



# **Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

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**Report of: Claire Upton-Brown, Chairman PfSH Planning Officers Group**

**Subject: DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR PFSH STATEMENT OF COMMON  
GROUND**

## **SUMMARY**

At the July Joint Committee meeting it was resolved that PfSH produces its first Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) in October of this year for Joint Committee approval. The production of the SoCG will facilitate the review of the Spatial Position Statement (2016) and the production of the Joint Strategy. The Joint Committee will consider the draft framework for the production of a PfSH SoCG on 14 October. This will help local authorities be able to demonstrate compliance with the 'Duty to Cooperate'.

## **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. The Joint Committee agreed five workstreams to be included in the SoCG at its meeting in July. An additional workstream is included in the draft framework for the SoCG, '*Green Infrastructure Needs and Consideration of Mechanisms on How to Achieve Greenbelt Designation*'.
2. The draft framework for the SoCG sets out the process for evidence gathering and decision making for cross-boundary strategic planning work. The SoCG is in line with the messages within the NPPF around the importance of dealing with the strategic issues across authorities. It will enable individual local authorities in South Hampshire to collectively respond to pressing planning issues affecting the sub-region, in a more efficient and effective way than individual or bi-lateral responses, although these can still be relevant for local issues. The work set out in the draft framework for the SoCG will enable authorities to address issues that they would not be able to solve themselves and are best resolved at the sub-regional scale.
3. The draft framework for the SoCG quantifies current estimates of housing need and supply for the period 2016 – 36, thereby identifying current unmet housing need for some 18,000 dwellings in the period up to 2036. It also sets out some of the pressing environmental issues that will need to be resolved at the sub-regional scale. The draft framework has been prepared using the headings advising what a SoCG should contain in the government's planning practice guidance.
4. Previous reports to the Joint Committee that set the context for this work are included in the reference papers below. It will be recommended to the Joint Committee that it approves the draft Framework for the SoCG and agree the additional workstream: Green Infrastructure Needs and Consideration of Green Belt.
5. Further detail on the review of the evidence base and a timetable for the work will be added to the information in the draft framework before it is considered by the Joint Committee as an initial SoCG.

### **Background Papers:**

None

### **Reference Papers:**

Update on Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) – Report to the PfSH Joint Committee 31 July 2019 <https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Item-8-Update-on-Statement-of-Common-Ground.pdf>

Implications of the revised NPPF for PUSH Position Statement – Report to the PfSH Joint Committee 5 February 2019 <https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/PUSH-JC-Complete-Agenda-Pack-05-Feb-2019.pdf>

Implications of the revised NPPF for PUSH Position Statement & Consideration of Green Belt Designation – Reports to the PfSH Joint Committee 4 December 2018

<https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Agenda-Pack-04-December-2018-2.pdf>

Revised NPPF - Duty to Co-operate and Infrastructure Investment – Report to the PfSH Joint Committee 15 October 2018 <https://www.push.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Full-Agenda-Pack-15.10.2018.pdf>

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