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

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 10 December 2024

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Chair Councillor Keith House, Eastleigh BC (Chair)

Vice Chair Councillor Simon Letts, Southampton CC (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Robert Hylands, Gosport BC
Councillor Lulu Bowerman, Hampshire CC
Councillor Philippa Gray, Havant BC
Councillor Derek Tipp, New Forest DC
Councillor Phillip Bundy, Test Valley BC
Councillor Martin Tod, Winchester CC

Chief Executives: James Strachan, Eastleigh BC
Richard Jolley, Fareham BC
Debbie Gore, Gosport BC
David Hayward, Havant BC
Tim Guymer, New Forest DC
Alison Barnes, New Forest NP
Pete Boustred, Southampton CC
Graham Smith, Test Valley BC
Laura Taylor, Winchester CC

Co-opted Members: Paddy May, PfSH Coordinator (also representing Natalie Brahma-Pearl Chief Executive for Portsmouth)

***Also Present*:** Anna Parry (item 8)
Simon Kennedy (item 9)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies of absence were received from -

Apologies from:	Deputy	Council/Organisation:
Cllr Nick Adams King	Cllr Phillip Bundy	Test Valley BC
Cllr Steven Pitt	n/a	Portsmouth CC
Cllr Chris Hatter	n/a	East Hants DC
Cllr Simon Martin	n/a	Fareham BC
Cllr Stephen Philpott	Cllr Lulu Bowerman	Hampshire CC
David Bence	n/a	New Forest NPA
Andrea Travers	Pete Boustred	Southampton CC
Andy Wannell	Richard Jolley	Fareham BC
Steve Jorden	David Hayward	Havant BC
Andy Ferrier	Graham Smith	Test Valley BC
Gary Westbrook	n/a	Hampshire CC
Natalie Brahma-Pearl	Paddy May	Portsmouth CC

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PfSH Joint Committee meeting held on the 25 September be confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement -

I would like to pass on the good news on behalf of Simon Kennedy and his team, that the Inter Authority Agreement has been signed by all those authorities who have opted into the scheme and credits can now start to be sold. Simon, who has been an integral part of securing this mitigation solution, is leaving the Partnership later this month and I would like to congratulate Simon on behalf of the PfSH Members for what he has achieved and thank him for assisting us in unlocking housebuilding for the PfSH region.

Secondly, I would like to draw members attention to the Governments white paper that is due to be published next week and suggest that an informal session of PfSH Members be arranged in the New Year to allow discussions to take place on the key points, as they relate to functions rather than structures, that emerge from the paper.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. REFERENCES FROM THE PFSH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no items for the Joint Committee to consider from the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 04 December 2024.

6. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at this meeting.

7. PFSH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

The 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.

The Committee were asked to consider the tabled amendment to the schedule of meetings that had been circulated before the meeting where the 15 December meeting has been moved to the 09 December 2025 –

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Location: 10:30hrs Fareham Borough Council Offices	Joint Committee Location: 18:00hrs Fareham Borough Council Offices
2 July 2025	14 July 2025
17 September 2025	29 September 2025
3 December 2025	~~15 December 2025~~ 09 December 2025
4 March 2026	16 March 2026

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

i) AGREED the schedule of PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Joint Committee meetings for the period 2025/26 with the tabled amendment moving the 15 December meeting to the 09 December 2025; and

ii) NOTES the matters for information in part B of this report.

8. BIRD AWARE SOLENT BUDGET REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/26

The Committee received a report from Anna Parry from Bird Aware seeking approval from the Joint Committee for the Bird Aware 2025/26 budget request.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee is asked to NOTE and ENDORSE the Bird Aware Partnership's proposed budget for 2025/26.

9. DEPLOYMENT OF THE LOCAL NUTRIENT MITIGATION FUND

The Committee received a report from Simon Kennedy, PfSH Strategic Environmental Planning Manager, providing an update on the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund (LNMF) capital programme as agreed at the last Joint Committee.

Simon took the opportunity to thank Members for their support over the years and highlighted the importance and uniqueness of the Partnership in implementing a nitrate mitigation solution ahead of other effected authorities, which all members agreed, is something all those involved should be very proud of.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

i) NOTES the update on projects within the LNMF capital programme, as well as the successful bid into round two of the LNMF;

ii) AGREED the revised capital programme; and

iii) AGREED the authorities benefiting from the waste-water treatment plant upgrades.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.27 pm).