

City of Portsmouth

MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

NO 7

DATE: FRIDAY 15 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

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
1		<p>Executive Member for Community Safety's Decision Meeting - 13 February</p> <p>At her decision meeting, Councillor Paula Riches took the following decisions:</p> <p>Substance Misuse Needs Assessments A presentation was made by Barry Dickinson regarding the needs assessments commissioned separately for both adults and young people in the city.</p> <p>The Work of the Racial Awareness Service The Executive Member for Community Safety noted the report.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>

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1	(Cont'd)	<p>Future of Youth Inclusion Support Panels The Executive Member agreed the proposals within the report for the Youth Inclusion Support Panels, and recognised that as this is ongoing further amendments are likely.</p> <p>Redeployable CCTV Camera The Executive Member for Community Safety agreed that the CCTV Manager proceeds with the formal procurement of a redeployable camera to suit PCC requirements.</p> <p>2007 CCTV Statistics The Executive Member for Community Safety noted the report.</p> <p>Monitoring of 2007/08 Cash Limits and Capital Programme for Period ended 31 December 2007 The outturn revenue expenditure position against the cash limited budget and forecast capital expenditure against the capital programme for the Community Safety portfolio were noted.</p> <p>NB: Call-in Date: Friday 22 February</p>	
2		<p>Executive - 12 February 2008 At its decision meeting on Tuesday 12 February, the Executive took the following decisions: -</p> <p>Use of the Area Based Grant * This item was agreed, subject to an amendment delegating authority to the Leader of the Council to consider recommendations from the LSP.</p> <p>Landlord's Maintenance Budget * This item was agreed without amendment.</p> <p>City Council Budget Report 2008/09 to 2011/12 * The Strategic Director for Corporate Services and Resources explained a minor, typographical amendment in Appendix D of the report, which was otherwise approved without amendment. (During the debate on this item the Executive requested an early report back on the costs and feasibility of either closing or maintaining the Pyramids beyond 31 March 2008.)</p>	<p>Nick Eaton Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4052</p>

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2	(Cont'd)	<p>Capital programme *</p> <p>This item was agreed without amendment.</p> <p>Process for Achieving Efficiency Savings</p> <p>This item was agreed without amendment although the Strategic Director for Corporate Services and Resources explained that he would report to the Executive and/or Policy & Review (Performance) Panel on a regular basis.</p> <p>Medium Term Resource Strategy 2008/09 to 2011/12 *</p> <p>This item was agreed without amendment.</p> <p>(NB: All reports marked with an * were due for consideration at the City Council meeting being held later in the day on Tuesday 12 February.)</p> <p>Portsmouth Football Club relocation</p> <p>This item was agreed without amendment, i.e. to continue to support the football club's aspiration for a new home on Horsea Island.</p> <p>Cosham Fire Station</p> <p>This item was agreed without amendment, i.e. recommending that subject to replacement car parking and provision of new community changing rooms, the Fire & Rescue Authority be advised that PCC's preferred option for the relocation of Cosham Fire Station is the car park at King George V playing fields in Cosham. (NB: This decision is subject to further discussion at Council on 25 March so is not subject to call-in)</p> <p>Date for special Executive and City Council meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that an Executive should be held at <u>3.30pm</u> and a City Council at 4.30pm on Tuesday 26 February, or, if not on Tuesday 26th, or some other date/time as agreed by the party group leaders on the Council.</p>	

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2	(Cont'd)	<p>(NB: ALL members of the Council are asked to note these provisional arrangements and also the possibility that they may still be subject to change.)</p> <p>Personal Injury claim against Portsmouth City Council (NB: this report contained an exempt appendix.)</p> <p>The City Solicitor was granted authority to negotiate a settlement on behalf of PCC up and to and including the sum shown in the exempt appendix.</p> <p>NB: Call-in Date: Friday 22 February</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 22 February 2008.**
An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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PORTFOLIO: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

