



Agenda
Partnership for South Hampshire Overview
and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday 17 September 2020

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Virtual Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

Members:

Councillors

Cllr Tom Davies
Cllr Alan Glass (Chairman)
Cllr Judith Smyth
Cllr Dan Fitzhenry
Cllr Malcolm Johnson
Cllr Bruce Tennent (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Zoe Huggins
Cllr Ray Bolton
Cllr Dianne Lloyd
Cllr Phil Bundy
Cllr Dominic Hiscock
TBC

Authority Represented:

Fareham BC
New Forest DC
Portsmouth CC
Southampton CC
East Hants DC
Eastleigh BC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Havant BC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC
New Forest National Park

Deputies:

Councillors

Cllr Gordon Bailey
Cllr Angela Clear
Cllr Peter Davies
Cllr Richard Gomer
Cllr Peter Latham
Cllr Luke Stubbs

Authority Represented:

Test Valley BC
Winchester CC
Fareham BC
Eastleigh BC
Hampshire CC
Portsmouth CC

Co-opted Members

Paddy May

Authority Represented:

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire
(PfSH)

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1. Election of Chairman

To elect a Chairman for Municipal Year 2020/21

2. Appointment of Vice Chairman

To appoint a Vice Chairman for Municipal Year 2020/21

3. Apologies for Absence and Changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

To note any apologies and changes in membership for this meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) Overview and Scrutiny Meeting held on 04 February 2020.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To note any changes in membership for this meeting of the Joint Committee made in accordance with the Councils Standing Orders with Respect to Meetings.

6. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of interest from members, in accordance with the Joint Agreement.

7. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged

8. CO-ORDINATOR' REPORT

This represents an additional method for PfSH business to be reported to the Joint Committee. The report provides an opportunity for issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report in their own right, to be brought to the attention of the Joint Committee for a decision. It will also provide updates from the Delivery Panel Chair.

9. STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND - REVISIONS AND UPDATE

To receive a report to update on the Draft Framework. The Joint Committee will be asked to consider revisions to the draft framework SoCG (Statement of Common Ground) to bring it up to date and enable it to be agreed as a formal SoCG.



**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 NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY 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)



Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 17 September 2020
Report of: Paddy May
PfSH Co-ordinator

Subject: CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT
Summary of the report being presented to PfSH Joint
Committee, 30 September

SUMMARY

The Co-ordinator's report provides an opportunity for issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report in their own right, to be brought to the attention of the Joint Committee for decision or for information.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the contents of the report only.

Water Management

5. An update on progress towards developing a strategy for achieving nutrient neutrality for new housing development across the PfSH region is included on the main agenda for Joint Committee 30 September.

Green Infrastructure

6. No further update since the Co-ordinators Report submitted to Joint Committee 7 July. However, a report has been submitted separately to Joint Committee 30 September requesting consideration of the Future South report 'A Greenprint for South Hampshire: the opportunities ahead' that outlines post-Covid approaches to delivering green initiatives across the South Hampshire sub-region.

Energy and the Green Economy

7. No further update since the Coordinators Report and on the Business Plan 2019/20 submitted to Joint Committee 7 July.

Culture, Creative Industries and the Built Environment

Creative Industries

8. In the light of Covid-19 both Portsmouth Creates and Southampton City Council conducted research into the needs of creative businesses within the LEP area. One of the identified sector priorities was sector specific business support.
9. In response the existing Creative Growth Southampton project, (funded by PfSH and delivered in partnership with Southampton City Council and Solent University) the project has been able to extend its remit and is open to creative businesses located anywhere in South Hampshire. One-to-one mentoring is currently being delivered by Nicky Curtis, who in the past was a business link advisor and currently also works for Solent University.
10. The target audience for Creative Growth South is early stage creative businesses, and freelancers with experience of trading and a turnover below £30k working towards sustainability. Since its launch over 40 businesses have received up to six 1-1 sessions. 16 businesses are currently working with Nicky. Prior to lock down the project also delivered a programme of monthly networking and training activity, this is currently on hold.
11. Funding is in place to continue Creative Growth South until the end of the calendar year, while opportunities to mainstream the approach by embedding this type of support within the emergent structures promoting the cultural and creative sector in the Portsmouth and Southampton travel to work areas are being explored.
12. Portsmouth Creates was launched in November 2019 in order to drive the delivery of the city cultural strategy and bring together the arts and culture industry and Community. In August it was agreed that £10 000 of PfSH funding should be used to support a joint post within Portsmouth Creates CIC. The post holder will have a remit to assist cultural organisations in the Portsmouth Travel to Work area to attract funding and provide business

support to creative businesses and freelancers operating in the travel to work area. It is expected the post holder will take up the appointment this autumn.

