



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

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Monday, 11 October 2021

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

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

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

**Councillors:** Malcolm Johnson, East Hants DC  
Richard Gomer, Eastleigh BC  
Sean Blackman, Gosport BC  
Roger Bentote, Winchester CC

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

**Also  
Present:** Claire Upton-Brown, New Forest NP (item 11)  
Richard Pemberton, Solent Transport (item 12 & 13)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Malcolm Daniells from Fareham BC, Councillor Satvir Kaur from Southampton CC, Councillor Richard Gomer from Eastleigh BC, Councillor Elizabeth Lloyd from Havant BC and Councillor Phil Bundy from Test Valley BC.

There were no updates to the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PfSH overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 13 July 2021 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements made by the Chairman.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at the 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 or for information.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of the PfSH Co-ordinator's report;
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to agree the Statement of Common Ground between PfSH local authorities and Fareham Borough Council.
- c) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to approve an extension of the Strategic Environmental Planning Officer (SEPO) role for PfSH for no more than two years to the end of 2023.
- d) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to consider the continuation of funding provision for the Solent Design / Quality Place Awards.

- e) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to note the matters for information outlined in part B of this report; and
- f) recommends that the Joint Committee approve the recommendations as set out above at its meeting on the 25 October 2021.

## **7. PFSH BUSINESS PLAN 2021-2025**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator, on the PfSH Business Plan 2021-2025.

Members suggested that an additional bullet point within Objectives 1 or 2, to include a section on publicity for PfSH work be considered. This would assist in providing information for the public across the PfSH region.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) NOTE the contents of the PfSH Business Plan 2021-2025 (Appendix 1);
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to APPROVE the Business Plan for 2021-2025 for publication on the PfSH website;
- c) ask the Joint Committee to consider including a section on publicity within Objectives 1 or 2 of the business plan to assist with publicising the work of PfSH; and
- d) recommends that the Joint Committee approve the recommendations as set out above, at its meeting on the 25 October 2021.

## **8. BIRD AWARE SOLENT ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST 2022-2023**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report by Anna Parry, Partnership Manager, on the Annual Budget Request from Bird Aware Solent. Paddy May presented the report to the Committee highlighting the that Joint Committee will be asked to agree the budget for 2022/2023 at their meeting on the 25 October 2021.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report;
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to agree the Bird Aware Solent budget for 2022-2023; and
- c) recommends that the Joint Committee approve the recommendation as set out above, at its meeting on the 25 October 2021

## **9. BIRD AWARE SOLENT SITE SPECIFIC PROJECTS**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Anna Parry, Partnership Manager, on minor alterations to two previously approved site specific projects supported by Bird Aware Solent. Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator, presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report;
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE and ENDORSE the revised proposal for the Apuldram Manor Farm site;
- c) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE and ENDORSE the revised proposal for the East Head site; and
- d) recommend that the Joint Committee approve the recommendations as set out above at their meeting on the 25 October 2021.

#### **10. STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND - REVISIONS AND UPDATE**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Claire Upton-Brown, Chair, PfSH Planning Officers Group which sets out the proposed updates and revisions to the PfSH Statement of Common Ground.

The Committee discussed at length the challenges faced by the local planning authorities across the PfSH region in meeting their housing delivery, specifically with regards to unmet need. Members raised concerns that the Governments standard methodology results don't account for pressures faced across the PfSH region, such as National Parks and large overdeveloped cities which pose specific challenges on how the PfSH local planning authorities meet unmet need. The Committee asked that the Joint Committee be made aware of these concerns at their meeting on the 25 October 2021.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of the report;
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to approve the content of the Statement of Common Ground, that will lead to the production of a PfSH Joint Strategy; and
- c) ask the Joint Committee be made aware of concerns that the Governments standard methodology results don't account for pressures faced across the PfSH region, such as National Parks and large overdeveloped cities which pose specific challenges on how the PfSH local planning authorities meet unmet need

#### **11. SOLENT TRANSPORT RAIL - CURRENT STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received report from the Conrad Haigh, Solent Transport Manager and Paula Haustead, Head of Strategic Planning, Network Rail Wessex Route on the current studies and development initiatives

being undertaken by Solent Transport Rail. The report was presented to the Committee by Richard Pemberton from Solent Transport.

Member discussed the possible inclusion of a railway station at Whiteley, as well as that already proposed at Welborne. Richard explained that if the proposed line doubling is provided along the Botley line, this would in turn allow for further studies to take place to develop additional stations along this stretch of line in the future.

The Chairman suggest that links to current ferry providers be investigated along the proposed waterfront line. In particular, the Hythe Ferry which is in need of redevelopment and would benefit from improved links to bus and rail infrastructure.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of the report;
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to note the content of the report;
- c) considered comments to pass to the Joint Committee.

## 12. SOLENT TRANSPORT FUTURE TRANSPORT ZONE PROGRAMME

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report by Tim Forrester, Solent Transport, Future Transport Zone Project Manager on the Solent Transport Future Transport Zone (FTZ). Richard Pemberton, Solent Transport, presented the report to the Committee which provided an introduction to FTZ programme.

Members of the Committee asked that, mobility scooter access be investigated as part of the project moving forward. This is key to ensuring that all services within the scheme can be accessed by all who wish to use it.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of the presentation at appendix 1;
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to note the content of the presentation, and will be invited to raise any spatial planning considerations members may wish to discuss; and
- c) considered any comments to the Joint Committee.

(The meeting started at 10:30am  
and ended at 12:16pm).