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

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 25 January 2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Councillor Councillor Seán Woodward, Fareham BC (Chairman)

Councillor Christopher Hammond, Southampton CC (Vice-Chairman)

***Councillors*:** Keith House, Eastleigh Borough Council
Stephen Philpott, Gosport BC
Judith Grajewski, Hampshire CC
Michael Wilson, Havant BC
Gavin Parker, New Forest NP
Steve Pitt, Portsmouth CC
Neil Cutler, Winchester CC

Chief Executives: Laura Taylor, Winchester CC
Claire Upton-Brown, New Forest DC
Alison Barnes, New Forest NP
David Williams, Portsmouth CC & Gosport BC
Andy Ferrier, Test Valley BC
Peter Grimwood, Fareham BC
Nick Tustian, Eastleigh BC

Co-opted Members: Charlotte Lines, Environment Agency
Brian Johnson, Solent LEP
Paddy May, Partnership for South Hampshire

***Also Present*:** Mike Allgrove, PfSH Consultant – Item 6
Simon Eden, Southern Policy Centre – Item 7
David Hayward, Portsmouth University – Item 7
Joseph Owen – University of Southampton – Item 7
Charles Freeman, Panel Lead – Item 8
Dominic Lyster. Fareham BC – Item 8
David Bibby, Test Valley BC – Item 9
Douglas McNab, DEFRA – Item 9
Alison Potts, Natural England – Item 9
Anna Parry, Bird Aware – Item 10 & 11

Richard Ivory, Solicitor Southampton CC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from:

Councillor Edward Heron (New Forest DC), Councillor Nick Adams-King (Test Valley BC), Stuart Jarvis (Hampshire CC), Bob Jackson (New Forest DC) with Claire Upton-Brown deputising and Sandy Hopkins (Southampton CC) with Kate Martin deputising.

Change to the Joint Committee Membership:

Gavin Parker from the New Forest National Park has been appointed to the Joint Committee replacing Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PfSH Joint Committee meeting held on the 30 September 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Judith Grajewski declared a personal interest on agenda item 8 – Creative Industries Built Environment, Themed Panel, as she is a Director of creative advertising agency, her son currently studies creative lighting control for television and radio and her daughter is a professional freelance musician.

Councillor Judith Grajewski also declared a personal interest on agenda item 9 – Nutrient Neutrality Update, as she is a Non-Executive Director on the Solent LEP Board.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received at this meeting.

6. COORDINATOR'S 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: -

a) NOTES and ENDORSES 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 the report; and

b) NOTES the matters for information outlined in part B of the report.

7. GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE

The Joint Committee received a report with supporting presentation delivered by Alison Barnes from the New Forest National Park, Simon Eden from the Southern Policy Centre and Joseph Owen from the University of Southampton. The details of which outlined PfSH's approach to developing a Greenprint for South Hampshire.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee: -

a) NOTES on the emerging framework and priorities the paper outlined, and in particular whether it reflects their understanding of South Hampshire's shared priorities;

b) ENDORSES further work to identify key projects which will help realise the proposed priorities and the metrics by which success is measured; and

c) AGREES to officers broadening the discussion to include a wide range of partners in building a commitment to a jointly owned public-private Greenprint for South Hampshire. That should include immediate neighbours, notably the Isle of Wight and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

8. CREATIVE INDUSTRIES BUILT ENVIRONMENT, THEMED PANEL

The Joint Committee received a report on the work of the Culture Creative Industries Built Environment, Themed Panel. Charles Freeman, Panel Lead, and Dominic Lyster, Urban Designer, updated Members on the Design in the Built Environment and Creative Industry Development areas of work.

Councillor Judith Grajewski declared a personal interest, as she is a Director of a creative advertising agency, her son currently studies creative lighting control for television and radio and her daughter is a professional freelance musician.

Members were asked to consider the comments received from the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on the 13 January 2021, which had been circulated to the Joint Committee Members in advance of the meeting. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee asked for 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 Joint Committee: -

a) NOTES the work undertaken in preparing Quality Place Design Bulletins and publish the 4 design bulletins alongside the existing design publications on the PfSH website;

b) NOTES the desire to further update the bulletins in the light of changing local and national policy;

c) NOTES proposal to review the delivery of the Solent design awards in anticipation for the next awards in 2022;

d) NOTES the work of the panel in supporting creative industry development in particular the promotion of: -
   - **connectivity** by using micro grants to increase opportunities for networking and the showcasing of creative practice.
   - **Skills and progression** - Working with partner organisations to enhance work-based learning and pathways to employment within the creative sector.
   - **Enterprise** - Providing business support for freelancers and creative entrepreneurs.
   - **Visibility** - Working with Portsmouth Creates and Southampton City of Culture amongst others to increase the visibility of the Creative Sector in the Solent Area.

e) NOTES the development of joint resource with Solent growth hub mapping provision of flexible and creative workspaces in South Hampshire;

f) NOTES intention to work with Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council and Portsmouth Creates to engage Arts Council England in discussion regarding how they will support the development of the cultural ecology and creative economy in South Hampshire; and

g) AGREES a budget of £12,500 be added to the PfSH base budget for 2021-22 to continue the work of the panel (subject to final approval as part of the 21/22 PfSH budget which will be presented to the Joint Committee in March 2021):
   - £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 Joint Committee received a report providing a Nutrient Neutrality update. David Bibby, from Test Valley Borough Council presented his report to the Committee updating on the implementation of mitigations to address the impact of the nutrient neutrality requirement on house building across the PfSH region.

Councillor Judith Grajewski also declared a personal interest, as she is a Non-Executive Director on the Solent LEP Board.

Councillor Keith House (Eastleigh BC) and Councillor Stephen Philpott (Gosport BC) both left the meeting during this item.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES 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 Joint Committee received a report by Anna Parry from the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (Bird Aware), asking the Committee to endorse the annual budget and providing an update to the Committee on the Bird Aware Strategy.

REOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

a) NOTES and ENDORSES the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposed method of making up any potential budget deficit should the need arise;

b) NOTES and ENDORSE the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposed budget for 2021/22;

c) NOTES and ENDORSES the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposal to move to a 5 yearly monitoring programme if the results of the initial 5 years of annual monitoring indicate that the Partnership is having a positive effect;

d) NOTES and ENDORSES 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

e) NOTES and ENDORSES 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 Joint Committee received a report outlining the Solent Mitigation Partnerships (Bird Aware) site specific projects by Anna Parry from Bird Aware.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee to NOTES and ENDORSES the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's revised proposal for site specific projects to be supported.

12. PFSH MEETING SCHEDULE 2021/22

The Joint Committee received a report outlining the proposed PfSH Meeting Schedule for 2021/22.

The Chairman asked for confirmation on the circumstances regarding the holding of virtual Committee meetings in the next municipal year. Richard Ivory, PfSH Solicitor, confirmed that at this time there is no legislation in place to allow virtual meetings to take place from May 2021, but he was confident that this would be resolved by Central Government in due course and the Joint Committee would be updated accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee APPROVES the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2021/22, as set out in Appendix A to the report.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.38 pm).