



Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) Joint Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 22 March 2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Councillor Seán Woodward, Fareham BC (Chairman)

Councillor Christopher Hammond, Southampton CC (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Nick Adams-King, Test Valley BC
David Airey, Eastleigh BC
Neil Cutler, Winchester CC
Judith Grajewski, Hampshire CC
Gavin Parker, New Forest NP
Stephen Philpott, Gosport BC
Steve Pitt, Portsmouth CC
Michael Wilson, Havant BC

Chief Alison Barnes, New Forest NP

Executives: Jade Ellis, Havant BC and East Hants
Andy Ferrier, Test Valley BC
Peter Grimwood, Fareham BC
Sandy Hopkins, Southampton CC
Stuart Jarvis, Hampshire CC
Laura Taylor, Winchester CC
Claire Upton-Brown, New Forest DC
Natalie Wigman, Eastleigh BC
David Williams, Portsmouth CC & Gosport BC

Co-opted Brian Johnson, Solent LEP
Members: Paddy May, Partnership for South Hampshire
Richard Ivory, Southampton City Council

**Also
Present:**

Jonathan Evans, Southampton CC – Item 7
Simon Eden, Southern Policy Centre - Item 8
Mike Allgrove, PfSH Consultant – Item 9
Richard Pestell, Stantec – Item 9
Simon Kennedy, Fareham BC – Item 10
David Bibby – Item 10

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from:

Councillor Keith House (Eastleigh BC) with Councillor David Airey deputising, Gill Kneller (Havant BC & East Hants DC) with Simon Jenkins deputising.

There were no changes to the Joint Committee Membership.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes from the PfSH Joint Committee meeting held on the 25 January 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following Announcement: -

This is the last meeting of a very strange municipal year and is certainly the most challenging year that I have ever encountered in my 35 years as a Councillor. I would like to thank you all for your forbearance in allowing the democratic process to continue and wish good luck to anyone standing in the forthcoming elections.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received at this meeting.

6. PFSH MANAGERS REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report by the PfSH Coordinator, Paddy May, that covered issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report to be brought to the Committee for decision or for information. The report is divided into Parts A and B, with Part A outlining matters for decision and Part B providing information for the Joint Committee on a variety of PfSH matters for note.

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

7. PFSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2020/21 AND PROPOSED BUDGET 2021/22

The Committee received a report providing an update for the Joint Committee on progress to date against the approved budget, including a forecast outturn for the current financial year. The report also set out the proposed revenue budget for 2021/22.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee: -

- a) NOTES the budget monitoring position for 2020/21, as set out in the report;
- b) NOTES that the forecast outturn from the 2020/21 budgets is provisional and may be subject to change in the final outturn budget report;
- c) APPROVED the proposed revenue budget for 2021/22, as set out in the report; and
- d) APPROVED the partner contributions for 2021/22 as shown on table 5.

8. GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE

The Joint Committee received a report seeking financial support from PfSH to complement that already received from other organisations and provide the resources to allow for the Greenprint for South Hampshire framework to be developed and shared more widely.

The Joint Committee were reminded of the comments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on the 09 March 2021. These comments were circulated to the Joint Committee prior to the meeting for consideration. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee suggested that funds be used to produce an accessible public guide to promote the Greenprint for South Hampshire explaining what the projects might mean for local communities.

The Chairman also suggested that it might be useful for a table to be produced to explain where funds are coming from and what they will be allocated to, in order to provide Members with a better understanding of the income and expenditure for the Greenprint for South Hampshire. It was agreed that this would be compiled and circulated to the Joint Committee after the meeting.

RESOLVED that Joint Committee AGREED to a contribution of £20,000 from PfSH's unallocated resources to support a programme of work to develop the Greenprint for South Hampshire.

9. STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND - FINDINGS OF THE ECONOMIC EMPLOYMENT AND COMMERCIAL NEEDS (INCLUDING LOGISTICS) STUDY

The Joint Committee received a report which set out the findings of the Economic, Employment and Commercial Needs (including logistics) Study.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the contents of the Economic, Employment and Commercial Needs (including logistics) Study and that it will be published on the PfSH website.

10. PFSH NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a report providing an update on the implementation of mitigations to address the impact of the nutrient neutrality requirements on house building.

The Chairman highlighted to the Committee, the comments received from the 09 March PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, which were circulated to Members prior to the Joint Committee meeting. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee asked that the Joint Committee, request that PfSH investigate moving the nitrate issue forward and seek Government Support. The Chairman assured the Committee that they were doing all they could. Several letters have been sent to the MHCLG on behalf of PfSH and officials from the MHCLG, DEFRA, Environment Agency and Natural England are invited to the PfSH Planning Officer Group meetings.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the contents of this report outlining PfSH's activity towards unlocking the delivery of housing which has been on hold due to the nutrient neutrality issue.

(The meeting started at 6.04 pm
and ended at 7.08 pm).