

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

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 27 September 2022

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Councillor Seán Woodward, Fareham BC (Chairman)

Councillors: Eamonn Keogh, Southampton CC
Keith House, Eastleigh BC
Stephen Philpott, Hampshire CC
Diane Andrews, New Forest DC
Nick Adams-King, Test Valley BC
Martin Tod, Winchester CC
Elizabeth Lloyd, Havant BC
Gordon Bailey, New Forest NPA

Chief Executives: James Strachan, Eastleigh BC
Richard Jolley, Fareham BC
Jayson Grygiel, Gosport BC
Kate Ryan, New Forest DC
Mike Harris, Southampton CC
David Hayward, Havant BC
Graham Smith, Test Valley BC
Dawn Adey, Winchester CC

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

Also Present: Richard Ivory, Monitoring Officer
Anna Parry - Item 8
Charles Freeman – Item 9
Simon Eden – Item 9 & 10
Kristina Downey – Item 10
Karolina Zarzyczny – Item 10
Simon Kennedy - Item 11 & 12

Sandra Norval - Item 12
Joff Edevane - Item 12
Graham Horton – Item 12
Catherine Fuller – Item 12

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from:

Councillor Satvir Kaur (Southampton CC) with Councillor Eamonn Keogh deputising, Councillor Ken Moon (East Hants DC), Councillor Peter Chegwyn (Gosport BC), Councillor Alex Rennie (Havant BC) with Councillor Elizabeth Lloyd deputising, Gavin Parker (New Forest NPA) with Councillor Gordon Bailey deputising. Alison Barnes (New Forest NP), Peter Grimwood (Fareham BC) with Richard Jolley deputising, Carolyn Williamson (Hampshire CC), David Williams (Portsmouth CC & Gosport BC) with Jayson Grygiel (Gosport BC) & Paddy May (Portsmouth CC) deputising and Kim Sawyer (Havant BC) with David Hayward deputising, Andy Ferrier (Test Valley BC) with Graham Smith deputising and Laura Taylor (Winchester City Council) with Dawn Adey deputising.

There were no changes to the Joint Committee Membership.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PFSH Joint Committee meeting held on the 05 July 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made no announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests made at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no declarations of interests made at the meeting.

6. REFERENCES FROM THE PFSH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Joint Committee considered the references from the PFSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 21 September 2022.

MINUTE ITEM 8 - CULTURE, CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Panel received a report by Charles Freeman, Co-ordinator for the Culture, Creative Industries Built Environment Themed Panel, which provided an update on the progress on work to Commission the Southern Policy Centre to facilitate a series of workshops designed to identify future ways of working in relation to culture and creative industries in the central south area and fund the delivery of the 2022 Solent Quality Place awards.

Members expressed views as to whether PfSH (including the Joint Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee) was provided with enough information to enable them to understand the achievements and the wider benefits to economy and the region from the work that PfSH did on Culture, Creative Industries and the Built Environment. During discussion relating to appendix 1, Members noted the reference to the 'Solent strip' and shared their concerns that the current PfSH geography may not be quite right for this work and maybe should encompass a wider geographical area such as the Solent Strip or the whole of Hampshire.

RESOLVED that Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to AGREE that the Southern Policy Centre is invited to run a seminar with Partnership for South Hampshire representatives and appropriate others (for example the Solent LEP) to discuss the findings from the June and July workshops and agree a way forward;
- c) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE that, following the two workshops undertaken over the summer, Creative Network South and Southern Policy Centre are running three follow up sessions;
- d) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the progress and timetable for the 2022 Solent Quality Place Awards; and
- e) ASKED the Joint Committee to note their comments in respect of:
 - i. gaining a greater understanding of what the work is achieving and the benefits to the economy and the area; and
 - ii. whether the work should be undertaken on a broader geographical area.

7. PFSH MANAGERS REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report from Paddy May, PfSH Co-ordinator, on issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report in their own right.

