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

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 5 March 2025

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Chair Councillor Keith House, Eastleigh BC (Chair)

Vice Chair Councillor Steven Pitt, Portsmouth CC
Councillor Stephen Philpott, Hampshire CC
Councillor Simon Letts, Southampton CC (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Robert Hylands, Gosport BC
Victoria Mander, New Forest NPA
Councillor Derek Tipp, New Forest DC
Councillor Phil Bundy, Test Valley BC
Councillor Neil Cutler, Winchester CC

Chief Executives: James Strachan, Eastleigh BC
Andrew Wannell, Fareham BC
Debbie Gore, Gosport BC
Gary Westbrook, Hampshire CC
Tim Guymer, New Forest DC
Alison Barnes, New Forest NPA
Pete Boustred, Southampton CC
Graham Smith, Test Valley BC
Laura Taylor, Winchester CC

Co-opted Members: Paddy May, PfSH Manager (also representing Portsmouth CC for Natalie Brahma-Pearl)

***Also Present*:**	Alex Russell, Solicitor Charles Freeman - Item 8 Acqusilia Mudzingwa – Item 9 Alex Jolley – Item 10 Graham Tuck – Item 10 David Balding – Item 11 Richard Jolley – Item 11
Inter-Authority Agreement Attendees:	Councillor Bill Brisbane – Chichester Council Tony Whitty – Chichester Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The following apologies were received: -

Committee Member	Deputy	Local Authority
David Bence	Victoria Mander	New Forest NPA
Councillor Martin Tod	Councillor Neil Cutler	Winchester CC
Councillor Philippa Gray		Havant BC
Councillor Nick Adams-King	Councillor Phil Bundy	Test Valley BC
Councillor Simon Martin		Fareham BC
Councillor Chris Hatter		East Hants DC
Steve Jorden		Havant BC
Kate Ryan	Tim Guymer	New Forest DC
Natalie Brahma-Pearl	Paddy May	Portsmouth CC
Adam Harvey		East Hants DC
Andrew Travers	Pete Boustred	Southampton CC
Andy Ferrier	Graham Smith	Test Valley BC

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the 10 December 2024 PfSH Joint Committee meeting be agreed as a correct record.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

Members will note that a tabled item was to be considered at tonight's meeting at item 7 – PfSH Coordinators report. The purpose of this item was to note that a consultation response would be sent from PfSH to the MHCLG in response to the national consultation on the proposed creation of a new Combined Authority for Hampshire & The Solent. Some PfSH authorities have raised concerns over the tabled item and have asked that this be deferred to allow more time to gather the views of all PfSH authorities before drafting the consultation response. Therefore this tabled item will not be considered at item 7 and an informal meeting will be arranged to discuss this matter further and in the meantime Authorities can send potential responses to Paddy May.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

5. REFERENCES FROM THE PFSH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no references from the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at the meeting.

7. PFSH COORDINATOR'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.

As stated at item 3 – Chairs announcements, the consultation response to the Devolution White Paper is to be deferred and the recommendations have been updated accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

a) AGREED 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;

b) AGREED a PfSH budget allocation for the Greenprint initiative of £7.5k for the financial year 20025/26; and

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

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 proposes the establishment of a screen location agency to serve South Hampshire and the surrounding area with two budget requests are incorporated.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

a) NOTES the report and the work undertaken by the culture, creative industries and built environment panel is noted;

b) AGREED 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;

c) AGREED to support the proposition to establish a screen location agency which will operate across the whole PfSH area; and

d) AGREED a £15,000 one off investment be allocated to support the establishment of a regional film office.

9. BUDGET MONITORING AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025-26

The Committee received a report providing an update for the Joint Committee 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 Joint Committee:-

a) NOTES the budget monitoring position for 2024/25, as set out in the report; b) NOTES that the forecast outturn from the 2024/25 budgets is provisional and may be subject to change in the final outturn budget report;

b) APPROVED the proposed revenue budget for 2025/26, as set out in the report; and

c) APPROVED the partner contributions for 2025/26 as shown on table 4.

10. NUTRIENT MITIGATION SUPPLY AND DEMAND

The Committee received a report from Alex Jolley, Senior Projects Officer, providing an update on the supply and demand of nutrient mitigation across the Solent.

As part of the Inter-Authority Agreement, Tony Whitty, Divisional Manager Planning Policy and Councillor Bill Brisbane from Chichester Council were invited to the table to take part in the discussion for this item and item 11.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions pertaining to the data in the report, including; why some areas have 10 year and some 5 year forecast data, the value of some of the older data and why comparison data with new housing targets has not been provided. Alex explained that due to the complexity and unreliability of some of the data collected along with the different stages of the regions Local Planning Authorities Local Plans, this has meant a variation in the reporting data. It is hoped that this will become more consistent over time and officers are working to obtain more data to assist with this. The Chair addressed the Committee to explain that the data provided gives a good indication of where we are at which makes it valuable at this stage.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the content of the report.

11. DEPLOYMENT OF THE LOCAL NUTRIENT MITIGATION FUND

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 requests for spending authorisation from both the capital and revenue elements of the LNMF Round 2.

Tony Whitty from Chichester Council addressed the Committee to ask if recommendation d) could be amended to include the Inter-Authority

Agreement signatories within the delegation. The Committee agreed that this would be included so that the recommendation reads: -

d) AGREED 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 the Inter-Authority Agreement signatories.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

a) NOTES the contents of this report;

b) APPROVED the proposed £6.93M capital programme funding allocation from Round 2 of the Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund (LNMF);

c) APPROVED 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; and

d) AGREED 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 the Inter-Authority Agreement signatories.

(The meeting started at 6.30 pm
and ended at 7.29 pm).