13. Similar discussions are at an early stage, with a view to embedding creative industry business support within the partnership structure surrounding the development of the Southampton City of Culture application - so as enhance the Southampton areas capacity to retain creative talent.

Website to Signpost Creative Studios, Flexible Workspaces, Maker Spaces and Digital Incubators

14. Creative digital and tech businesses frequently do best when they are embedded within a community of similar businesses. In its early years, the then Partnership for Urban South Hampshire invested in a number of creative workspaces and continues to support a studio providers network. The lockdown period has presented studios and flexible workspaces with significant challenges. However, this infrastructure - which has been significantly strengthened in South Hampshire in recent years - will play a critical role in driving the recovery of the tech, digital and creative sector within the Solent LEP area.
15. Creative Network South is therefore working with the Solent Growth Hub to map all studios flexible workspaces and incubators, so that these can be signposted and promoted on the growth hub website.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the contents of the report only.

ENQUIRIES:

For further information on this report please contact:-

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

1. The Joint Committee agreed a draft framework for the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) at its meeting in October 2019. The report also set out a broad, draft timetable for the five workstreams that were included in the draft framework for the SoCG. The Joint Committee received reports updating progress on the SoCG in February and July this year.
2. Subject to the Joint Committee agreeing the recommendation to approve the content of the SoCG, each individual Local Planning Authority and the County Council can then sign the document (subject to their own governance or delegation arrangements) and it can be published on the website. This will ensure that the SoCG is available to help Local Planning Authorities in demonstrating constructive and positive cooperation on strategic matters at local plan examinations.
3. The government is currently consulting on 'Planning for the Future', a white paper setting out significant proposed reforms to the planning system, focused on local plans. Members will be asked to provide a steer on whether PfSH should respond to this consultation and if so, what should be included in the response. The consultation closes on 29 October 2020.
4. The government will need to take account of consultation responses before taking new legislation through the parliamentary process. The outcome of these proposals is uncertain and will require new legislation to become the statutory basis for future local plans. Until there is more certainty, local plans will continue to be prepared in accordance with current legislation and government policy. When the reforms to the planning system are more certain, PfSH can consider how this affects the work under the SoCG and the production of local plans. Government proposals for devolution are expected to be announced in the Autumn and these could also have a significant impact on the context for future strategic planning work.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to:-
 - i. APPROVE the content of the Statement of Common Ground that will lead to the production of a PfSH Joint Strategy; and
 - ii. NOTES the summary of the Planning for the Future White Paper set out at Appendix 2 to this report; DETERMINES whether PfSH should respond to the consultation and if so, the nature of the response; and AGREES that the detail of the response be delegated to the Chairman of the PfSH Planning Officers Group and following consultation with the Group, is signed off and submitted by the Chairman of PfSH.

ENQUIRIES:

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RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to:-
 - i. NOTE the award of funding of £2m by the Solent LEP from the Government's Getting Building Fund to be used to secure off site mitigation land in order to assist in unlocking the delivery of housing which has been on hold due to the nutrient neutrality issue.
 - ii. NOTE the recruitment of a dedicated officer resource as a temporary post to work on the nutrient neutrality issue following confirmation of funding, to take forward a pilot sub-regional mitigation scheme, and continued investigation into determining a sub-regional mitigation solution, including working towards a Solent Nutrient Fund.

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Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 17 September 2020

Report of: Paddy May, SRMP Board Chair
Anna Parry, Partnership Manager

Subject: SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (BIRD AWARE)

Summary of the report being presented to PFSH Joint Committee, 30 September

SUMMARY

The purpose of the report will be is to seek endorsement from the Joint Committee for the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's recommendations for a financial protocol to be in place.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:-
 - i. NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposed financial protocol.
 - ii. NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposal to provide an indemnity to the Accountable Body in the unlikely event that the Partnership fails to 'make good' any loss of interest to the schemes funds during the course of the agreement.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

