Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 27 February 2025

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 Mary Vallely, Portsmouth CC
Councillor Valerie Laurent, Southampton CC
Councillor Neil Gwynne, Test Valley BC
Councillor Sudhakar Achwal, Winchester City Council

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

***Also Present*:** Charles Freeman, Culture, Creative Industries and Built Environment Lead (Item 8)
Jonathan Evans, Southampton City Council (Item 9)
Richard Jolley, Director of Planning and Regeneration Fareham Borough Council (Items 10&11)
Alex Jolley, Senior Project Officer (Item 10)
David Balding, Interim Programme Manager (Item 11)

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

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Chris Tonge from East Hants DC and Councillor Peter Baillie from Southampton CC with Councillor Valerie Laurent deputising.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in the 04 December 2025 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

There were no matters arising from the last PfSH Joint Committee Meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at this meeting.

7. PFSH CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

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

Members asked how the request to leave PfSH from East Hants would affect the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA). Paddy confirmed that this would not affect the agreements as, although predominantly within the PfSH region the IAA covers a wider area with authorities such as Wiltshire and Chichester included that are not Members of PfSH.

Members enquired if further information could be provided at a future meeting on the work being undertaken by the Greenprint for South Hampshire. As a budget allocation of £7.5k is to be agreed by the Joint Committee, Members asked if more information could be provided on the first networking workshop. Paddy supported the Committees request and agreed to forward information, he also reassured Members of the Committee that a considerable amount of work has been carried out by the Greenprint team, with various meetings and networking events taking place already.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

a) NOTES the contents of this report;

b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:-

i) AGREE whether or not to allow East Hampshire District Council to leave PfSH at the end of March 2025, without the necessary formal notice period, thereby also waiving East Hampshire District Council's PfSH subscription contribution for the financial year 2025/2026

ii) AGREE a PfSH budget allocation for the Greenprint initiative of £7.5k for the financial year 20025/26

iii) NOTE the matters for information in part B of this report; and

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

8. PFSH SUPPORT FOR THE CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

The Committee received a report providing an update on the work of the culture, creative industries and built environment panel and proposal of the establishment of a screen location agency to serve South Hampshire and the surrounding area. The report also provided details of two budget requests to support this work.

Members of the Panel raised concerns about the uncertainties due to the Local Government Reorganisation and how this area of PfSH work would be managed moving forward. Charles reassured Members that although there are a lot of uncertainties, these funds are vital to progress the work of the culture and creative industries. Once established the screen location agency will be self-funding therefore it is anticipated that no further monies would be requested. Although reassured, so
me Members of the Committee remained apprehensive.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

a) NOTES the contents of this report;

b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:-

i) NOTE this report and the work undertaken by the culture, creative industries and built environment panel is noted.

ii) AGREE the future work priorities for the culture, creative industries workstream 2025/2026 be agreed and a £15,000 budget be allocated to support this work

iii) AGREES to support the proposition to establish a screen location agency which will operate across the whole PfSH area

iv) AGREES a £15,000 one off investment be allocated to support the establishment of a regional film office; and

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

9. BUDGET MONITORING 2024/25 & PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025/26

The Committee received a report providing an update on the position against the approved budget for 2024/25 and set out the proposed revenue budget for 2025/26 alongside the annual partnership contributions from members.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

a) NOTES the contents of this report;

b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:-

i) NOTE the budget monitoring position for 2024/25, as set out in the report
ii) NOTE that the forecast outturn from the 2024/25 budgets is provisional and may be subject to change in the final outturn budget report.
iii) APPROVE the proposed revenue budget for 2025/26, as set out in the report
iv) APPROVE the partner contributions for 2025/26 as shown on table 4; and

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

10. NUTRIENT MITIGATION SUPPLY AND DEMAND UPDATE (SOLENT)

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

Members of the Committee thanked Alex Jolley, Senior Project Officer for his informative report.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

a) NOTES the content of the report;

b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the contents of this report; and

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

11. DEPLOYMENT OF THE LOCAL NUTRIENT MITIGATION FUND IN 2025

The Committee received a report providing an update on the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund (LNMF) Round 1 capital programme, setting out the proposed capital programme for monies received from Round 2 of the LNMF, and a request for spending authorisation from both the capital and revenue elements of the LNMF Round 2.

David Balding, Interim Programme Manager addressed the Committee to introduce himself as Simon Kennedy's interim replacement.

Members thanked David for his comprehensive report and the excellent range of site options that have been put forward to continue to source nitrate credits for many years to come.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

a) NOTES the contents of this report;

b) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:-

   i) APPROVE the proposed £6.93M capital programme funding allocation from Round 2 of the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund (LNMF);
   ii) APPROVE the carryover of the £224,498 revenue funding allocation from the LMNF Round 2 award and £200,000 from Nutrient Support Fund to 2025/26;
   iii) AGREE to delegate detailed spending authorisation, within the agreed capital and revenue allocations, to the lead PfSH Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Joint Committee, PfSH Monitoring Officer, Fareham Borough Council's Section 151 Officer and following consultation with the wider PfSH Chief Executives Group; and

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

(The meeting started at 10.30 am
and ended at 11.56 am).