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3	See Table	<p>Tree Guards</p> <p>Proposal: That the trees in the schedule below which are due for replacement in the imminent future be not provided with tree guards.</p> <p>At the meeting of Traffic and Transportation Executive held on Monday 8th October 2007, it was resolved that members should be given the opportunity to comment on the possible provision of tree guards for replacement highway trees. For the remaining Spring 2008 planting season, Colas Ltd. intend to replant the following trees:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Road</th> <th>Species</th> <th>No</th> <th>Ward</th> <th>Surface</th> <th>Observations and comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lindley Ave</td> <td>Flowering Cherry (Prunus Pandora)</td> <td>4</td> <td>Eastney and Craneswater</td> <td>Hard Surface</td> <td>Stumps to be ground out</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trevor Road</td> <td>Tibetan cherry (Prunus mackii)</td> <td>1</td> <td>Fratton</td> <td>Hard Surface</td> <td>Stump to be ground out</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Isambard Brunel Road</td> <td>Ornamental pear (Pyrus calleryana Chanticleer)</td> <td>1</td> <td>Hilsea</td> <td>Prepared pit</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Road</td> <td>Purple leaf Plum (Prunus Pissardii)</td> <td>6</td> <td>Drayton and Farlington</td> <td>Grass</td> <td>Stumps to be ground out</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East Cosham Road</td> <td>Flowering Cherry (Prunus Pandora)</td> <td>7</td> <td>Cosham</td> <td>Grass</td> <td>Stumps to be ground out</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amberley Road</td> <td>Hornbeam (Carpinus betulus frans fontaine)</td> <td>3</td> <td>Copnor</td> <td>Hard surface</td> <td>Stumps to be ground out</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Road	Species	No	Ward	Surface	Observations and comments	Lindley Ave	Flowering Cherry (Prunus Pandora)	4	Eastney and Craneswater	Hard Surface	Stumps to be ground out	Trevor Road	Tibetan cherry (Prunus mackii)	1	Fratton	Hard Surface	Stump to be ground out	Isambard Brunel Road	Ornamental pear (Pyrus calleryana Chanticleer)	1	Hilsea	Prepared pit		South Road	Purple leaf Plum (Prunus Pissardii)	6	Drayton and Farlington	Grass	Stumps to be ground out	East Cosham Road	Flowering Cherry (Prunus Pandora)	7	Cosham	Grass	Stumps to be ground out	Amberley Road	Hornbeam (Carpinus betulus frans fontaine)	3	Copnor	Hard surface	Stumps to be ground out	<p>Andy Finch Transport and Street Management Tel: 9283 4620</p>
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		Galt Road	Mountain ash (Sorbus acuparia)	7	Drayton and Farlington	Grass	Stumps to be ground out
		Wilberforce Road	Flowering cherry (Prunus sakura)	1	St Thomas	Hard surface	Tree pits to be reconstructed
		Nutbourne Road	Maidenhair tree (Ginkgo biloba)	2	Drayton and Farlington	Grass	Stumps to be ground out
		Outram Road	Maidenhair tree (Ginkgo biloba)	1	Central Southsea	Hard Surface	Stumps to be ground out – tree pits to be reconstructed
		Allaway Ave	Field maple (Acer campestre)	9	Paulsgrove	Grass & Hard Surface	
		Campbell Road	Flowering Cherry (Prunus Pandora)	3	Central Southsea	Hard Surface	Stumps to be ground out
		Havelock Road	Flowering Cherry (Prunus Pandora)	2	Central Southsea	Hard Surface	Stump to be ground out
		Sheffield Road	Flowering cherry (Prunus sakura)	1	Fratton	Hard surface	Stump to be ground out
		Sandringham Road	Flowering Cherry (Prunus Pandora)	2	Fratton	Hard surface	Stumps to be ground out
		Stanstead Road	Flowering Cherry (Prunus Pandora)	1	Central Sousea	Hard surface	Stump to be ground out
		Daulston Road	Flowering cherry (Prunus sakura)	1	Fratton	Hard surface	Stump to be ground out
		Lyndhurst Road	Flowering cherry Prunus Sakura	21	Copnor	Hard surface	Stumps to be ground out
		Tokar Street	Flowering cherry (Prunus sakura)	2	Eastney and Craneswater	Hard surface	Stumps to ground & Tree pits to be reconstructed
		Inglis Road	Maidenhair tree (Ginkgo biloba)	1	Central Southsea	Hard surface	Stump to be ground out
		Medina Road	Field maple (Acer campestre)	1	Cosham	Grass	Stump to be ground out

