



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

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 14 February 2022

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Councillor Seán Woodward, Fareham BC (Chairman)

Councillor Dan Fitzhenry, Southampton CC (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Ken Moon, East Hampshire DC
Graham Burgess, Gosport BC
Alex Rennie, Havant BC
Robert Humby, Hampshire CC
Diane Andrews, New Forest DC
Hugh Mason, Portsmouth CC
Neil Cutler, Winchester CC
Gordon Bailey, New Forest National Park

Chief Executives: Laura Taylor, Winchester CC
Claire Upton-Brown, New Forest DC
David Williams, Portsmouth CC & Gosport BC
Peter Grimwood, Fareham BC
David Hayward, Havant BC & East Hants DC
Graham Smith, Test Valley BC
Diccon Bright, Eastleigh BC
Richard Kenny, Hampshire CC

Co-opted Members: Paddy May, Partnership for South Hampshire
Richard Ivory, Solicitor

Also Present: Jonathan Evans, Southampton CC – Item 8
Simon Eden, Southern Policy Centre – Item 9
Deborah Whitfield, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust – Item 10
Simon Kennedy, PfSH Strategic Environmental Planning Officer –
Item 11

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from:

Councillor Keith House (Eastleigh BC), Gavin Parker (New Forest NPA) with Councillor Gordon Bailey deputising, Councillor Nick Adams-King (Test Valley BC), Stuart Jarvis (Hampshire CC) with Richard Kenny deputising, Andy Ferrier (Test Valley BC) with Graham Smith deputising, Kim Sawyer (Havant B& East Hants DC) with David Hayward deputising, Nick Tustian (Eastleigh BC) with Diccon Bright deputising, Kate Ryan (New Forest DC) with Claire Upton-Brown deputising and Alison Barnes (New Forest NPA).

Changes to the Joint Committee Membership:

Kim Sawyer has replaced Gill Kneller as the representative for Havant BC & East Hants DC and Kate Ryan is the new Chief Executive Officer at the New Forest DC replacing Bob Jackson.

2. MINUTES

Members of the Joint Committee were asked to note an amendment to the Previous Minutes as Robert Humby (Hampshire CC) was in fact not in attendance as the Minutes from the 25 October 2021 state.

RESOLVED that with the amendment made to remove Robert Humby (Hampshire CC) from the attendees list, the minutes of the PfSH Joint Committee meeting held on the 25 October 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

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. REFERENCES FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 02 February 2022

MINUTE ITEM 8 - GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an update in respect of the Greenprint for South Hampshire which updated members on the conclusions of workshops held with sector specialists over the autumn to develop the definitions of the five framework priorities and determine outcomes which will

help guide PfSH member local authorities and other partners in collaborating to achieve those priorities.

Members of the Committee suggested that the PfSH Joint Committee ask for more communication be undertaken in promotion of Greenprint as they felt that many local authorities were not aware of this project and the work that is being undertaken.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that the Joint Committee will be asked to:
 - i. NOTE the progress on developing the Greenprint for South Hampshire;
 - ii. CONFIRM that it is content with the expanded definitions of the five priorities (at Appendix 1);
 - iii. AGREE in principle the ten outcomes which are proposed as a basis for developing a PfSH-wide approach to a green recovery (at Appendix 3);
 - iv. AGREE that local authority officers and others from partner organisations work together to develop an action plan to achieve the agreed outcomes; and
- c) suggested that the PfSH Joint Committee ask for more communication be undertaken in promotion of Greenprint, and other PfSH work, as they felt that many local authorities were not aware of this project and the work that is being undertaken.

MINUTE ITEM 9 - SOLENT WADERS AND BRENT GOOSE STRATEGY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a summary report by Deborah Whitfield from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust which is seeking agreement to the continuation of PfSH support for the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy (SW&BGS) and commit to an annual contribution towards the cost of an officer post that will facilitate the delivery of that Strategy.

The Strategy aims to identify, conserve and enhance sites that functionally support the Special Protection Areas (SPAs) of the Solent sub-region, and advise on mitigation for unavoidable impacts. This proposal is aligned to, and complements, the work of the Bird Aware Solent and seeks to benefit local planning authorities by monitoring the impact of development on SPAs.

The Committee requested that the PfSH Joint Committee be informed of their support for the 14K funding contribution towards the creation of an officer post that will improve communications, access to mapping and data, and help with identifying suitable low-use site mitigation projects.

RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the content of this report;
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to:
 - (i) FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGE the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy 2020 and Mitigation Guidance 2018 (appendix A) as key reference documents for policy and decision making by PfSH and its partners as appropriate;
 - (ii) AGREE Solent Waders and Brent Goose Steering Group's request for annual PfSH funding of £14k. The funding will be a contribution to an officer post commencing April 2022 that will improve communications, access to mapping and data, and help with identifying suitable low-use site mitigation projects;
 - (iii) AGREE how the cost of a PfSH contribution to the SW&BGS officer role should be apportioned among the PfSH local authorities; and
- c) requested that the PfSH Joint Committee be informed of their support for the 14K funding contribution towards the creation of an officer post that will improve communications, access to mapping and data, and help with identifying suitable low-use site mitigation projects.

7. PFSH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report by the PfSH Coordinator, Paddy May, that covers issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report to be brought to the Committee for decision or for information.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTE the matters for information outlined in part B of this report.

8. PFSH BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22 AND PROPOSED BUDGET 2022/23

The Joint Committee received the PfSH Budget Report 2022/23 from Jonathan Evans (Southampton CC).

The Joint Committee considered the comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at item 6.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

- a) NOTE the budget monitoring position for 2021/22, as set out in the report
- b) NOTE that the forecast outturn from the 2021/22 budgets is provisional and may be subject to change in the final outturn budget report.

- c) APPROVE the proposed revenue budget for 2022/23, as set out in the report; and
- d) APPROVE the partner contributions for 2022/23 as shown on table 5.

9. GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE: UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a report from Simon Eden (Southern Policy Centre) outlining the outcomes of the stakeholder workshops and progress towards development of an action plan for the Greenprint for South Hampshire.

The Joint Committee considered the comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at item 6.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

- a) NOTE the progress on developing the Greenprint for South Hampshire;
- b) CONFIRMED that it is content with the expanded definitions of the five priorities (at **Appendix 1**);
- c) AGREED in principle the ten outcomes which we propose as a basis for developing a PfSH-wide approach to a green recovery (at **Appendix 3**); and
- d) AGREED that Council Officers and others from partner organisations (such as the Solent LEP, Natural England and Solent Transport) work together to develop an action plan to achieve the agreed outcomes.

10. SOLENT WADERS AND BRENT GOOSE STRATEGY

The Joint Committee received a report from Deborah Whitfield from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust requesting support, mitigation guidance and funding.

The Chairman suggested that the investigations are made into the synergies between the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy and Bird Aware Solent as, if deep enough, joint working could be advantageous. The Joint Committee noted that if the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy can be delivered by Bird Aware this could reduce the amount of funding required in the future.

The New Forest National Park authority highlighted that the report makes clear that their contribution cannot yet be confirmed and that they have reservations about the funding formula. The Chairman stated that the formula was based on the proportion of sites within each planning authority.

RESOLVED that Joint Committee:-

- a) FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGED the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy 2020 and Mitigation Guidance 2018 (**Appendix A**) as key reference documents for policy and decision-making by PfSH and its partners as appropriate;
- b) AGREED the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Steering Group's request for annual PfSH funding of £14k. The funding will be a contribution to an officer post (commencing in April 2022) that will improve communications, access to mapping and data, and help with identifying suitable low-use site mitigation projects;
- c) AGREED that costs be met by LPAs by way of each contributing a proportion based on the sites that fall within each LPA boundary; and
- d) AGREED that investigations are made into the synergies between the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy and Bird Aware Solent.

11. UPDATE ON NUTRIENT NEUTRALITY IN THE SOLENT

The Joint Committee received a report from Simon Kennedy, PfSH Strategic Environmental Planning Officer.

RESOLVED that Joint Committee NOTE the contents of this update.

12. THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE CULTURE, CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT PANEL

The Joint Committee received a report outlining options for the future operation of the culture, creative, industries and built environmental panel from Charles Freeman.

The Chairman, on behalf of PfSH, thanked Charles Freeman for all his work since the creation of the culture, creative, industries and built environmental panel in 2006.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

- a) AGREED the outline approach presented by Southern Policy Centre at **Annex A**. Annex A sets out how support for the Culture, Creative Industries and Built may be determined. Final details of the proposal to then be agreed between Southern Policy Centre and the lead PfSH Co-ordinator; and
- b) AGREED to proceed with its support for Creative Network South on the basis of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce continuing as host, and until a decision is made on how future support for culture, creative industries and built environment work is managed.

13. PFSH MEETING SCHEDULE 2022-2023

The Joint Committee received the schedule of meetings for the 2022/23 municipal year for both the PfSH Joint Committee and the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Joint Committee were asked to note an error on the recommendation in the report as it reads – it is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Approves, when this in fact should read – It is recommended that the Joint Committee Approves.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee APPROVED the dates on the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2022/23, attached at Appendix A.

(The meeting started at 18:00
and ended at 18:49).