



Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) Overview and Scrutiny Committee

*Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 04 February 2020
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors Alan Glass (Chairman)
Bruce Tennent (Vice-Chairman)
Peter Latham
Judith Smyth
Phil Bundy
Dominic Hiscock
Peter Davies

Authority Represented:

New Forest DC
Eastleigh BC
Hampshire CC
Portsmouth CC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC
Fareham BC

Also in attendance:

Paddy May
Sarita Riley

PfSH
Legal Team

Mike Allgrove
Charles Freeman

PfSH Consultant
Coordinator, Culture, Creative Industries and Built
Environment

Jonathan Evans

Southampton City Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Malcolm Johnson (East Hants DC); Councillor Tom Davies (Fareham BC) with Councillor Peter Davies deputising; Councillor Ray Bolton (Hampshire CC) with Councillor Peter Latham deputising and Councillor Dan Fitzhenry (Southampton CC).

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 08 October 2019, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PFSH MANAGERS REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PfSH coordinator, Paddy May on items of PfSH business which are significant but do not justify a full report in their own right to be brought to the Joint Committee for decision or for information.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the contents of the report and considered comments to pass to the Joint Committee for consideration.

7. PFSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report presented by Jonathan Evans from Southampton City Council, on the PfSH Capital and Revenue Budget 2020/21. The report provides an update for the Joint Committee on the progress to date against approved revenue and capital programmes, including a forecast outturn for the current financial year 2019/20.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the contents of the report and considered comments to pass to the Joint Committee for consideration.

8. STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report presented by Mike Allgrove, PfSH Consultant providing an update on the progress towards the development of the Statement of Common Ground.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the contents of the report and considered comments to pass to the Joint Committee for consideration.

9. IMPACT OF NURIENT NUETRALITY REQUIREMENT ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report presented by Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator on the impact the nutrient neutrality requirement is having on housing development. The report provides an update on the progress towards a strategy to enable developments to achieve nutrient neutrality.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee raised concerns around the lack of support received from Central Government on the nitrates issue after almost a year. Members discussed the potential future implications on house building numbers and the affect this may have on local authorities developing Local Plans. With a backlog of nearly 4000 developments across the PfSH area impacting on local tradesman and developers there are also concerns about the impact on the local economy.

The Chairman proposed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee write to local Members of Parliament across the area to raise the profile of the impacts this ongoing nitrate issue is having on all PfSH authorities. The proposal was seconded, with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreeing to write to all local Members of Parliament across the PfSH area to raise awareness of the Committees concerns. The PfSH coordinator will draft a letter in consultation with the Chairman and the legal team before circulating.

RESOLVED that the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- (a) AGREED to write to Members of Parliament across the PfSH area to raise awareness of the impacts of the ongoing nitrates issue; and
- (b) NOTES the contents of the report and considered comments to pass to the Joint Committee for consideration.

10. BIRD AWARE SOLENT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report presented by Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator seeking approval from the Joint Committee for the Bird Aware (Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership) 2020/21 budget.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the contents of the report and considered comments to pass to the Joint Committee for consideration.

11. CULTURE, CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report by Charles Freeman, Coordinator for the Culture, Creative Industries and Built Environment, Themed Panel

providing an overview and the Panels work for both the creative Industries development and design in the built environment.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the contents of the report and considered comments to pass to the Joint Committee for consideration.

(The meeting started at 10.30am and ended at 11:22am)