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		Trevor Road	Flowering cherry (Prunus Sakura)	1	St Jude	Hard Surface	Stump to be ground out
<p>Under the terms of the Highway Management PFI Contract, Colas Ltd. are responsible for replacing any highway trees that either die or are vandalised. However, the decision whether or not to finance the cost of a tree guard is a risk based commercial decision. Colas have confirmed that they do not intend to provide tree guards to any of the sites identified above. Accordingly any requirement for tree guards from the Council will need to be financed, as a change to the contract, for which there is no current budget provision.</p> <p>Any request for tree guards at any of the above sites should be addressed to Andy Finch.</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 22 February 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
4	07/02283/FUL Cosham	<p>Redwood Park School Cliffdale Secondary Wembley Grove Cosham</p> <p>Installation of dome canopy</p>	<p>One letter of objection has been received from a nearby resident on the grounds that the canopy would restrict light to the rear garden.</p> <p>This proposal involves the installation of a 5m square-domed canopy to a height of 3.93m situated to the east of a school building and between 5m and 6m from the north-east boundary of the site. That boundary is contiguous with a footpath beyond which lie rear gardens to houses fronting Highbury Grove.</p> <p>I am satisfied that with a height not exceeding 4m the proposed structure would not have an adverse impact on the occupiers of the properties to the north-east in terms of either loss of outlook or overshadowing. Furthermore, in design terms the structure would complement the existing complex of school buildings. The proposal would therefore prove acceptable in the context of policies DC1 and DC5 of the Local Plan.</p>	<p>John Gregory Tel: 023 9283 4305</p> <p>Permission</p>

