



# Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**(to be confirmed at the next meeting)**

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 July 2021

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** Allan Glass, New Forest DC (Chairman)

**Councillor** Peter Latham, Hampshire CC (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Richard Gomer, Eastleigh BC  
Malcolm Johnson, East Hants DC  
Councillor Malcolm Daniells, Fareham BC

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

**Also  
Present:** Jonathan Evans, Southampton City Council (Item 10)  
Simon Kennedy, Fareham Borough Council (Items 11 & 12)

## **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Having been duly proposed by Councillor Peter Latham and seconded by Councillor Richard Gomer, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Allan Glass from New Forest District Council be elected as Chairman for the 2021/22 municipal year.

## **2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Having been duly proposed by Councillor Allan Glass and seconded by Councillor Malcolm Johnson, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Peter Latham from Hampshire County Council be elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2021/22 municipal year.

## **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Elizabeth Lloyd from Havant BC, Councillor Satvir Kaur from Southampton CC, Councillor Judith Smyth from Portsmouth CC and Councillor Phil Bundy from Test Valley BC.

The Chairman introduced the new Members of the Committee as follows –

Councillor Satvir Kaur from Southampton City Council, Councillor Malcolm Daniells from Fareham Borough Council, Councillor Sean Blackman from Gosport Borough Council, Councillor Peter Latham from Hampshire County Council, Councillor Roger Bentote from Winchester City Council, Councillor Richard Gomer Eastleigh Borough Council.

The Chairman asked the Committee to note an error with the Winchester City Council representative on the agenda. Councillor Angela Clear is deputy and Councillor Roger Bentote is the Committee Member appointed by Winchester City Council.

## **4. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 09 March 2021, be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

## **5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman invited Paddy May to address the Committee to provide an overview of the purpose and role of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests made at this meeting.

## 7. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

## 8. 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 or for information.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to note the content of the Bird Aware Solent Annual Report at Appendix A of the report and APPROVE it for publication on the PfSH website;
- a) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the matters for information outlined in part B of this report; and
- b) considered any comments to pass to the Joint Committee for their consideration.

## 9. GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE: UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report by Alison Barnes (NFNPA & Green Halo Partnership), Simon Eden (Southern Policy Centre & Green Halo Partnership) and David Hutchinson (University of Portsmouth & Future South) updating the Committee on the Greenprint for South Hampshire work that is underway.

Paddy May presented the report to the Committee highlighting the work so far in developing the Greenprint for South Hampshire and provided an overview of the five principles of the framework that the Joint Committee will be asked to note.

Members of the Committee asked that quarterly updates be brought to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the progress of developing the Greenprint for South Hampshire and what is being achieved. It was also agreed by the Committee that it be recommended to the Joint Committee that they too request similar regular updates on the Greenprint for South Hampshire during its development.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the content of this report;
- b) NOTE the progress on developing the Greenprint for South Hampshire; and

- c) suggest to the Joint Committee that they request regular updates on the Greenprint for South Hampshire, and what it is achieving, during its development.

## 10. PFSH BUDGET AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received the PfSH Budget and Statement of Accounts report from Jonathan Evans from Southampton City Council. The report summarised the outturn against the budget for the financial year 2020/21 and outlined the updates the revenue budgets for 2021/22.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to:
  - i. NOTE the outturn for the financial year 2020/21 (Table 2),
  - ii. APPROVE the Statement of Accounts for the 2020/21 financial year and the Annual Governance Statement (**Appendix 1**),
  - iii. APPROVE the updated revenue budget for 2021/22 as set out in the report (Table 5); and
- b) considered any comments to pass to the Joint Committee for consideration.

## 11. NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a summary report by David Bibby from Test Valley Borough Council on the PfSH Nutrient Neutrality Update. The report was presented to the Committee by Simon Kennedy, the PfSH Strategic Environmental Planning Officer. The report provided an update on the progress towards the implementation of mitigation strategies that unlock the backlog of required housing consents caused by the requirement that all new housing to be nutrient neutral.

Members commented on the recent fine imposed on Southern Water, who had been found to be discarding raw sewage into the Solent. Members asked if these funds would be used to assist in mitigating the Nutrient Neutrality issues within the Solent. Simon Kennedy commented that this is something that will be looked into. The Committee asked that this be recommended to the Joint Committee to investigate further and make a formal request that an allocation of these funds be used to support local authorities across the PfSH region with nitrate mitigation measures.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the content of this report;
- b) NOTE 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) asked that the Joint Committee investigate the allocation of the funds received from the fine imposed on Southern Water and make a formal request that an allocation of these funds be used to support local authorities across the PfSH region with nitrate mitigation measures.

## 12. NUTRIENT MITIGATION: ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF THE NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY REQUIREMENT ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PfSH Strategic Environmental Planning Officer, Simon Kennedy on Nutrient Mitigation work to address the impact of the nutrient neutrality on housing development.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report;
- b) NOTE that the Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the content of the report and ENDORSE the following recommendations:
  - i) Local Authorities consider the purchase of nitrogen mitigation credits from mitigation suppliers specifically to meet the needs of minor development based on an individual authority's assessment of need.
  - ii) Authorities that wish to purchase credits are recommended to do so on a combined catchment basis to ensure best market value is achieved.
  - iii) Authorities use a standard suite of template legal agreements to reduce the legal costs to developers and to make the determination of application process more efficient; and
- c) considered any comments to pass to the Joint Committee for consideration.

(The meeting started at 10.30 am  
and ended at 11.38 am).