

City of Portsmouth

MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE

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Part 1 - Decisions by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet 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 Cabinet Member or Regulatory Committee; and

Part 3 - Items of general information and news.

Part 1 - Decisions by the Cabinet

The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet (or individual Cabinet 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 democratic@portsmouthcc.gov.uk and must be received by not later than 5pm 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	All	<p>Cabinet Member -The Leader (Culture, Regeneration and Economic Development Portfolio) - Friday 11 October 2024</p> <p>The Cabinet Member made the following decisions:</p> <p>Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services Business Plan</p> <p>DECISION: The Cabinet Member approved the service strategies set out in the business plan.</p>	<p>Lisa Gallacher, Local Democracy Officer Tel: 023 9283 4056</p> <p>Claire Watkins, Business Development Manager Tel: 023 9284 1116</p>

	<p>Metal Detecting Policy - review and addition of magnet fishing</p> <p>DECISION: The Cabinet Member approved the revised Metal Detecting Policy with the inclusion of Magnet Fishing within the same policy.</p> <p>Seafront Arts 'Navigate' Project</p> <p>DECISION:</p> <p>(1) The Cabinet Member approved the proposed 'Navigate' public art project which has been developed as part of the Southsea Coastal Scheme's enhancements programme.</p> <p>(2) The Cabinet Member approved the use of a public consultation process to help inform the selection of the scheme's signature artwork for Serpentine Square.</p> <p><u>Call in date: 5pm on Friday 18 October 2024</u></p> <p>2024 Portsmouth School Library Service This item was for information only and therefore not subject to call in.</p> <p>Portsmouth Community Lottery This item was for information only and therefore not subject to call in.</p> <p>"Discovering Hampshire's Hidden D-Day Heritage" project with The Portsmouth D-Day Museum Trust This item was for information only and therefore not subject to call in.</p>	<p>Mark Collings, Seafront Operations Officer Tel: 023 9268 8295</p> <p>Harry Scott, Seafront Arts Programme Officer Tel: 023 9284 1207</p> <p>Lisa Howard, Schools Library Services Manager</p> <p>Catherine Ramsay, Business Development & Projects Manager Tel: 023 9268 8743</p> <p>Ross Fairbrother D Day Story Manger Tel: 023 9284 1171</p>
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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 Cabinet Member or Regulatory Committee. **Your request must be made to democratic@portsmouthcc.gov.uk and must be received by not later than 5pm on Friday 18 October 2024.** An email or handwritten letter will suffice.

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2	All	<p>Helping residents with the cost of living from October 2024</p> <p>1. <u>Portsmouth Older Persons Energy Payment - launching end of October</u></p> <p>Payments of £200 or £300 will be available to eligible low income pension age households who no longer qualify for the Winter Fuel Payment. Further information on the scheme is available at Portsmouth Older Persons Energy Payment - Portsmouth City Council</p> <p>2. <u>Household Support Fund delivery plan</u></p> <p>Household Support Fund grant from the Department for Work and Pensions has been extended for six months, for the period 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025, with a maximum grant available of £1,888,214.70. The council will again deliver a range of schemes (outlined in the table below) to assist residents who are in financial hardship or struggling with the cost of living.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Scheme</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Expected spend</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Family vouchers</td> <td>£50 per child eligible for free school meals</td> <td>£487,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extended family vouchers</td> <td>£50 per eligible child, for lower-income parents of children not eligible for free school meals</td> <td>£62,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exceptional hardship scheme</td> <td>Open to any resident in exceptional hardship to apply, or via referral partner agencies</td> <td>£460,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Energy payment</td> <td>£150 one-off payment for eligible low income households</td> <td>£175,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extended holiday activity provision</td> <td>Including half term provision of holiday activities and food</td> <td>£85,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Essential furniture, white goods</td> <td>For homeless households re-settling</td> <td>£30,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food support services</td> <td>Grant funding for food banks, pantries, larders and community meals</td> <td>£330,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Scheme	Details	Expected spend	Family vouchers	£50 per child eligible for free school meals	£487,500	Extended family vouchers	£50 per eligible child, for lower-income parents of children not eligible for free school meals	£62,500	Exceptional hardship scheme	Open to any resident in exceptional hardship to apply, or via referral partner agencies	£460,000	Energy payment	£150 one-off payment for eligible low income households	£175,000	Extended holiday activity provision	Including half term provision of holiday activities and food	£85,000	Essential furniture, white goods	For homeless households re-settling	£30,000	Food support services	Grant funding for food banks, pantries, larders and community meals	£330,000	<p>Mark Sage Tackling Poverty Coordinator Tel: 023 9283 4111</p>
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Transport costs for families	Education transport for college students with SEND and children in temporary accommodation	£20,000		
Affordable cooking projects	Delivered by Independence and Wellbeing, and Play and Youth teams	£10,000		
Bankruptcy fees	Via specialist debt advice agencies	£3,000		
Money advice	Additional outreach money advice	£40,214		
Staffing costs - delivery	Delivery of Household Support Fund and associated cost of living advice and support	£170,000		
Marketing and comms	Including targeted campaign on winter warmth for older people	£15,000		
Total forecast spend		£1,888,214		
<p>3. <u>Autumn and winter cost of living campaign</u></p> <p>Responding to the current cost of living priorities, a refreshed cost of living marketing and communications campaign will focus on four main areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Maximising uptake of all benefit entitlements, with a particular focus on Pension Credit. ii. Winter warmth messages for older people who no longer qualify for the winter fuel payment, including the Portsmouth Older Persons Energy Payment. iii. Promoting uptake of the Household Support Fund offer. iv. Universal offer available via the Cost of Living Hub and Helpline, including the Switched On Portsmouth offer to help residents save energy and save money. <p>Details of the council's Household Support Fund and the range of schemes available to residents are published and regularly updated at https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/benefits-and-support/help-and-support/money-advice/household-support-fund/</p>				

3	Drayton & Farlington	<p>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - Neighbourhood spend to fund the provision of Play Park enhancements to both Drayton Park and Waterworks Park</p> <p>Following a proposal with full Drayton & Farlington ward member support, the sum of £72,898.24 from the Drayton & Farlington neighbourhood CIL total is proposed to be allocated towards the provision of Play Park enhancements to both Drayton Park and Waterworks Park consisting of a climbing net, rubber posts, BMX track resurfacing, installation of a toddler unit and the provision of new swings to replace existing.</p> <p>Both play areas provide a significant form of physical and mental stimulation for children. By the introduction of additional play equipment, this will provide a further expansion of community provisions that will be accessible to all.</p> <p>The project will be delivered and managed Portsmouth City Council's Parks team</p>	<p>Ian Maguire, Assistant Director, Planning & Economic Growth Ian.Maguire@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</p> <p>Adam Breacher Planning Obligations Spend Officer Adam.Breacher@portsmouthcc.gov.uk</p>
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Part 3 - Information and News Items

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4	All	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing & Tackling Homelessness - Wednesday 16 October 2024 at 4pm in the Council Chamber.</p> <p>Councillor Darren Sanders will consider the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim report on progress of council housing maintenance and improvements programme 2024/25. • Ladywood House - Building Safety Case. 	<p>Allison Harper Local Democracy Officer Tel: 023 9268 8014</p>
5	All	<p>Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel - Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5pm in the Council Chamber</p> <p>The panel will be continuing its review into work experience opportunities for young people within PCC and hear from the Youth Cabinet and young people.</p>	<p>Lisa Gallacher, Local Democracy Officer Tel: 023 9283 4056</p>

LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

No licensing applications had been received.