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5	07/02319/FUL Milton	<p>Nelson Villa St James Hospital Locksway Road</p> <p>Construction of single storey extensions and new veranda roof and installation of up to 2.1m high fencing and gates, new access ramp, play equipment, car parking and cycle shelter</p>	<p>One letter of objection received with an attached petition, with 11 signatures from 9 households. The grounds relate to: (a) loss of a view; (b) loss of sunlight; (c) loss of trees; (d) increase in traffic and (e) location next to drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre.</p> <p>Planning permission is sought for the construction of single-storey extensions and veranda roof, installation of up to 2.1 metre high fencing and gates, new access ramp, play equipment, car parking and cycle shelter.</p> <p>The proposed extension would be some 12 metres from the boundary with properties fronting Edenbridge Road. Considering the height and location of the proposed single-storey extension it is not considered to have a significant effect to the amenities of the occupiers to the north in terms of loss of light, outlook or privacy. Whilst the development would result in the loss of 6 trees on the site, those identified for removal are not of a significant amenity value and to be replaced with appropriate heavy/extra heavy standard specimens.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>
6	07/02335/FUL Charles Dickens	<p>Asda Store Bridge Shopping Centre Somers Road</p> <p>Installation of mezzanine floor and external fire escape to west elevation</p>	<p>Two letters received raising objection to: (a) impact to small businesses within Fratton; (b) continued expansion of the Asda store; (c) more visitors to the Asda store; (d) existing car parking is not being expanded; (e) competition with out of town supermarkets; (f) impact from existing deliveries to the store; and (g) increased traffic to the store.</p> <p>The Portsmouth Society have commented on the proposal and consider that a financial contribution to fund the post of City Archaeologist should be sought.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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6	(Cont'd)		<p>The Fratton Neighbourhood Forum Steering (Committee) Group are in favour of the proposed development.</p> <p>The City Council's Regeneration and Business section have commented on the application requesting commuted sum payments to fund marketing and advertising to raise the profile of other shops and businesses within the Fratton Road District Centre and Bridge Centre.</p> <p>Planning permission is sought for the provision of a 1677sqm mezzanine floor with external fire escape stairwell to the west elevation.</p> <p>The Asda Store is within the Fratton District Centre, defined by policy DC32 the extension of the store is therefore supported by policy. The applicants have submitted a transport assessment, which demonstrates that the mezzanine will not create additional demand for car parking at the store. The requests for commuted sums through a Section 106 agreement are not supported by policy or the Planning Obligations SPD and consequently would not meet the tests outlined within the Planning Obligations Circular (05/2005).</p>	
7	08/00023/FUL St Jude	17 Albert Grove Southsea Conversion to form 3 flats including external alterations	<p>One letter received raising objection on the following grounds: a) history of overcrowding, which flat conversion will exacerbate; b) lack of parking; c) poor maintenance of the property; and d) increased noise and disturbance.</p> <p>The principle of the proposed conversion is considered acceptable and would not, in my view, result in any significant effect on the amenities of adjoining and surrounding occupiers in terms of increased loss of privacy, or noise and disturbance, particularly as it does not involve extensions to the building.</p>	<p>Mark Bridge Tel: 023 9283 4298</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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7	(Cont'd)		<p>The conversion of the property into three flats would not be considered to increase the number of persons living within the property to an unacceptable level. The existing site benefits from parking within the existing garage, which is to be retained and this considered to be acceptable and in accordance with Local Plan Policy. Although the building is in a poor state of repair, the proposed conversion is likely to result in further works to improve its appearance and the proposed alterations to the existing doors and windows to the rear area considered to preserve the character and appearance of 'Campbell Road' Conservation Area.</p>	
8	08/00045/ADV Hilsea	<p>Telephone Kiosk (near Junction with Farmside Gardens) Norway Road</p> <p>Display of internally illuminated advertisement panel</p>	<p>One e-mail has been received from a business in Petersfield on the grounds that the application needs to be accompanied by an application under Part 24 of the General Permitted Development Order for the installation of the kiosk.</p> <p>This application seeks advertisement consent for the display of a scrolling advert within a structure on which one side contains telephone apparatus. The determining issues therefore relate to visual amenity and public safety.</p> <p>The Highway Authority raises no objection to this proposal on the grounds that there is an adequate area for pedestrian movement on the footpath and that the sign would not prove an unacceptable distraction to highway users. The provision of an advertisement panel in this location would not amount to an obtrusive feature in the street scene or otherwise detract from the visual amenity of the area.</p>	<p>Paul Carnell Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Consent</p>

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9	08/00047/ADV Nelson	<p>Telephone Kiosk Outside 163 Kingston Road Portsmouth</p> <p>Display of internally illuminated advertisement panel</p>	<p>One e-mail has been received from a business in Petersfield on the grounds that the application needs to be accompanied by an application under Part 24 of the General Permitted Development Order for the installation of the kiosk.</p> <p>This application seeks advertisement consent for the display of a scrolling advert within a structure on which one side contains telephone apparatus. The determining issues therefore relate to visual amenity and public safety.</p> <p>The Highway Authority raises no objection to this proposal on the grounds that there is an adequate area for pedestrian movement on the footpath and that the sign would not prove an unacceptable distraction to highway users. The provision of an advertisement panel in this location would not amount to an obtrusive feature in the street scene or otherwise detract from the visual amenity of the area.</p>	<p>Paul Carnell Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Consent</p>
10	08/00048/ADV Copnor	<p>Telephone Kiosk Adjacent 253 Copnor Road Portsmouth</p> <p>Display of internally illuminated advertisement panel</p>	<p>One e-mail has been received from a business in Petersfield on the grounds that the application needs to be accompanied by an application under Part 24 of the General Permitted Development Order for the installation of the kiosk.</p> <p>This application seeks advertisement consent for the display of a scrolling advert within a structure on which one side contains telephone apparatus. The determining issues therefore relate to visual amenity and public safety.</p>	<p>Paul Carnell Tel: 023 9284 1281</p> <p>Consent</p>

