



## Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 29 November 2023  
**Report of:** Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator  
**Subject:** PFSH CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

### SUMMARY

The Co-ordinator's report provides 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. The report is divided into Parts A and B accordingly.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to AGREE that the number of Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings be reduced from five meetings to four meetings each municipal year, as set out at **appendix A** of this report. If this recommendation is not agreed, the existing 5 meeting schedule is attached at **appendix B**.
- c) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the matters for information outlined in part B of this report.
- d) CONSIDER any comments to be passed to Joint Committee for its consideration.

PLEASE NOTE this report is a draft version of the PfSH Joint Committee report and is subject to change before being considered by the PfSH Joint Committee. The final report will be published ahead of the PfSH Joint Committee.

## PART A: MATTERS FOR DECISION

### 1. **Schedule of PfSH Joint Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meetings for the 2024/25 Municipal Year**

- 1.1 The Schedule of Meetings for the PfSH Joint Committee and PfSH Overview and Scrutiny meetings for 2024/25 has been prepared. In a change from previous years, members of the Joint Committee are asked to consider reducing the current PfSH meeting schedule from five meetings each municipal year, to four.
- 1.2 Each year at least one meeting is cancelled primarily due to the schedule not always complementing the reporting of PfSH Business. It is hoped that the suggested change, from five meetings to four, will allow a more timely approach to reporting and avoiding the extra administration that results from moving or cancelling meetings. Attached at **appendices A and B** are the schedules outlining both four and five meetings for the municipal year for members to consider - and Joint Committee is being asked to agree to move to a four-meeting cycle. If this is not agreed by Joint Committee the five meeting schedule attached at Appendix B will be retained. The Joint Committee decision will impact on the meeting schedule for Overview & Scrutiny too.

## PART B: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

### 2. **Support for the Creative and Cultural Industries**

#### Film Agency – Feasibility Study

- 2.1 On 22 September, Creative Network South hosted a second screen sector workshop, with a view to building support to establish a screen agency to serve the south Hampshire/Solent area. The role of the agency would be to promote locations in the area and develop pathways to employment in the screen industry. A highlight of the workshop was the presentation of the findings of the 'Unleashing Economic Potential Report' by Ajay Parekh and Roy Hanney - which identified the benefits of a screen agency to include ; direct investment in the area by production companies, secondary spend on local services, job creation, graduate retention and enhanced tourist appeal. Presentations were also received from the British Film Institute and screen agencies in Surrey and Sussex. Full details of the workshop are available on the creative network south website <https://www.creativenetworksouth.co.uk/news/>.

Following the workshop funding has been agreed to commission a feasibility study which will explore options to establish a screen agency to serve the area. The funding partners are Solent LEP, Fareham Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, and Creative Network South. It is expected that the study will report early in 2024.

## Solent Culture Plan

2.2 Charles Freeman (lead officer for the PfSH culture creative industries and built environment strand of work) has met with the team commissioned by Solent LEP to develop the Solent Culture Plan - and will attend the consultation workshop planned for 7 December. This work has drawn on research undertaken by Creative Network South, including the culture and creative economy report which PfSH commissioned the southern policy centre to develop in 2022.

### **3. Strategic Recreation and Mitigation Partnership (Bird Aware Solent ) Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).**

3.1 The indicators below cover the period 1 August to the end of September 2023.

3.2 The Rangers do not conduct site visits during this period, and use this time to develop other workstreams such as codes of conduct, signage and educational resources. They also undertake the recruitment of the seasonal rangers for the following winter. They continue to conduct events and have delivered 15 events and interacted with 2092 people. During the same period, the Campaigns and Engagement Officer continued to encourage traffic to the website, run promotional campaigns and to grow our social media presence as follows:

- Bird Aware Solent website achieved 7.8k pageviews within 3.9k sessions. This compares with 4.25k pageviews and 1.4k sessions in the same period in the previous year, and shows an increase of 84% and 179% respectively.
- Our Events pages were the most popular, with 1.4k visits -the Great Coastal Birdwatch pages achieved 630 visits and the Watersports with Wildlife page achieved 460 visits.
- Online promotional campaigns included: the last few weeks of the Watersports with Wildlife promotion at the start of August; and the start of the Great Coastal Birdwatch promotion at the end of September. At time of writing (17 October) the Great Coastal Birdwatch campaign has achieved 1.7k clicks.
- The sixth Bird Aware e-newsletter was sent to 1.31k subscribers in September, with an opening rate of 65% and a 'click-to-open' rate of 44% - that is, almost half of those who opened the newsletter, clicked on a link to our website to read more.
- During this two-month period we published [six blog posts](#), two press releases plus monthly radio interviews with Express FM.

