



Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 09 March 2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Councillor Allan Glass, New Forest DC (Chairman)

Councillor Bruce Tennent, Eastleigh BC (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Judith Smyth, Portsmouth CC
Dan Fitzhenry, Southampton CC
Phil Bundy, Test Valley BC
Dominic Hiscock, Winchester CC

**Co-opted
Members:** Paddy May, Partnership for South Hampshire

**Also
Present:**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from; Councillor M Johnson (East Hants DC), Councillor R Bolton (Hampshire CC) with Councillor P Latham deputising and Councillor T Davies.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 13 January 2021, be signed and confirmed 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 made at this 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, which will be brought to the Joint Committee for decision. Paddy May advised the Committee that further information in respect of the recent announcements on the Levelling Up Fund and the Community Renewal Fund, the DEFRA Land Management System pilot and the joint work to align activities with Solent Transport and the Solent Leaders' Forum was available and that this will be included within the report to be considered by the Joint Committee under Part B.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTES the matters for information outlined in part B of this report; and
- b) considered comments to pass to the Joint Committee for their consideration.

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

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report from Jonathan Evans, Finance Business Partner. The report provided an update 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 Overview & Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) NOTES the contents of the report;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:
 - i. NOTE the budget monitoring position for 2020/21, as set out in the report;
 - ii. NOTE that the forecast outturn from the 2020/21 budgets is provisional and may be subject to change in the final outturn budget report;
 - iii. APPROVE the proposed revenue budget for 2021/22, as set out in the report;
 - iv. APPROVE the partner contributions for 2021/22 as shown on table 5; and
- c) considered any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.

8. GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a verbal update from Alison Barnes, Chief Executive from the New Forest National Park Authority and Simon Eden from the Southern Policy Centre. The update outlined details of the Joint Committee report requesting funding to resource work on the framework being developed to progress the Greenprint for South Hampshire work.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee expressed their support for the development of a Greenprint for South Hampshire and asked if more could be done to raise public awareness as there is currently no source to refer people to when questions are asked about the initiative. The Committee asked that it be recommended to the Joint Committee to consider that this be a priority to produce an accessible public guide promote the Greenprint for South Hampshire.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) NOTES the contents of this verbal update;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:
 - i. AGREE funding to resource the development of a framework for the Greenprint for South Hampshire; and
- c) request that the Joint Committee consider that this be a priority to produce an accessible public guide to promote the Greenprint for South Hampshire.

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

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report by Mike Allgrove, PfSH Consultant, which set out the findings of the Economic, Employment and Commercial Needs (including logistics) Study.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to note the content of the Economic, Employment and Commercial Needs (including logistics) Study and that it will be published on the PfSH website; and
- c) considered any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.

10. PFSH NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report by David Bibby Principal Planning Officer (Strategy), Test Valley Borough Council and Simon Kennedy, Strategic Environmental Planning Officer Partnership for South Hampshire. The report updated the Committee on progress towards the implementation of mitigation strategies that unlock the backlog of required housing consents caused by the requirement that all new housing be nutrient neutral.

Members commented, as they have done at previous Committee meetings, on the continued delays in progress and lack of support from Central Government to help mitigate the Nitrate issues. Particularly the affect that the delays in house building is having on PfSH authorities being able to meet their Housing Delivery Targets.

A motion was put forward by the Chairman – To ask PfSH to investigate moving this issue forward and seek Government support.

Having been duly proposed and seconded the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to note the content of the report outlining PfSH's activity towards unlocking the delivery of housing which has been on hold due to the nutrient neutrality issue; and
- c) REQUESTS that the Joint Committee ask PfSH to investigate moving the nitrate issue forward and seek Government support.

(The meeting started at 10.32 am
and ended at 11.35 am).