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11	08/00062/FUL Drayton & Farlington	<p>18 Tregaron Avenue Drayton</p> <p>Construction of single storey rear extension, side dormer window and new pitched roof to existing side dormer window</p>	<p>One letter received raising objection to loss of privacy to front and side habitable room windows.</p> <p>Planning permission is sought for the construction of a single storey rear extension, construction of a dormer window to the north roofslope and construction of a pitched roof to an existing dormer window to the south roofslope.</p> <p>The proposed new dormer window to the north roofslope would take natural light and outlook from the north across the front garden of No16 Tregaron Avenue. The front windows onto this garden area form part of the 'public' frontage of the property and are significantly overlooked from the road. The dormer window proposed to be inserted into the side roofslope would not, in my view, result in a significant increase in overlooking and resulting loss of privacy. The proposed alterations to the existing dormer to the south and the construction of an extension to the rear elevation are considered acceptable in relation to the existing building and its surroundings.</p>	<p>Jonathan McDermott</p> <p>Tel: 023 9284 1470</p> <p>Conditional Permission</p>

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12		<p data-bbox="398 276 636 304">Media Releases</p> <p data-bbox="398 349 1760 456">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 data-bbox="448 499 1543 1370" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="448 499 1196 528">• Fairtrade Fortnight - 25 February to 9 March 2008<li data-bbox="448 568 848 596">• Get healthy this half term<li data-bbox="448 638 1016 667">• Portsmouth council tax set to rise 5%<li data-bbox="448 707 1279 735">• Love hearts beating in Guildhall Square on 14 February<li data-bbox="448 777 1274 805">• New swimming pool set to make a big splash in the city<li data-bbox="448 845 1520 874">• Portsmouth the start and finishing line for Round Britain Powerboat Race<li data-bbox="448 916 826 944">• Medina House to Close<li data-bbox="448 984 1072 1013">• Lib Dems win Copnor ward in by-election<li data-bbox="448 1054 1128 1083">• Drumming up new talent for Bandstand 2008<li data-bbox="448 1123 958 1152">• Council announces rent increase<li data-bbox="448 1193 1404 1222">• Research on Saxon bones could pave the way for new TB drugs<li data-bbox="448 1262 1543 1291">• Youth Task Force to see innovative work with young people in Portsmouth<li data-bbox="448 1332 1173 1361">• Council safeguards future of mobile homes sites	<p data-bbox="1787 276 2047 456">Mark Wingham Corporate Communications Team Manager Tel: 9283 4142</p>