1. The Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's (SRMP) income is entirely derived from developer contributions and is therefore subject to fluctuations depending on the number of planning permissions granted in any one year.
2. The Partnership is able to foresee a possible temporary shortfall in income for a period. This is a result of the ongoing issues related to nitrate neutrality delaying the granting of some permissions and a credible risk of a recession as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic impacting on the house building sector.
3. The Partnership's financial model is based upon the collection of an income until April 2034. It is believed that over this timeframe all planned housing will come forward and the overall income to the Partnership will meet necessary targets.
4. The Partnership is minded that should a temporary shortfall in income occur, the in-perpetuity fund could be used to cover this and allow the Partnership to keep operating at the capacity necessary to continue delivering appropriate levels of mitigation.
5. It is intended that such use of the in-perpetuity fund would only occur in exceptional circumstances and there would be an undertaking to pay it back with interest at the first available opportunity.
6. It is further intended that should exceptional circumstances impact upon the income stream once more, then a fresh review/decision will be taken by the Project Board and Joint Committee each time and past decisions won't set a precedent for future ones.

RECOMMENDATION

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- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to:-
 - i. NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposed financial protocol.
 - ii. NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposal to provide an indemnity to the Accountable Body in the unlikely event that the Partnership fails to 'make good' any loss of interest to the schemes funds during the course of the agreement.

ENQUIRIES:

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Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 17 September 2020

Report of: David Hutchinson, Future South

Subject: A GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE, THE OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

Summary of the report being presented to PfSH Joint Committee, 30 September

SUMMARY

PfSH has been approached by the partnership of [Green Halo Partnership](#), [Future South](#) and [Southern Policy Centre](#) with a request to present their report 'A Greenprint for South Hampshire' to Joint Committee. The report sets out a framework that could guide the inclusions of projects to achieve a Greenprint for South Hampshire. The ambition is to shape a green future. Councils, LEPs and businesses across the region have developed or are developing plans and strategies to support the 'green' or 'zero-carbon' economy. Economic and environmental initiatives, from Future South to the Green Halo Partnership are bringing people and partners together to find ways of building an economy that operates within environmental limits.

The report is set in the context of a recent survey conducted by You Gov for the not-for-profit advocacy group [Positive Money](#) found that 82% of members of the public questioned wanted the Government to prioritise the health and wellbeing of citizens over economic growth as they shape recovery post Covid-19. In the same survey 61% of respondents wanted improved social and environmental outcomes to be the Government's priority.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to consider its engagement with the initiatives set out in the report 'A Greenprint for South Hampshire'

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

1. Their report will state that there is an opportunity to shape a future which achieves a better balance between nature, business and our communities. It is clear that many people want and hope for that balance post lockdown. However, if that is to be achieved, there will need to be a clear and consistent understanding of what we are trying to achieve and how best to realise it.
2. The report will set out a framework of opportunities to build on the things already happening across South Hampshire to re-shape an economy and environment that helps communities thrive. To do that, the report will state that we need to ensure that local authorities, businesses, local enterprise partnerships and others should work together to design and implement programmes that achieve economic, environmental and social improvements.
3. Building on discussions with its colleagues, including the debate at the Hampshire 2050 Commission, the joint report will include a framework that could guide the inclusions of projects to achieve a Greenprint for South Hampshire.
4. Joint Committee will be asked for PfSH's support on four fronts:
 - Help to prepare a 'Prospectus' for green recovery in South Hampshire, articulating shared aims and objectives. It should be a bold statement of ambition which we can use to secure government and other support their initiative
 - Assistance with developing the draft framework further, working with key organisations to review principles, outcomes and performance measures, ensuring they accord with shared priorities and will shape a recovery which both builds on our natural strengths and addresses common challenges
 - Bringing together senior leaders from our councils, LEAs, HEIs and the business, environmental and community sector to gain agreement to a common approach to a green recovery
 - Reviewing key plans and policies – from local plans to low carbon strategies – to identify common themes where collaboration can help build a green recovery
4. This work will be undertaken by the Green Halo Partnership and Future South, with support from the Southern Policy Centre. A financial contribution to facilitate these next steps would be required.
5. PfSH is considered a key partner in light support it can offer in terms of offering the political leadership needed for successful collaboration in securing a greenprint across South Hampshire.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.
- b) NOTE that it is likely that Joint Committee will be asked to consider its engagement with the initiatives set out in the report 'A Greenprint for South Hampshire'.

ENQUIRIES:

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