## 4. PfSH Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

- 4.1 Members will be aware that in 2020, at the request of member local authorities, PfSH commissioned the preparation of an updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the PfSH region. An SFRA forms part of the evidence base for a local plan and collates information on all known sources of flooding that may affect existing or future development. Planning officials considered that a complete refresh of the existing SFRA was needed to assist in the review and preparation of PfSH Authorities local plans, in compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework. The current SFRA for the PfSH area was completed in 2007, with subsequent interim updates and reviews in 2012 and 2016. As such, the document and mapping are now out of date - if taking account of legislation and policy changes, as well as updates to evidence, modelling and mapping of flood risk. AECOM has been commissioned to undertake the work to deliver an updated joint SFRA.
- 4.2 As has been previously reported to Joint Committee (July 2023), progress has been slowed because of updates to government planning practice guidance for flood risk assessment in August 2022. This has meant that the parameters of some modelling work had to be expanded from that originally anticipated.
- 4.3 Level 1 SFRAs have been completed and issued to Portsmouth, Gosport, Test Valley and Winchester local authorities (a Level 1 SFRA provides a robust appraisal of the extent and nature of flood risk from all sources of flooding, now, and in the future). In addition, final draft Level 1 SFRAs have been issued to Eastleigh, Fareham, New Forest, New Forest National Park Authority and Southampton. These are awaiting final internal sign-off by the respective local authorities - after which these assessments too, will be completed. A final draft Level 1 SFRA has also been issued to Havant Borough Council but, at the request of planning officials, has been put on hold until the outcome of separate Hayling Island Coastal Strategy modelling has been completed.
- 4.4 Portsmouth, Gosport and Havant have requested further Level 2 strategic flood risk assessments. Level 2 strategic flood risk assessments provide a more detailed investigation of flood risk at proposed local plan allocations - where at least some of the land is identified as being located in Flood Zones 2 and 3. (Flood zones 2 and 3 are those considered as having a medium and high probability of flooding respectively)<sup>1</sup>. These Level 2 assessments are progressing well with final draft reports having been issued to Portsmouth and Gosport. Work on the Level 2 Assessment for Havant has been put on hold, at the request of planning officials, for the same reason outlined in paragraph 3.3.

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<sup>1</sup> An annual probability of river flooding between 1.0% and 0.1% and annual probability of sea flooding between 0.5% and 0.1% for Flood Zone 2. Areas within flood zone 3 have been shown to be at a 1% or greater annual probability of river flooding or 0.5% or greater annual probability of flooding from the sea).

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**Background Papers:** None

**Reference Papers:** None

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# 4 MEETINGS A YEAR PFSH SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2024/25

	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	
Mon			1										Mon
Tues			2	PfSH JC									Tues
Wed	1		3										Wed
Thurs	2		4	1									Thurs
Friday	3		5	2									Friday
Sat	4	1	6	3									Sat
Sun	5	2	7	4	1								Sun
Mon	6	Bank holiday	8	5	2								Mon
Tues	7		9	6	3								Tues
Wed	8		10	7	4								Wed
Thurs	9		11	8	5								Thurs
Friday	10		12	9	6								Friday
Sat	11		13	10	7								Sat
Sun	12		14	11	8								Sun
Mon	13		15	12	9								Mon
Tues	14		16	13	10								Tues
Wed	15		17	14	11								Wed
Thurs	16		18	15	12								Thurs
Friday	17		19	16	13								Friday
Sat	18		20	17	14								Sat
Sun	19		21	18	15								Sun
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Tues	21		23	20	17								Tues
Wed	22		24	21	18								Wed
Thurs	23		25	22	19								Thurs
Friday	24		26	23	20								Friday
Sat	25		27	24	21								Sat
Sun	26		28	25	22								Sun
Mon	27		29	26	Bank holiday	23							Mon
Tues	28		30	27	24	29							Tues
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Thurs	30				29	26		31					Thurs
Friday	31				30	27							Friday
Sat					31	28							Sat
Sun						29							Sun
Mon						30							Mon
Tues													Tues
Weds													Weds
Thurs													Thurs
Friday													Friday

KEY to abbreviations:	PfSH JC = PfSH Joint Committee (X4)
	PfSH O&S = PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee (X4) – Daytime meeting
	School holidays





# 5 MEETINGS A YEAR PFSH SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2024/25

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Friday	24	21	26	23	20	25	22	20	24	21	21	25	Friday
Sat	25	22	27	24	21	26	23	21	25	22	22	26	Sat
Sun	26	23	28	25	22	27	24	22	26	23	23	27	Sun
Mon	27	24	29	26	Bank holiday	23	25	23	27	24	24	28	Mon
Tues	28	25 PFSH JC	30	27	24 PFSH JC	29	26	24	28	25	25	29	Tues
Wed	29	26	31	28	25	30	27	25	Bank Holiday	29 PFSH JC	26	30	Wed
Thurs	30	27		29	26		28	26	Bank Holiday	30	27		Thurs
Friday	31	28		30	27		29	27	Closed	31	28		Friday
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