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13		<p>Executive Arrangements – Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p> <p>The next Forward Plan, produced in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000, will be published on 14 February.</p> <p>The Plan covers matters that are likely to be the subject of a key decision (as defined in Article 13(3) of the Constitution) in the next 4-month period, commencing on 1 March 2008.</p> <p>A copy of the Plan has been sent to those members of the City Council who have requested a paper copy, and a copy placed in each Members' Room.</p> <p>Key decisions will be taken by the whole Executive, or by individual Executive Members, on or after the dates shown in the Plan.</p> <p>The financial threshold for key decisions is £250,000 or 25% of the relevant budget item, whichever is the greater. Key decisions may also be made in relation to matters that have a significant effect on local communities.</p> <p>The Forward Plan contains a list of the documents (when available) due to be considered in relation to the key decisions to be taken, and gives a contact for each item.</p> <p>The Forward Plan also contains details of Budget and Policy Framework decisions to be made by the City Council, in accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution (general reservation of powers to the City Council).</p> <p>The Plan is available for inspection by the public during normal office hours at the Civic Offices Information Desk, and the City Council's web site at http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil/1446.html.</p> <p>The Forward Plan will be published for each following four calendar month period on the 14th day of each month.</p>	<p>Lin Chaplen Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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14		<p data-bbox="398 204 1070 236">Governance & Audit Committee - 8 February</p> <p data-bbox="398 277 837 309">At this meeting, the Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="398 351 1765 606">* Received an update on the accounting divergence in the 04/05 Audit (of £7.8m), caused by accounting regulations imposed on local authorities at the time. It was a national issue affecting many local authorities. It has now been addressed by the government with the issue of draft capital financing regulations, currently out for consultation. Subject to these regulations being implemented (which is expected to be the case) the effect will be to reverse the entries, which the City Council was required to make for repayment, thus improving its overall financial position. <li data-bbox="398 641 1765 1043">* Received five reports from the District Auditor on Audit Progress, Asset Management, Use of Resources Auditor Judgements, Data Quality and Housing Benefits Subsidy Claim Review. The District Auditor and members of his team were present to explain their findings, answer questions and hear the comments of members. Whilst some of the reports revealed areas where further improvements are required, the District Auditor acknowledged the progress being made by the City Council and the seriousness with which the need for improvement was being addressed. He confirmed his satisfaction with the current action programmes and timescales. The Committee instructed the Chief Executive to take any action necessary arising from the reports, and specifically asked for a progress report on the action being taken to address the recommendations of the Asset Management report, including sight of the report requested by the Executive on this matter by the Chief Executive. <li data-bbox="398 1078 1765 1184">* Noted and approved the report on Audit Performance to December 2007, including the update about audit resources, highlighted areas of control weakness and the audit strategy for the 2008/09 audit plan. <li data-bbox="398 1219 1765 1324">* Noted the status to date of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS), including the draft AGS, draft Governance Internal Control Checklist to Service Heads, continuing action and the draft Local Code of Governance. <li data-bbox="398 1359 1765 1433">* Noted the progress to date in completing the action plan addressing the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2005/06. 	<p data-bbox="1787 204 2114 309">Lin Chaplen Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4053</p>

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14	(Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Noted the progress of the business continuity management implementation programme. Its progress will continue to be monitored through the full life cycle (planned development through to testing). * Noted an update concerning financial rules training, which will be rolled out electronically to staff from April. * Noted an update concerning the security audit follow-up and the actions currently being taken. * Noted an update report on electoral registration and election performance indicators, and resolved to receive periodic progress monitoring reviews in respect of maintaining and improving the accuracy of the electoral register, and thereby the number of people eligible to participate in elections. 	
15	Milton	<p>Cumberland Lodge Methuen Road Southsea Ref: 07/01857/FUL Date Lodged: 19 December 2007</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal for the construction of three storey building to form three flats after demolition of existing building</p> <p>The appeal is to be dealt with by the written representation procedure.</p>	<p>Mark Bridge Planning Service Tel: 9283 4298</p>
16	Eastney & Craneswater	<p>Teapot Row Clocktower Drive Southsea PO4 9YA Ref: 06/00463/LBC Decision: Dismissed Decision Date: 11 February 2008</p> <p>An appeal was lodged against the refusal for the installation of replacement double glazed timber sash windows to match the design and appearance of the existing windows; replacement double glazed doors to basement flats (north and south elevations)</p> <p>This appeal was dealt with by an informal hearing and the Inspector decided to dismiss the appeal.</p>	<p>John Pike Planning Service Tel: 9283 4303</p>

