



Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: **AMENDMENTS TO PFSH JOINT COMMITTEE AGREEMENT**

SUMMARY

It has been necessary to review and amend the PFSH Joint Committee Agreement in light of various governance issues affecting its relevance and validity. The Joint Committee will receive a report from David Williams, the PFSH Lead Chief Executive, that will set out the reasons for the recommended amendments, together with a draft revised 2019 version of the Agreement for their endorsement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee NOTES the contents of the report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.

BACKGROUND

1. It has been necessary to review and amend the PfSH Joint Committee Agreement in light of various governance issues affecting its relevance and validity. Those issues include:
 - a. The decision of Isle of Wight Council to decision to withdraw its membership of PfSH
 - b. New Forest National Park Authority's decision to join PfSH (decision taken at the meeting of its board 29 August)
 - c. The de-coupling of the PfSH Joint Committee and the Solent LEP Solent Growth Forum. This is partly due to the decision of the Isle of Wight Council to withdraw its membership of the PfSH
 - d. The decision taken by Joint Committee at its meeting 4 June 2019 to continue to review its governance and in particular the previous decision to change the mechanisms for membership subscription
 - e. Changes to the way that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has decided to perform its function
 - f. Clarity on *how* the veto of Joint Committee decisions by members must be exercised (Hampshire CC, Portsmouth CC and Southampton CC)
 - g. The previous iteration of the Agreement dated 2015, which updated the 2014 version, was has never formally endorsed by the individual local authorities.

2. Joint Committee will be asked to agree the necessary changes to the Joint Committee Agreement - to ensure proper governance arrangements are maintained as membership, and conditions of membership, of PfSH evolve.

Background Papers:

None

Reference Papers:

[Review of PUSH and Business Plan 2019/20](#)
Joint Committee Meeting Item 10 4 June 2019

[PfSH Joint Agreement 2015](#)

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