



Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 13 January 2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Councillor Allan Glass, New Forest DC (Chairman)

Councillors: Malcolm Johnson, East Hants DC
Phil Bundy, Test Valley BC
Dominic Hiscock, Winchester CC

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

**Also
Present:** Mike Allgrove – PfSH Consultant (Item 6)
Allison Barnes – New Forest NP (Item 7)
Simon Eden – Southern Policy Centre (Item 7)
Charles Freeman – Panel Lead (Item 8)
Dominic Lyster – Fareham BC (Item 8)
David Bibby – Test Valley BC (Item 9)
Anna Parry – Bird Aware (Item 10 & 11)

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

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor T Davies (Fareham BC) Councillor Ray Bolton (Hampshire CC) and Judith Smyth (Portsmouth CC).

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 17 September 2020, 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 declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from PfSH coordinator, Paddy May, on items of PfSH business which are significant but do not justify a full report in their own right, which will be brought to the Joint Committee for decision.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee NOTES 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.

7. GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report outlining the PfSH's approach to developing a Greenprint for South Hampshire.

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

RESOLOVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of the report; and

- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the progress made on the South Hampshire Greenprint framework.

8. CREATIVE INDUSTRIES BUILT ENVIRONMENT, THEMED PANEL

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report from Charles Freeman from the Creative Industries Built Environment, Themed Panel updating PfSH Members on the work undertaken in relation to the panel by Creative Network South, (supporting the development of the creative economy) and the Quality Place Practitioner Group, in developing guidance in relation to design in the built environment.

Members discussed the report at length, highlighting the importance of the addition of car parks as a design bulletin published alongside the existing design publications. Examples were discussed in which tree planting had been used to landscape car parks to lessen their impact on the surrounding environment. The Chairman asked for the specific comments around tree planting, bay size and ample electric charging points be noted as key topics to be included within the guidance document.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) request the Joint Committee notes their comments regarding the importance of the addition of 'car parks' as a design bulletin, specifically the topics of; tree planting, bay size and ample electric charging points; and
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:
- i. NOTE the work undertaken in preparing Quality Place Design Bulletins, and publish four design bulletins alongside the existing design publications on the PfSH website;
 - ii. NOTE the desire to further update the bulletins in the light of changing local and national policy;
 - iii. NOTE proposals to review the delivery of the Solent Design Awards in anticipation for the next awards in 2022; and
 - iv. NOTE the work of the panel in supporting creative industry development in particular the promotion of :-
 - o **connectivity** by using micro grants to increase opportunities for networking and the showcasing of creative practice.
 - o **Skills and progression** - Working with partner organisations to enhance work based learning and pathways to employment within the creative sector.
 - o **Enterprise** - Providing business support for freelancers and creative entrepreneurs.
 - o **Visibility** - Working with Portsmouth Creates and Southampton City of Culture amongst others to increase the visibility of the Creative Sector in the Solent Area.

- v. AGREE a budget of £12,500 be added to the PfSH base budget for 2021-22 to continue the work of the panel.
 - £10,000 will be used support the work of Creative Network South.
 - £2,500 to cover costs of facilitating panel activities.
 - AGREE that £10 000 carried over from 2019-20 can be used to match £4,000 from Southampton City Council to continue the Creative Growth Southampton project.
 - NOTE that a request for funding to support the 2022 design awards will be made in a year's time.

9. NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from David Bibby, providing an update on the implementation of the mitigations to address the impact of the nutrient neutrality requirement on house building.

Members enquired as to whether a response had been received to Councillor Woodward's letter to the MHCLG on the 07 December. David Bibby advised that this would be investigated, and an update would be provided to the Panel.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report; and
- 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.

10. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (BIRD AWARE) BUDGET REQUEST AND STRATEGY REVIEW

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Anna Parry, seeking to endorse the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's (Bird Aware) annual budget request. The report also provided an update on the action required following endorsement of the financial protocol and the Bird Aware Strategy.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee NOTES that the Joint Committee will be asked to:-

- a) NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposed budget for 2021/22;
- b) NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposal to move to a five-yearly monitoring programme if the results of the initial five years of annual monitoring indicate that the Partnership is having a positive effect;

- c) NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposal to move the Site Specific Project list to become something that's more 'live' past the award of the initial three years of grants; and
- d) NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's request for more active involvement from all Partners.

11. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (BIRD AWARE) SITE SPECIFIC PROJECTS

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Anna Parry outlining the funding requirements for the site specific projects.

RESOLVED that the Overview & 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 NOTE and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's revised proposal for site specific projects to be supported.

12. PFSH MEETING SCHEDULE 2021/22

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report outlining the PFSH Meeting Schedule for the 2021/22 municipal year.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the dates on the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2021/22, attached at Appendix A.

(The meeting started at 10.33am
and ended at 11.49 am).