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17		<p>Executive Member for Traffic and Transportation Decision Meeting - Wednesday 20 February 2008 at 10.00am in the Executive Meeting Room of the Guildhall, Portsmouth.</p> <p>Councillor Alex Bentley will consider the following items;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Portsmouth City Council (Amendments to On and Off Street Parking Places Charging Times) (No 2) Order 2008 - to consider representations received in response to public consultation on this order. • The Portsmouth City Council (Various Roads) (Parking Places and Amendments to Waiting Restrictions) (No 3) Order 2008 - to consider representations received in response to public consultation on this order. • The Portsmouth City Council (Off Street Parking Places) (No 4) Order 2008 - to consider the representations received in response to public consultation on this order. • Purchase of Chip and Pin enabled Pay and Display Machines - to seek approval to embark on a capital project to purchase 30 Chip and Pin enabled Pay and Display machines. • Highway Management PFI Contract - Microasphalt - to consider the use of Microasphalt for footway surfacing as part of the Highway Management PFI Contract. 	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin, Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>
18		<p>Development Control Committee - Wednesday 20 February 2008 at <u>3.00pm</u> in Conference Room A of the Civic Offices, Portsmouth.</p> <p>The following items will be considered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change to the Scheme of Delegation of Officers - to approve the determination of matters relating to Habitats Regulations Assessment be delegated to the Head of Planning Services under the Scheme of Delegation. • Development applications: <p>1) 07/02054/FUL - 43 Military Road, Hilsea - construction of new second floor with mansard roof (Amended scheme).</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin, Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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18	(Cont'd)	<p>2) 07/02096/FUL - 112 and Rear of 114 Jessie Road, Southsea - alterations and conversion to form 2 houses and construction of single garage, accessed from Londesborough Road, with roof terrace over (Re-submission of planning application 07/00767/FUL).</p> <p>3) 07/02333/FUL - 23-31 St Ronans Road, Southsea - change of use of 29 and 31 to form residential care and nursing home (Use class C2); installation of dormer windows to front roof slopes and extensions to rear elevations of 23-31 St Ronans Road.</p> <p>4) 07/02371/FUL - 3 Kingsland Close, Portsmouth - construction of single end of terrace dwellinghouse.</p> <p>5) 07/02372/FUL - 32 Kingsland Close, Portsmouth - construction of single end of terrace dwellinghouse.</p> <p>6) 07/02453/FUL - 12 Tregaron Avenue, Portsmouth - construction of two storey side and rear extension, lean-to roof to existing flat roof at rear, front bay window and lean-to roof, and gables to first floor front windows.</p> <p>7) 07/02458/PLAREG - 138 Newbolt Road, Paulsgrove - construction of new 2M high boundary wall and gates to Macaulay Avenue (Re-submission of application 07/01597/PLAREG).</p> <p>8) 08/00003/PLAREG - 148 Highland Road, Southsea - retention of conservatory to rear elevation.</p> <p>9) 08/00014/FUL - 58 Albert Road, Southsea - construction of 3 storey rear extension (to improve access to existing flats); single storey rear extension to form office (Class B1(A)); and external alterations including replacement shopfront.</p> <p>Please note the change in start time.</p>	
19		<p>Licensing Sub Committee Meeting - Wednesday, 20 February 2008 at 9.30 will take place in Room 1, 3rd Floor, The Guildhall.</p> <p>The Committee will consider the following item:</p> <p>Licensing Act 2003 - Application for the grant of a premises licence - The Great Food Place, Unit R21, The Lighthouse, Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth PO1 3TA.</p>	<p>Lucy Wingham/ Karen Martin Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4662</p>

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20		<p>Policy and Review (Performance) Panel – Thursday 21 February 2008 in Conference Room A at 4pm.</p> <p>The Policy and Review (Performance) Panel will meet on Thursday 21 February in Conference Room A at 4 pm and will consider 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>
21		<p>Cancellation of Licensing (Policy) Committee Meeting 7 March – The meeting scheduled for Friday 7 March 2008 at 9.30am in the Executive Meeting Room has been <u>cancelled</u>. Committee members are asked to amend their diaries accordingly.</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 for the Next Decision Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note the change to the date and time of the next Decision Meeting of the Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People. The meeting will now be held on <u>Monday, 1 April at 10:30am</u> in the Executive Meeting Room. 	<p>Teresa Deasy Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4056</p>

