Minutes of the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 3 December 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 Margot Power, Winchester CC
Councillor Tina Ellis, Fareham BC
Councillor Julie Westerby, Gosport BC
Councillor Neil Gwynne, Test Valley BC
Councillor Valerie Laurent, Southampton CC

Co-opted Members: Paddy May - PfSH

***Also Present*:** Rachael Jones – Item 07 & Item 08
Alex Jolley – Item 07 & Item 08
Charles Freeman – Item 10
Ian Maguire – Item 11
Anna Parry – Items 12 - 14

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

An Apology of absence was received from Councillor Gwen Robinson from Havant Borough Council.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 02 July 2025 be agreed as a correct record.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made by the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PFSH JOINT COMMITTEE

Paddy May addressed the Committee to confirm that at the last meeting of the Joint Committee at item 13 – Support for Flood Defences on Brownfield Sites, the Joint Committee agreed with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee comments that letters should also be circulated to local MP's from the region as well as the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

6. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at this meeting.

7. SOLENT MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP

The Committee received a report on the Solent Mitigation Partnership (SMP) Annual Report providing an update on the projects being delivered by the SMP.

At the agreement of the Chairman this item was brought forward on the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

i. NOTES the contents of this report;
ii. NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:
    (a) NOTE the content of this report;
    (b) AGREE the budget request of £438,368 for team resources from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027;
    (c) NOTE that a report on pricing will be presented to PfSH Joint Committee in March 2026; and

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

8. 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.

At the agreement of the Chairman this item was brought forward on the agenda.

RESOLVED that Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

i. NOTES the content of the report;
ii. NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to NOTE the contents of this report; and
iii. CONSIDERED any comments to pass on to Joint Committee for its consideration.

9. PFSH MANAGERS REPORT

The Committee received the 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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that will be presented to Joint Committee for decision or for information.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

i) NOTES the contents of this report;

ii) NOTES that the Joint Committee will be asked to:-
   (a) AGREE the original recommendation ii) of the Bird Aware Solent Report 'Bird Aware Partnership Revised Strategy' 30 September 2024 as drafted in this report at paragraph 1.3.
   (b) AGREE the that supporting statement as drafted at paragraph 2.6 of this report can be used by PfSH local authorities in support of their local plan making as a way of demonstrating their ongoing commitment to the 'duty to cooperate' as part of the planning inspection process;
   (c) AGREE that, following Hampshire County Council's decision to rescind its hosting responsibilities of The Solent Forum, PfSH assumes the role of host with Southampton City Council acting as accountable body and operational host (staff, human resources, accounting et cetera) on its behalf;
   (d) AGREES that, on behalf of PfSH, the lead PfSH chief executive writes to the Chair of The Solent Forum immediately after the meeting of PfSH Joint Committee 9 December to confirm Joint Committee's agreement to assuming hosting responsibilities for The Solent Forum through Southampton City Council as accountable body; and

iii) CONSIDED any comments to pass on to Joint Committee for its consideration.

10. UPDATE ON PFSH SUPPORT FOR THE CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

The Committee received a report providing an update for joint Committee on PfSH support for the cultural, creative industries and built environment industries.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

i) NOTES the contents of this report;

ii) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:

a) NOTE the contents of the report and the provision of PfSH support for the cultural and creative industries;

b) ENDORSE the cultural and creative workstream priorities 2026/2027:

- The Hampshire and Solent Film Agency - to work with Portsmouth City Council to support FilmFixer in building a successful self-sustaining Film Agency to serve the area.
- Skills for the Creative Economy - to work with Hampshire Chamber of Commerce on the refresh of the Local Skills Improvement Plan to ensure the creative industry skills agenda continues to be progressed in the area.
- Devolution - to work with local authorities and cultural sector partners to develop thinking on the way the creative Sector can support the future priorities for the area;

c) AGREES that a £15,000 budget be allocated for the provision of PfSH support for the cultural and creative industries in 2026-27. This work will be delivered by Creative Network South, which is hosted by Hampshire Chamber of Commerce; and

iii) CONSIDERED any comments to pass on to Joint Committee for its consideration.

11. BIRD AWARE SOLENT UPDATE ON FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

The Committee received a report on the Bird Aware Solent Financial Projections and the implications of the low housing delivery rate.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

i) NOTES the contents of this report;

ii) NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:

(a) RECONFIRM SUPPORT for the 2024 Bird Aware Solent Revised Strategy and its transitional introduction by the end of 2026; and

iii) CONSIDERED any comments to pass on to Joint Committee for its consideration.

12. BIRD AWARE SOLENT ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Committee received a report seeking approval from the Joint Committee for a revised Bird Aware budget statement for 2025/26 and the Bird Aware 2026/27 budget request.

RESOLVED that the PfSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

i) NOTE the contents of this report;

ii) NOTE that the PfSH Joint Committee will be asked to:

a) NOTE and ENDORSE the Bird Aware Partnership's revised budget statement for 2025/26;

b) NOTE and ENDORSE the Bird Aware Partnership's proposed budget for 2026/27; and

iii) CONSIDERED any comments that should be passed to the Joint Committee for its consideration

13. BIRD AWARE SOLENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee received a report on progress and changes within the Bird Aware Solent Partnership during the last financial year and seeking endorsement of their annual report covering the period of April 2024 to March 2025.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

i. NOTES the contents of this report;

ii. NOTES that Joint Committee will be asked to:

a) NOTE and ENDORSE the Bird Aware Solent Partnership's eleventh Annual Report; and

iii. CONSIDERED any comments to pass on to Joint Committee for consideration.

14. BIRD AWARE SOLENT SITE SPECIFIC PROJECT FUNDING

The Committee received a report seeking endorsement from the Joint Committee for the Bird Aware Partnership's recommendations for how Site Specific Project (SSP) funding should be allocated for 2026/7.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

i) NOTE the contents of this report;

ii) NOTE that the PfSH Joint Committee will be asked to:

a) NOTE and ENDORSE the Bird Aware Partnership's proposed allocation of funding for site specific projects;

b) NOTE and ENDORSE the granting of delegated powers to the Chair of the Bird Aware Partnership's Project Board to consider recommendations from the SSP Group pertaining to any project proposal changes that come forward between the Project Board meeting and the PfSH Joint Committee meeting;

c) NOTE and ENDORSE the creation of a contingency fund and the granting of delegated powers to the Chair of the Project Board regarding its operational management. Projects requiring higher levels of support through the contingency fund are to be referred to the Chair of the PfSH Chief Executives Committee and Chair of the PfSH Joint Committee for a final decision; and

iii) CONSIDERED any comments that should be passed on to the Joint Committee for its consideration.

(The meeting started at 10.30 am
and ended at 11.24 am).

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