



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

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 11 July 2023

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Seán Woodward, Fareham BC (Chairman)

Councillor Lorna Feilker, Southampton CC (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Ian Corben, Eastleigh BC
Stephen Philpott, Hampshire CC
Neil Bowdell, Havant BC
Derek Tipp, New Forest DC
Hugh Mason, Portsmouth CC
Nick Adams-King, Test Valley BC
Martin Tod, Winchester CC

Chief Executives: James Strachan, Eastleigh BC
Andrew Wannell, Fareham BC
David Williams, Portsmouth CC & Gosport BC
Gary Westbrook, Hampshire CC
Alex Robinson, Havant BC
Tim Guymer, New Forest DC
Alison Barnes, New Forest NP
Mike Harris, Southampton CC
Graham Smith, Test Valley BC
Laura Taylor, Winchester CC

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

Also

Present:

Jonathan Evans, Southampton CC – Item 11
Deborah Whitfeild, HIWWT – Item 12
Simon Kennedy, Fareham FBC – Item 13

Richard Ivory – Solicitor

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Having been duly proposed and seconded, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Seán Woodward from Fareham BC be elected as Chairman for the 2023/24 municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Having been duly proposed and seconded, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Lorna Fielker from Southampton CC be elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2023/24 municipal year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from:

Councillor Alex Rennie and Steve Jorden (Havant BC) with Councillor Neil Bowdell and Alex Robinson deputising, Councillor Keith House (Eastleigh BC) with Councillor Ian Corben deputising, Councillor Robert Mocatta and Adam Harvey (East Hants DC), Councillor Robert Hylands (Gosport BC) and Gavin Parker from the New Forest NPA.

The Chairman welcomed the new Members to the Committee:

Councillor Hugh Mason from Portsmouth CC, Councillor, Derek Tipp from New Forest DC and Councillor Robert Mocatta from East Hants DC.

Andy Wannell was introduced to the Committee as the newly appointed Chief Executive for Fareham BC, replacing Peter Grimwood.

The Joint Committee were asked to note the following co-opted Members for the 2023/24 municipal year as follows:

Paddy May from PfSH, Richard Jones from the Solent LEP and Charlotte Lines from the Environment Agency.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PfSH Joint Committee meeting held on the 04 April 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made no announcements at the meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received at the meeting.

7. REFERENCES FROM THE PFSH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no references from the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Joint Committee to consider.

8. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received at the meeting.

9. PFSH STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND UPDATES AND REVISIONS

This item was deferred until a future meeting of the Joint Committee.

10. PFSH MANAGERS REPORT

The Joint Committee received the PfSH Co-ordinator's report from Paddy May, which provided an opportunity for issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report in their own right, to be brought to the attention of the Joint Committee for decision or for information.

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

11. PFSH STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Joint Committee received a report from Johnathan Evans, Southampton CC which summarises the outturn against the budget for the financial year 2022/23 and Statement of Accounts 2022/23 for approval. The report also updates the revenue budgets for 2023/24 based on the outturn position and approvals at the previous Joint Committee meeting in April 2023.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

- a) NOTES the outturn for the financial year 2022/23 (Table 2);
- b) APPROVES the Statement of Accounts for the 2022/23 financial year and the Annual Governance Statement (Appendix 1); and
- c) NOTES the revenue budget for 2023/24 as set out in the report (Table 4).

12. SOLENT WADERS AND BRENT GOOSE STRATEGY

The Joint Committee received a report from Deborah Whitfield Senior Nature-Based Solutions Manager, Hampshire and Isle of Wildlife Trust which provided an update on the progress of the elements of the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy funded by the PfSH local planning authorities.

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

13. LOCAL NUTRIENT MITIGATION FUND

The Joint Committee received a report from Simon Kennedy, PfSH Strategic Environmental Planning Manager which sets out the proposed use of potential funding for the purposes of nutrient mitigation.

Members of the Committee discussed various areas across the region that would benefit from the proposed projects and asked that these be divided across the PfSH region. A question was raised about the proposed projects in the Winchester area, asking if these are within the PfSH boundary. Simon Kennedy advised that the phosphate issue impacting the Winchester area needs addressing as they have an immediate problem effecting their catchments.

Alison Barnes from the New Forest NPA requested that priority be given to the west of the region as there are areas in desperate need of water quality improvement measures. The Chairman addressed the Committee to explain that careful consideration will be given to prioritising projects moving forward, should the funding be provided, but also highlighted to the Committee that any improvement the water quality around the Solent will have a positive impact on the Solent as a whole.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

- a) NOTES the content of this report;
- b) AGREES the outline approach for use of the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund should funding become available;
- c) APPROVES implementation of the following projects on receipt of funding
 - i. Water efficiency project,
 - ii. Small wastewater treatment works and septic tank upgrade project; and
- d) AGREES that a further report come back to the Joint Committee about the proposed governance needed for delivery of any project not listed in Recommendation c).

At the end of the meeting the Chairman addressed the Committee to make a special announcement – David Williams from Portsmouth CC will be retiring in September. On behalf of the Committee the Chairman thanked David for his support of the years and for all that he has done as the PfSH Chief Executive for PfSH. James Strachan from Eastleigh BC will be replacing David as the Lead Chief Executive. In response David Williams addressed the Committee asking that PfSH Members keep collaborating on creative and innovative projects and stressed the importance of working together to strengthen the partnership for the future.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.28 pm).