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23		<p>Thomas King Trust – Vacancy for a Trustee</p> <p>The Thomas King Trust is administered by the City Council and has five trustees; the Lord Mayor (an ex-officio position), two co-opted by the trust and two appointed by the City Council, via the Leader. The trust aims to give relief to Portsmouth residents in need.</p> <p>For one of the current trustees, Dr Pine, her four-year period of service is due to expire this month and she would like to step down. Nominations to serve as a trustee will be considered at a future meeting of the Leader's portfolio decision meeting. No remuneration expenses are paid for this duty and meetings are usually twice a year. Anyone interested should contact Joanne Wildsmith, Clerk to the Trust, to find out more.</p>	<p>Joanne Wildsmith Democratic Services Tel: 9283 4057</p>
24		<p>Independent Group - Positions</p> <p>Please note that the three members forming the Independent Group on the council now each hold the following positions within their group -</p> <p>Councillor Leo Madden, Group Leader</p> <p>Councillor Anthony Martin, Deputy Group Leader</p> <p>Councillor Jason Fazackarley, Group secretary</p>	<p>John Haskell Democratic Services Manager Tel: 9283 4055</p>
25		<p>Local Government Association – LGA Alerts – Information sent to Local Authorities for week commencing Monday 11 February 2008 - Checklist 06/08</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>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Act on CO2 Roadshow</p> <p>Advising of the extension of Defra's ACT ON CO2 regional roadshow, which will be visiting five further city centres in the English regions from 15th January to 16th March. These events can be very useful in linking to local authority work with communities on reducing carbon emissions. LG Alert Reference: 22/08</p>	<p>Local Government Association (LGA) Email: info@lga.gov.uk Tel: 020 7664 3131 www.lga.gov.uk</p>

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25	(Cont'd)	<p>HEALTH</p> <p>The LGA Health Commission The LGA has set up a commission, to examine accountability for health in the context of a new consensus in support of a more localist approach to public services. The commission is considering accountability in relation to commissioning and providing services, and public health, and its final report will be presented at the LGA annual conference in July. LG Alert Reference: 21/08</p> <p>LGA CONFERENCE</p> <p>LGA/IDeA strengthening local democracy conference, 25 February 2008, London Advising of this event being held at the Congress Centre in Great Russell Street. The role of councillors has never been more important. They are recognised as key to reinvigorating our democracy, while the emphasis on local leadership from the ward up and across services is growing. Community engagement and participation are also moving up the policy agenda. Yet, fewer people are willing to stand as councillors, and of those that do, many do not seek re-election due to the pressures that come with the role. This conference is vital to elected members, member support officers and political assistants and political group support officers. LG Alert Reference: 23/08</p> <p>LGA 2nd sustainable communities conference and exhibition. Circulating details of this event, where the full programme and breakout information has been finalised. LG Alert Reference: 24/08</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</p> <p>Royal Garden Parties 2008 Advising that the Lord Chamberlain's Office has confirmed that the Royal Garden Parties will be held at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 8th, Tuesday 15th and Tuesday 22nd July 2008. LG Alert Reference: 20/08</p>	

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26		<p>Local Involvement Network (LINK) Briefing – Monday 3 March 2008, 12.45 pm – 2.15 pm, Members' Room</p> <p>Recent national changes under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 have resulted in the need to establish a Local Involvement Network (LINK) in all local authority areas with social care responsibilities, including Portsmouth.</p> <p>Portsmouth's LINK is currently in development, and will build on the city's existing mechanisms for community engagement across services for adults, children, young people and their families, and will work closely with elected members through the authority's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>A short briefing session has been arranged on Monday 3 March 2008, 12.45pm to 2.15pm in the Members' Room, Guildhall, for elected members and relevant stakeholders to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ gain information on the national framework for LINKs ▪ receive an update on what has been happening in Portsmouth ▪ discuss the relationship between the new Portsmouth LINK and health scrutiny arrangements in the city ▪ gain your views and perspectives on involvement and participation to inform the development of the Portsmouth LINK. <p>This briefing is being externally facilitated by Dr Sheila Marsh from the Centre for Public Scrutiny, who has extensive experience of health and social care services, scrutiny and the development of LINKs across the country.</p> <p>If you are able to attend please confirm your place by calling Julie Coffin on (023) 9283 4059 or by emailing us at involve@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</p> <p>Alternatively, if you are unable to attend but would like further information about the Portsmouth LINK please visit: www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil/11992.html or call us to find out more.</p>	<p>Stephen Morgan Project Manager (Getting Closer to Communities) Tel: 9268 8559</p>