



Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 13 January 2021
Report of: Paddy May
PfSH Co-ordinator

Subject: Co-ordinator's Report

Summary of the report being presented to PfSH Joint Committee, 25 January 2021.

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. The report is divided into Parts A and B accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to:-

- a) NOTE and ENDORSE the update to the Statement of Common Ground jointly agreed between Havant Borough Council and the rest of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) authorities as outlined in part A for this report; and
- b) NOTE the matters for information outlined in part B of this report.

PART A: MATTERS FOR DECISION

Statement of Common Ground – Havant Borough Council and PfSH

1. Havant Borough Council and PfSH had previously agreed a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) in respect of the emerging Havant Local Plan in July 2019. However, there has been a delay in submitting the plan for examination and it is proposed to update the SoCG to reflect the latest housing need and supply information; extension of the end date of the plan to 2037; cross-references to work under the PfSH SoCG; and inclusion of information on the ongoing constraint related to nitrate deposition and the need for development to achieve nutrient neutrality.
2. The SoCG represents the position of PfSH as a collective and is without prejudice of the separate completion of a SoCG that individual authorities may have with Havant Borough Council. The original SoCG was prepared in consultation with the PfSH Planning Officers Group, and the update has been agreed with the Chairman of the POG and has also been considered by the PfSH Chief Executives on 4 January. Members of the Joint Committee will be asked to approve the SoCG that will be appended to the report.

PART B: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Planning & Infrastructure

Statement of Common Ground

3. Work on the wider PfSH SoCG continues as planned. Joint Committee members have been invited to a presentation of the results of Employment, Economic and Commercial Needs (including logistics) analysis on 5 February.

Strategic Recreation and Mitigation Partnership (Bird Aware) Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

4. The focus of the Rangers activities is different during the summer months to the winter season owing to the birds not being present on the coastline during the summer. During the period of 1 August to 31 October the Ranger team delivered the following outreach activities*:

• Site Visits	116
• People interacted with on-site	1113
• Events	1
• People interacted with at events	97
• Monitoring	125 hours
• Posters at key coastal locations	65

*These figures are mid-season estimates and may be subject to minor change once full end of season reports are verified and available.

Owing to the curtailment of some planned activities due to COVID related restrictions, the Rangers have spent additional time on furthering:

- Signage
- Physical projects
- Partnership working

- Codes of Conduct
- Schools Programme

Additional input has also been given to communications work and together with the Brand and Communications Lead, the team has achieved the following:

- Number and % growth of social media followers on each platform since last update:
 - Twitter – 82 (5%)
 - Facebook – 193 (14%)
 - Instagram – 129 (12%)
- Impressions (number of times seen) for each social media platform
 - Twitter – 217k
 - Facebook – 162k
 - Instagram – 77k
- Number of posts on social media
 - Twitter - 298
 - Facebook - 103
 - Instagram posts and stories – 73
- Press releases
 - Three in total. One each month.
 - Six articles added to the section 'Blog'

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 25 January and is being considered at this meeting.

Energy and the Green Economy

6. Joint Committee agreed the recommendations put to it in the report '[A Green Print for South Hampshire](#)' on 30 September. The report promoted the idea of a common approach to creating '*a more prosperous, fair, resilient and environmentally aware society as we emerge from the Covid-19 crisis*'. The report considered that PfSH had a significant role to play in promoting the ideas it set out, and that it lead (given its role coordinating activity across local authorities) on developing further a set of initiatives appended to it.
7. Following internal discussions as a consequence of Joint Committee's decision, it has been agreed that Alison Barnes, Chief Executive of New Forest National Park Authority will lead PfSH's work supporting the Greenprint. A report outlining PfSH's approach to developing a Greenprint for South Hampshire is included on the main agenda for Joint Committee 25 January and is being considered at this meeting.

Culture, Creative Industries and the Built Environment

8. An update of work undertaken in the relation to the panel by Creative Network South, (supporting the development of the creative economy) and the Quality Place Practitioners Group, is included on the main agenda for Joint Committee 25 January and is being considered at this meeting.

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Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: None

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