Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 4 December 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Chair Councillor Allan Glass, New Forest DC (Chair)

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

Councillor Tina Ellis, Fareham BC
Councillor Julie Westerby, Gosport BC
Councillor Gwen Robinson, Havant BC
Councillor Neil Gwynne, Test Valley BC
Councillor Sudhakar Achwal, Winchester CC

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

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

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

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Mary Vallely from Portsmouth CC, Councillor Chris Tonge from East Hants DC and Councillor Peter Baillie from Southampton CC.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 25 September 2024 be agreed as a correct record.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made by the Chair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PFSH JOINT COMMITTEE

Paddy May addressed the Committee to confirm that the points raised by Members at their last meeting in September with regards the Greenprint item were considered by the PfSH Joint Committee. The suggestion to establish an Environmental Liaison Committee to assist with this work has been sent back to the Greenprint Steering Group for consideration at their next meeting. Paddy advised that an update on this will be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in due course.

6. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at the meeting.

7. PFSH COORDINATORSS REPORT

The Committee received a report from the PfSH Co-ordinator, Paddy May, providing 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 advised Members that Charles Freeman, from the Cultural and Creative Industries will be presenting a detailed update on this stream of PfSH work at the next round of PfSH meetings in the New Year.

RESOLVED that the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

i) NOTES the contents of this report;

ii) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to AGREE the schedule of PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Joint Committee meetings for the period 2025/26;

iii) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the matters for information in part B of this report; and

iv) CONSIDERED any comments to be passed to Joint Committee for its consideration.

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.

Members of the Committee asked several questions to clarify the reasons for the increase in the Budget for 2025/26 compared to previous years and were satisfied that these charges are necessary to allow the partnership to continue to provide this important mitigation work across the Solent. It was observed by the Committee that a great deal of work had been carried out to develop a Revised Strategy which this budget supports.

RESOLVED that the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

i) NOTE the contents of this report;

ii) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE and ENDORSE the Bird Aware Partnership's proposed budget for 2025/26; and

iii) CONSIDERED any comments to be passed to Joint Committee for its consideration.

9. DEPLOYMENT OF THE LOCAL NUTRIENT MITIGATION FUND

The Committee received a report from Simon Kennedy updating members on the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund (LNMF) capital programme as agreed at the last Joint Committee Meeting.

Simon highlighted that since the publication of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda, Gosport Borough Council have been identified as monitoring authority for the Land at Stubbington scheme and this information is included in the report to the Joint Committee.

Simon also advised that this is his last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as he is leaving Fareham Borough Council later this month. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Simon for the fantastic amount of work that he had achieved for PfSH during his time as PfSH Strategic Environment Planning Manager and how his development of a successful mitigation scheme has helped to unlock housebuilding across the region.

RESOLVED that the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

i) NOTES the contents of this report;

ii) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:

- NOTE the update on projects within the LNMF capital programme, as well as the successful bid into round two of the LNMF;
- AGREE the revised capital programme;
- AGREE the authorities benefiting from the waste-water treatment plant upgrades; and

iii) CONSIDERED and comments to be passed to Joint Committee for its consideration.

(The meeting started at 10.30 am
and ended at 11.27 am).