reach young people • Best Value Review of Community Involvement 	<p>Vicki Plytas Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4058</p>																

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20		<p>Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel – Monday 3 March</p> <p>The next meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel will be held on Monday, 3 March at 2.30pm in the Executive Meeting Room of the Guildhall. Members will consider:</p> <p>Dentistry - Debbie Tarrant, Director of Commissioning, Mike Norton, Dental Practice Advisor, and Claire Petfield, Head of Dentistry, Optometry & Pharmacy, all Portsmouth City Teaching PCT, have been invited to provide a further update on dentistry provision following the previous scrutiny session held on 5 December 2007. Dr Jeyanthia John, Consultant in Dental Public Health, will also be in attendance.</p> <p>Geoffrey Hodgkins/Adult Mental Health Services - Rob Dalton, Director of Corporate Affairs, and Matthew Hall, Associate Director of Adult Mental Health Service, Portsmouth City Teaching PCT, have been invited to present a progress report on the work being undertaken by the PCT to improve Community Mental Health Services and the Strategic Action Plan arising from the Inquiry into the Care and Treatment of the late Geoffrey Hodgkins. Members will also receive an update on the findings of the coroners Inquest into the death of Mr Hodgkins.</p> <p>Interim Links - The Panel will receive an update on the development of Local Involvement Networks from Fiona White, Head of Democratic and Community Engagement, Portsmouth City Council.</p> <p>Palliative Care - A report from the Democratic Services Manager setting out proposals from Portsmouth City Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT) to commission specialist palliative care services through the provider arm of the PCT and to enhance general palliative care services from 1 April 2008. Debbie Tarrant, Director of Commissioning, Lynn Darby, Associate Director of Secondary Care, Ann Thwaites, Senior Commissioning Manager, all Portsmouth City Teaching PCT, will be in attendance to answer any questions the Panel may have about the proposed changes. Mr Simon Holmes, Consultant Urologist, South Central Cancer Network will also be in attendance.</p> <p>Staffing Model for the New Stand Alone Birth Centre on Portsea - A report from the Democratic Services Manager, which provides an opportunity for the Panel to agree a formal response to Portsmouth City Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT) before the PCT Board approves a service model for the stand-alone birth centre on Portsea Island.</p> <p>Proposals Received from the NHS to Vary or Develop Local Health Services - To consider a report from the Democratic Services Manager that sets out proposals that have been received from the local NHS to vary or develop local health services and updates the Panel on the progress of issues previously reported, including the progress of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p>	<p>Sam Meyer Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4083</p>

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21		<p>Licensing Sub Committee – Wednesday 5 March at 9.30 am in the Executive Meeting Room in the Guildhall, Portsmouth</p> <p>The following items will be considered;</p> <p>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 - Licensing of Sex Establishments - Application for the Renewal of a Licence - Mr Matthew Smith, Hidden Pleasures, 129 Albert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO5 2SQ</p> <p>Following the exclusion of the press and public;</p> <p>Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a personal licence - Mr H</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin/ Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
22		<p>Executive Member for Education, Children & Young People – Notification of Change of Date Change for the next Decision Meeting</p> <p>Please note that in MIS dated 15 February (Item 22) the notification of change to the meeting date of the next Decision Meeting of the Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People was incorrect. Please note that the meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday 1 April at 10.30 am</u> in the Executive Meeting Room.</p>	<p>Teresa Deasy Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4056</p>
23		<p>Call-in of Proposal regarding Tree Guards</p> <p>Item No.3 appearing on MIS no.7 of 15 February, has been called-in by Councillors Lee Hunt and Margaret Adair. This will need to be considered by Councillor Alex Bentley, Executive Member for Traffic and Transportation at his next decision meeting on 27 March.</p>	<p>John Haskell Democratic Services Manager Tel: 9283 4055</p>
24		<p>Postponement of Standards Committee – Monday 10 March</p> <p>Members are asked to note that the Standards Committee schedule to take place on Monday 10 March at 4 pm has been postponed. When a new date has been agreed, members on the Committee will be advised.</p>	<p>Nick Eaton Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>

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25	Milton	<p>295 - 297 Highland Road Southsea PO4 9HB Ref: 07/02009/FUL Date Lodged: 24 January 2008</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal for the construction of 9 dwelling houses.</p> <p>This appeal is to be dealt with by the written representation procedure.</p>	<p>Mark Bridge Planning Service Tel: 9283 4298</p>
26	Baffins	<p>39 Myrtle Grove, Portsmouth PO3 6HB Ref: 07/01517/FUL Date Lodged: 15 January 2008</p> <p>An appeal has been lodged against the refusal for the construction of dormer window to rear roofslope.</p> <p>This appeal is to be dealt with by the written representation procedure.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott Planning Service Tel: 9284 1470</p>
27		<p>Executive Meeting – Tuesday 26 February</p> <p>At its meeting on Tuesday 26 February the Executive submitted recommendations for consideration by the full City Council, at its meeting at 4.30 pm on the same day, regarding the potential purchase of MMD Shipping Services and its strategic value for the Continental Ferry Port.</p> <p>The recommendations submitted to the Council were amended slightly (in relation to the report that had been submitted to the Executive).</p> <p>(NB: This report was accompanied by exempt appendices.)</p>	<p>Nick Eaton Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>
28		<p>Council Meeting – Tuesday 25 March – Publication Arrangements</p> <p>The timetable in the lead up to the next Council Meeting on 25 March is as follows (taking into account Good Friday and Easter Monday):-</p> <p>Noon – Wednesday 12 March – closing time for questions under Standing Order 19 and Notices of Motion</p> <p>Thursday 13 March – publication of agenda and reports.</p> <p>Noon – Friday 14 March – closing time for public questions under Standing Order 18.</p>	<p>John Haskell Democratic Services Manager Tel: 9283 4055</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:
29	St Jude	486	Bangkok Café, 64-66 Albert Road	<p><i>Application to vary a Premises Licence</i></p> <p>Type of Premises: Restaurant</p> <p>Proposed Licensable Activities:</p> <p>Sale of Alcohol</p> <p>Proposed standard days and timings:</p> <p>Sunday to Thursday from 17:30 until 01:30 Friday and Saturday from 17:30 until 01:30</p>	20 March 2008
30	St Thomas	405	Ivory Lounge (formerly Bar 38) Gunwharf Quays	<p><i>Application to vary a Premises Licence</i></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>	26 March 2008