Members enquired as to whether the re-joining of the Isle of Wight Council to the PfSH Joint Committee would affect the progress of the Statement of Common Ground. The Chairman confirmed that the IoW re-joining would not impact on the existing work programmes.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

- a) welcomes the interest from Isle of Wight Council to explore re-joining the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH);
- b) AGREES that discussions should continue to take place that explore Isle of Wight Council's options for re-joining the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH);
- c) AGREES that the PfSH Coordinator be given delegated authority to agree any formal terms for the Isle of Wight's membership of PfSH - which will be undertaken after consultation with the Monitoring Officer and the Chairman;
- d) AGREES that the terms of any proposed formal agreement reached between Isle of Wight Council and PfSH on its membership be put to Joint Committee members for final decision;
- e) AGREES that, should members of Joint Committee agree to the Isle of Wight's membership of PfSH, the Monitoring Officer will draft an addendum to the [PfSH Joint Agreement 2021](#) to reflect the changes;
- f) AGREES that, until such time as Isle of Wight Council's membership of PfSH be ratified, its leader and chief executive be invited to PfSH meetings (including Joint Committee as a non-voting member); and
- g) NOTES the matters for information outlined in part B of this report.

8. BIRD AWARE (SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP) ANNUAL REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report by Anna Parry from Bird Aware Solent which asked the Joint Committee to consider the Bird Aware Solent Annual Report.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES and ENDORSES the Bird Aware (Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's) eighth Annual Report.

9. FUTURE OF CULTURE, CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Joint Committee received a report from Charles Freeman, Co-ordinator for the Culture, Creative Industries Built Environment Themed Panel and Simon Eden, Southern Policy Centre, which outlined recommendations for the future

operation of PfSH's culture, creative industries and built environment strands of work.

The Chairman draw Members attention to item 6 – References from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Members of the Joint Committee agreed that the third seminar would be a good opportunity to investigate opportunities to widen the geographical area of the work relating to culture and creative industries. Following a question from the Chairman, Simon Eden confirmed that this third seminar would be funded through existing budgets. Both Charles Freeman and Simon Eden agreed that this approach would be taken forward as a topic for discussion and fed back to the Joint Committee.

RESOLVED that Joint Committee:-

- a) AGREES that the Southern Policy Centre is invited to run a seminar with Partnership for South Hampshire representatives and appropriate others (for example the Solent LEP) to discuss the findings from the June and July workshops and agree a way forward;
- b) NOTES that, following the two workshops undertaken over the summer, Creative Network South and Southern Policy Centre are running three follow up sessions; and
- c) NOTES the progress and timetable for the 2022 Solent Quality Place Awards.

10. GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE

The Joint Committee received a report and supporting presentation from Simon Eden from the Southern Policy Centre & Green Halo Partnership, Karolina Zarzyczny from the University of Southampton and Kristina Downey from Portsmouth City Council. The report set out the outcomes of the 'communities of practice' workshops and emerging recommendations for future activity.

The presentation provided details to the Joint Committee of the Portsmouth City Council Greenprint Pilot being developed which will allow officers from Portsmouth CC to report how they are faring in delivering against the five Greenprint priorities.

A copy of the presentation will be published alongside these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the progress to date on developing the Greenprint framework, in particular, the approach being taken to developing action plans for realising agreed priorities.

11. NUTRIENT MITIGATION

The Joint Committee received a report from Simon Kennedy, PfSH Strategic Environmental Planning Manager, providing a general update on nutrient neutrality for PfSH authorities.

RESOLVED that Joint Committee NOTES the contents of this report.

12. NUTRIENT MITIGATION - DISCUSSION ITEM

At the invitation of the Chairman, Simon Kennedy PfSH Strategic Environmental Planning Manager, Sandra Norval and Joff Edevane from Southern Water, Graham Horton from Natural England and Charlotte Lines and Catherine Fuller from Environment Agency, addressed the Joint Committee to provide details on the progress that their organisations are making in tackling both the nitrate and phosphates issues across the region.

Sandra Norval from Southern Water began by providing a detailed presentation outlining the processes the Future Growth team at Southern Water carry out to establish growth projects. Joff Edevane then provided details on the nutrient technically achievable limits, including details on the capital costs for achieving these limits.

A copy of the presentation will be published alongside these Minutes.

Catherine Fuller from the Environment Agency (EA) followed the presentation by providing details of the work that the EA is doing to regulate Southern Water, highlighting to Members their role in regulating the Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW). Catherine went on to explain that all WWTWs have a permit, but the type of permits varies depending on a number of factors, such as location, environment, population etc.

Graham Horton from Natural England reassured Members that there is no intention at this stage to implement any further change in relevant policies that might impact on development in the PfSH area, but he did advise that the more Natural England learns about the environment, the more problems that are uncovered. Natural England will continue to work constructively with authorities should any further relevant environmental policies be implemented in the future.

(The meeting started at 18:00
and ended at 19:41).