



Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 29 November 2023

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Chairman Councillor Allan Glass, New Forest DC (Chairman)

Vice-Chairman Councillor Peter Latham, Hampshire CC (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor David Evans, East hants DC
Councillor Martin Pepper, Gosport BC
Councillor James Batho, Winchester CC

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

Also Present: Mike Allgrove, PfSH Consultatant

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors S Achwal from Winchester CC with Councillor J Batho deputising, Councillor R Kennett from Havant BC, Councillor N Gwynne from Test Valley BC, Councillor M Daniells from Fareham BC and Councillor M Valley from Portsmouth CC.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 20 September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made no announcements at the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at the meeting.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PFSH JOINT COMMITTEE

Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator addressed the Committee to advise that the Overview and Scrutiny comments raised at the last meeting, with regards to Greenprint for South Hampshire trials were considered by the Joint Committee at their last meeting held on the 26 September 2023.

7. PFSH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Committee received the PfSH Co-ordinator's report which 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.

Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator, presented the contents of the report to the Committee. It was highlighted to Members that at paragraph 4.3 of the report, the final draft level 1 SFRA's hasn't yet been issued to the New Forest as stated.

Members discussed the proposed change to the PfSH meeting schedule to reduce the meetings from five to four each municipal year, the Committee agreed to support the proposed change to reduce the schedule to 4 meetings as set out in appendix A of the report.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of the report;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to AGREE that the number of PfSH 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; and
- d) support with the proposal set out at b) to reduce the PfSH schedule of meetings to four meetings each municipal year.

8. PFSH STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

The Committee received a report from Mike Allgrove, PfSH Consultant, which sets out the proposed PfSH Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), Broad Areas of Search for Growth Assessment evidence base document to be noted by the PfSH authorities.

Mike Allgrove presented the report to the Committee and ran through each of the maps within the SoCG. I was explained to the Committee how this evidence had been collated to aid the development of the PfSH Spatial Position Statement which is to be considered at item 9 on the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the content of the Broad Areas of Search for Growth Assessments document, attached at appendix 1 to this report, and that it will be published on the PfSH website; and
- c) considered any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.

9. PFSH SPATIAL POSITION STATEMENT

The Committee received a report from Mike Allgrove, PfSH Consultant, which sets out the proposed Spatial Position Statement (SPS) to be agreed by the PfSH authorities.

Mike Allgrove addressed the Committee to advise that since the publication of the Overview and Scrutiny agenda, a few, minor changes to grammar and terminology have been made to the SPS document. These changes had been made prior to the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

Members of the Committee discussed the SPS at length with a focus around the housing figures and how they are presented within the document. Members suggested the way this information is presented be considered including the way the document is ordered. Mike Allgrove explained to the Committee that although the information contained within the Delivering Housing Growth Section is important it is not deemed to be any more significant within the SPS. The document is to be used as a guide to all local planning authorities within the PfSH sub-region, all of which have different areas of focus.

The Chairman concluded by offering thanks to Mike Allgrove for his work in producing the updated SPS which will undoubtedly be a useful document to the PfSH Local Authorities in developing their Local Plans.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to APPROVE the content of the Spatial Position Statement, attached at appendix 1 to this report, and NOTES that it will replace the 2016 Spatial Position Statement; and
- c) considered any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.

(The meeting started at 10.30 am
and ended at 11.32 am).