



Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 7 March 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Chairman Councillor Allan Glass (Chairman)

Vice-Chairman Councillor Peter Latham (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Sudhakar Achwal, Winchester City Council

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

Also Present: Jonathan Evans, Southampton CC – Item 8
Anna Parry, Bird Aware – Item 9
Simon Kennedy, Fareham BC – Item 10

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

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor, David Evans from East Hants DC, Malcolm Daniells from Fareham BC, Martin Perpper from Gosport BC, Richard Kennett from Havant BC, Mary Valley from Portsmouth CC, Dan Fitzhenry from Southampton CC and Neil Gwynne from Test Valley BC.

There were no changes to the Membership of the Committee.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 29 November 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 at the last meeting of the Committee Members expressed their support to reduce the PfSH meeting schedule from 5 meetings each municipal year to 4. The comments were considered by the Joint Committee and the reduction in meetings for both the Joint Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee was agreed.

7. PFSH MANAGERS 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.

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 matters for information outlined in part B of this report;
- c) CONSIDERED any comments to be passed to Joint Committee for its consideration.

8. PFSH BUDGET REVIEW

The Committee received a reporting providing an update on the position against the approved budget for 2023/24 and setting out the proposed revenue budget for 2024/25 including the annual partnership contributions from members.

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 budget monitoring position for 2023/24, as set out in the report;
 - ii. NOTE that the forecast outturn from the 2023/24 budgets is provisional and may be subject to change in the final outturn budget report;
 - iii. APPROVE the proposed revenue budget for 2024/25, as set out in the report;
 - iv. APPROVE the partner contributions for 2024/25 as shown on table 4; and
- c) CONSIDERED any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for its consideration.

9. BIRD AWARE SOLENT BUDGET REQUEST

The Committee received a report to that will seek approval for the Bird Aware 2024/25 budget request - a matter that is considered annually by the PFSH Joint Committee.

Members enquired about the overall performance of Bird Aware Solent and how this is reviewed and monitored, to allow stakeholders to gain assurances that the service is providing value for money. Anna Parry from Bird Aware Solent explained that key indicators are included in the Coordinator's Report and that an annual report is considered by the Joint Committee, and reported to Overview and Scrutiny as well, which summarises the activities and performance. It was agreed that the link to the last report published would be circulated to Members of the Committee with these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE and ENDORSE the Bird Aware Partnership's proposed budget for 2024/25; and
- c) CONSIDERED any comments to be passed to Joint Committee for its consideration.

10. NUTRIENT MITIGATION

The Committee received a report providing an update on the supply and demand of nutrient mitigation around the Solent.

The Chairman asked in future if the details surrounding the new development in Marchwood could be included within the report, to highlight that this project has secured onsite mitigation with the creation of a nature reserve.

Members of the Committee raised concerns over detail provided in the report suggesting that the availability of sites to provide mitigation for the future is a challenge, as this could pose problems for developments moving forward.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that the Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the contents of this report; and
- c) ask that the Joint Committee consider their comments with regards to concerns over available land coming forward for mitigation.

11. SUPPORT FOR CREATIVE NETWORK SOUTH

The Committee received a report proposing that the PfSH Joint Committee support the Creative Network South (CNS) in 2024/25 in order to provide continuity to the creative sector.

Members of the Committee suggested the Joint Committee request that more evidence be provided on the work being undertaken by the CNS as the report, on this occasion does not provide enough detail on the activities and outcomes of the CNS. Members noted that similar activities were reported previously with no evidence provided of progress being made or results.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTES the contents of this report;
- b) NOTES that the Joint Committee will be asked to AGREE that the Partnership for South Hampshire continues to support Creative Network South in financial year 2024/25, by allocating a budget of £15k to fund the work of the network and its coordination; and
- c) ask that the Joint Committee consider requesting more detailed reporting from the CNS, particularly when considering the allocation of funds from the PfSH budget.

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

