



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

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Monday, 25 October 2021

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** Councillor Seán Woodward, Fareham BC (Chairman)

**Councillor** Dan Fitzhenry, Southampton CC (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Keith House, Eastleigh Borough Council  
Diane Andrews, New Forest DC  
Hugh Mason, Portsmouth CC  
Nick Adams-King, Test Valley BC  
Gwen Robinson, Havant BC  
Gordon Bailey, New Forest NP  
Neil Cutler, Winchester CC

**Chief**

**Executives:** David Williams, Portsmouth CC  
Sarah King, Eastleigh BC  
Richard Jolley, Fareham BC  
Simon Jenkins, Havant BC & East Hants DC  
Louise Evans, New Forest DC  
Sandy Hopkins, Southampton CC  
Graham Smith, Test Valley BC  
Laura Taylor, Winchester CC

**Co-opted**

**Members:** Paddy May, Partnership for South Hampshire

**Also  
Present:**

Richard Ivory, Solicitor

Claire Upton-Brown, Chairman PfSH Planning Officers'  
Group– for item 11

Mike Allgrove – for item 11

Richard Pemberton, Solent Transport – for items 12 and 13

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Rob Humby (Hampshire CC); Councillor Nick Adams-King (Test Valley BC); Gavin Parker (New Forest NP); and Councillor Ken Moon (East Hampshire DC) .

Attendees joining virtually (*as permitted under current legislation as non-decision makers*):

Claire Upton-Brown and Mike Allgrove (PfSH Planning Officers' Group) and Brian Johnson (Solent LEP) joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

The Chairman announced that following Bob Jackson's retirement, Colin Read had been appointed interim Chief Executive for New Forest District Council.

## **2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes from the PfSH Joint Committee meeting held on the 27 July 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S D T Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 in respect of the Statement of Common Ground as Fareham Borough Council had prepared the Statement of Common Ground.

## **5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

## **6. REFERENCES FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 11 October 2021: -**

### **MINUTE ITEM 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.

## **MINUTE ITEM 11 - 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

## **7. PFSH MANAGER'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.

Councillor S D T Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 in respect of the Statement of Common Ground as Fareham Borough Council had prepared the Statement of Common Ground.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

- (a) APPROVES the Statement of Common Ground between PfSH local authorities and Fareham Borough Council (Appendix A);
- (b) AGREES an extension of the Strategic Environmental Planning Officer (SEPO) role for PfSH for no more than two years to the end of 2023;
- (c) AGREES the provision be made for a small annual budget for the SEPO to use to cover ad hoc costs;
- (d) AGREEDS to continue PfSH funding for the Solent Design/Quality Place Awards (up to a maximum of £5,000); and
- (e) NOTES the matters for information outlined in part B of this report.

## **8. PFSH BUSINESS PLAN**

The Joint Committee received a report by Paddy May in respect of the PfSH Business Plan 2021 – 2025. Following consultation with PfSH Chief Executive Officers, a refresh of the Business Plan has been drafted for consideration by the Joint Committee. This new plan covers a slightly more medium-term period of four, rather than the previous short-term business plans which have covered one or two years. Joint Committee had previously agreed to roll forward the previous business plan whilst the local authorities were in the response phase to the covid pandemic.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee: -

- (a) NOTES the contents of the PfSH Business Plan 2021 – 2025 as outlined at Appendix 1;
- (b) AGREES the inclusion of bullet points within Objectives 1 and 2 of the PfSH Business Plan to include a section on publicity for PfSH work, as recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and
- (c) APPROVES the Business Plan for 2021 – 2025 for publication on the PfSH website.

## **9. BIRD AWARE SOLENT – BUDGET REQUEST 2022-2023**

The Joint Committee received a report by Anna Parry, Bird Aware Partnership Manager, which was presented by Paddy May, setting out a proposed budget for the Partnership in 2022/23 which had been endorsed by the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership Board at its meeting on the 23 September,

having been considered preferable to confirm well in advance of the usual request made in February.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the contents of this report and AGREES the Bird Aware Solent budget for 2022-2023.

#### **10. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY BIRD AWARE SOLENT – AMENDMENT TO SITE SPECIFIC PROJECTS**

The Joint Committee received a report by Anna Parry, Bird Aware Partnership Manager, which was presented by Paddy May, seeking endorsement from the Joint Committee for minor alterations to two previously approved site-specific projects supported by the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

(a) NOTES and ENDORSES the revised proposal for the Apuldram Manor Farm site; and

(b) NOTES and ENDORSES the revised proposal for the East Head site.

#### **11. STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND 2021 – REVISIONS AND UPDATE**

The Joint Committee received a report from Claire Upton-Brown, Chairman of the PfSH Planning Officers' Group setting out proposed updates and revisions to the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), first formally agreed by September 2020, to enable it to be signed as a formal SoCG by the PfSH Authorities.

The Joint Committee noted the comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee APPROVES the content of the Statement of Common Ground, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, that will lead to the production of a PfSH Joint Strategy.

#### **12. SOLENT RAIL – CURRENT STUDIES AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**

The Joint Committee received a report from Conrad Haigh, Solent Transport Manager, and Paula Haustead, Head of Strategic Planning at Network Rail Wessex, presented by Richard Pemberton, which provided an overview and update on several current studies and initiatives to develop and deliver improvements to passenger and freight services using the rail network in the South Hampshire area. The report identified potential linkages between the proposals and the strategic planning role which PfSH and its constituent authorities play.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the contents of this report.

**13. INTRODUCTION TO THE SOLENT TRANSPORT FUTURE TRANSPORT ZONE PROGRAMME**

The Joint Committee received a presentation from Richard Pemberton, on an introduction to the Solent Transport Future Transport Zone programme of work.

This presentation is appended to the Agenda for this meeting.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the contents of the presentation.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm  
and ended at 6.58pm).