



## Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee

**Date:** 22 March 2021  
**Report of:** Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator  
**Subject:** PfSH Managers Report

### 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 Joint Committee NOTE the matters for information outlined in part B of this report.

## **PART A: MATTERS FOR DECISION**

1. There are no matters requiring a decision.

## **PART B: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **Planning & Infrastructure**

#### **Statement of Common Ground**

2. Work on the wider development of the PfSH Joint Statement continues as planned. An update on the findings of the Employment, Economic and Commercial Needs (including logistics) analysis is included on the main agenda for the meeting on 22 March and so warrants a standalone report.

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

3. During the period of 1 January – 31 January the ranger team delivered the following outreach activities, which were very much curtailed by the national lockdown\*:

• Site Visits	5
• People interacted with on-site	3
• Hours spent monitoring	6

\*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 limited site visits due to COVID related restrictions, the Rangers have spent additional time on furthering:

- Signage projects
- Updating the website - including an expansion of the 'About the birds' section to include more bird profiles
- Producing social media content and managing all channels
- Building the photo/video library
- Physical projects
- Behaviour Change project (with Natural England)
- Codes of Conduct work
- Training

Additional input has also been given to communications work and the team has achieved the following:

- Number and % growth of social media followers on each platform since last update
  - Twitter – 33 (1.5%)
  - Facebook – 75 (4.3%)
  - Instagram – 63 (4.8%)
- Impressions (number of times seen) for each social media platform
  - Twitter – 92.4k

- Facebook – 56.4k
- Instagram – 29k
- Number of posts on social media
  - Twitter – 83
  - Facebook – 56
  - Instagram posts including stories – 77
- Press releases – 1
- 2 ranger articles added to the blog section of the website

### **Water Management**

4. 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 22 March and so warrants a standalone report.

### **Energy and the Green Economy**

5. An update on the work towards developing a framework for a 'Greenprint for South Hampshire' is included on the main agenda for Joint Committee 22 March and so warrants a standalone report.

### **Culture, Creative Industries and the Built Environment**

6. Since the last report to the meeting of PfSH Joint Committee on 25 January there is no further update on the Culture, Creative Industries and Built Environment strand of work. We expect the next update to be presented to the meeting of Joint Committee over the summer (either 21 June or 27 July).

### **Other Issues**

7. The Government have recently released the prospectus for the [Levelling Up Fund](#) and the [UK Community Renewal Fund](#). The levelling up fund is looking to invest in infrastructure that improves everyday life and it provides potential significant funding into local areas (90% capital and 10% revenue - max bid £20m except for transport schemes that can be up to £50m in exceptional circumstances). Each local authority is able to put in as many bids as they have MPs but each MP is only allowed to be supportive to one bid). Authorities have been ranked on need and put into one of three categories. Within the PfSH area only Gosport has been ranked in the highest need category with EHDC, Havant, Portsmouth, Southampton (and the Isle of Wight) categorised in the next highest need area. Across the Solent it is currently proposed that a narrative will be developed which can be used for all bids but that individual areas will develop their own bids (possibly jointly with other authorities). The closing date for applications is the 18<sup>th</sup> June.
8. The UK Community Renewal fund is primarily revenue funding and is looking to help local areas prepare for the launch of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in 2022. This Fund aims to support people and communities most in need across the UK to pilot programmes and new approaches and will invest in skills, community and place, local business, and supporting people into employment. All places across the UK are eligible for pilot funding but again the Government has prioritised some areas for capacity funding to help develop bids (none in the PfSH area). The bid deadline is also the 18<sup>th</sup> June and areas will hear if they

are successful in late July / early August. All funding will then need to be spent by the end of March 2022.

9. Defra has commissioned a new 'Test and Trial' of the proposed Environmental Land Management (ELM) Scheme. This is taking place between December 2020 and October 2021. The project has an ELM Convener Partnership for Hampshire that is looking at amongst other things how all sectors can work together to deliver an Environment Plan and how to improve the accountability of the benefits that public investment in land management is delivering locally. The ELM Convener Partnership includes a representative from Hampshire County Council, from the Hampshire Districts and from the two cities. There is a clear link between this work and a number of the PfSH workstreams including the Greenprint and the Nitrate Mitigation work. Further progress on this pilot study can be reported back to PfSH.
10. As we move out of the Covid lockdown, with the gradual easing of restrictions, there is a chance to explore what can be done differently and how we can maintain some of the benefits of the ways of working that developed in response to the pandemic. PfSH should be looking at this in the same way that other organisations will be doing so.
11. A recent officers meeting was held to look at how the Solent Leaders' Forum, Solent Transport and PfSH can better align their work programmes and make sure that everyone is kept informed about the key issues being discussed. PfSH already provides an update to the Solent Leaders' Forum, with the Chairman presenting some of the key issues that the partnership is addressing and some of the key activities underway. It is proposed that Solent Transport will provide similar updates to the Solent Leaders' Forum.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Joint Committee NOTE the matters for information outlined in part B of this report.

**Background Papers:** None

**Reference Papers:** None

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