



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

*Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2020  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams*

**Members:**

**Councillors** Allan Glass (Chairman)  
Ray Bolton  
Phil Bundy  
Angela Clear  
Malcolm Johnson

**Authority Represented:**

New Forest DC  
Hampshire CC  
Test Valley BC  
Winchester CC  
East Hants DC

**Also in attendance:**

Paddy May  
Richard Ivory

PfSH  
Solicitor

Mike Allgrove  
Simon Eden

PfSH Consultant (for Item – 9)  
Southern Policy Centre (for Item – 12)

## **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Having been duly proposed by Councillor P Bundy and seconded by Councillor R Bolton, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Allan Glass from New Forest District Council be elected as Chairman for the 2020/21 municipal year.

## **2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Having been duly proposed by Councillor A Glass and seconded by Councillor R Bolton, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Bruce Tennent from Eastleigh Borough Council be elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2020/21 municipal year.

## **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tom Davies (Fareham BC) Councillor Dominic Hiscock (Winchester CC) with Councillor Angela Clear deputising; Councillor Bruce Tennent (Eastleigh Borough Council) and Councillor Dan Fitzhenry (Southampton CC), Councillor Judith Smyth (Portsmouth CC).

## **4. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 04 February 2020, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

## **7. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

## **8. A GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE, THE OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD**

*At the agreement of the Chairman this item was brought forward on the agenda.*

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Simon Eden from the Southern Policy Centre on behalf of, Future South 'A Greenprint for South Hampshire', which outlined a practical approach to deliver green initiatives across the South Hampshire sub-region.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- (a) NOTES the contents of this report and considered any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration; and

- (b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to consider its engagement with the initiatives set out in the report 'A Greenprint for South Hampshire'

## 9. CO-ORDINATOR' 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.

Paddy May began by informing Members of the Committee that following the PfSH Chief Executives meeting the previous week, a change was agreed to the Joint Committee agenda. Subsequently the Overview and Scrutiny agenda would also need to be amended with agenda Item 11 - Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (Bird Aware) now to form part of this item, in part A of the report for decision.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) NOTES the contents of this report and considered any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration; and
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:
  - i. NOTE the information within Part B;
  - ii. NOTES and ENDORSES the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposed financial protocol; and
  - iii. NOTES and ENDORSES 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 scheme's funds during the course of the agreement.

## 10. STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND - REVISIONS AND UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report presented by Mike Allgrove, PfSH Consultant, providing an update on the revisions to the draft framework Statement of Common Ground.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- (a) NOTES the contents of this report and considered any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration; and
- (b) NOTES 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.

## **11. PFSH NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY UPDATE**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report presented by Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator on the progress towards the implementation mitigations that unlock the backlog of required housing consents caused by the requirement that all new housing to be nutrient neutral.

RESOLVED that the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- (a) NOTES the contents of this report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration; and
- (b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:
  - i. NOTES 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; and
  - ii. NOTES 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.

## **12. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (BIRD AWARE)**

*As explained at item 9 of these Minutes, this item is now to be incorporated into the Coordinators report for the PfSH Joint Committee. Consequently, this item was presented to Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at item 9.*

*(The meeting started at 10.30am and ended at 11:38am)*