
The Hampshire Partnership

Minutes of Meeting
held on
Wednesday, 1st November, 2017

Attendees:

- Councillor David Airey – Eastleigh Borough Council on behalf of Councillor Keith House, Leader
- Mel Barrett – Chief Executive, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
- Diccon Bright - Strategic Planning Manager, Eastleigh Borough Council on behalf of Nick Tustian, Chief Executive
- Paul Bright – Chief Executive, Hampshire Voluntary Sector Consortium
- Councillor Chris Carter – Chairman, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority
- Councillor Trevor Cartwright – Leader, Fareham Borough Council
- Scott Chiltern - Assistant Chief Constable, Hampshire Constabulary
- Dr. David Chilvers – Clinical Chair, Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group
- John Coughlan – Chief Executive, Hampshire County Council
- Cllr Mike Evans - Chair, Hampshire Association of Local Councils
- Geoff Howsego – Director of Professional Services, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Councillor Rob Humby – Deputising for Leader, Winchester City Council
- Councillor Andrew Joy – Executive Member for Communities, Partnerships & External Affairs, Hampshire County Council
- Carol Moore – Corporate Director, Test Valley Borough Council on behalf of Roger Tetstall, Chief Executive
- Councillor Phil North – Leader, Test Valley Borough Council
- Councillor Roy Perry – Leader, Hampshire County Council
- Daryl Phillips – Joint Chief Executive, Hart District Council
- Councillor Terri Reid – Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council on behalf of Councillor Clive Sanders, Leader
- Dr. Barbara Rushton – Clinical Chair, South Eastern Clinical Commissioning Group
- Camilla Sharp – Economy Specialist Lead, Eastleigh Borough Council
- Barbara Swyer – Hampshire & Isle of Wight Rehabilitation Company on behalf of Kim Thornden-Edwards, Chief Executive
- Laura Taylor – Chief Executive, Winchester City Council
- Samuel Underwood – Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Southern Water

Apologies

Apologies were received from:

- Alison Barnes – Chief Executive, New Forest National Park Authority

- Councillor Tony Briggs – Deputy Leader, Havant Borough Council
- Sandy Hopkins – Chief Executive, East Hampshire District Council & Havant Borough Council
- Cllr Keith House – Leader, Eastleigh Borough Council
- Bob Jackson – Chief Executive, New Forest District Council
- Councillor Simon Letts – Southampton City Council
- Steven Lugg – Chief Executive, Hampshire Association of Local Councils
- Councillor Keith Mans – Deputy Leader & Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services, Hampshire County Council
- Councillor Richard Millard – Leader, East Hampshire District Council
- Councillor Jeremy Moulton – Southampton City Council
- Councillor Barry Rickman – Leader, New Forest District Council
- Paul Shackley – Chief Executive, Rushmoor Borough Council
- Roger Tetstall – Chief Executive, Test Valley Borough Council
- Nick Tustian – Chief Executive, Eastleigh Borough Council

1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - COUNCILLOR ROY PERRY, LEADER OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and made a number of announcements as follows:

- referred to possible strikes by South Western Railway (SWR) on Wednesday 8 and Friday 10 November. SWR had confirmed that strike action was not the preferred way forward but in such circumstances, disruption would be kept to a minimum. Inviting SWR to a future meeting was something the Partnership could consider and possibly Highways England.
- reported that Neil Odin has been appointed to the post of Chief Fire Officer for Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service with effect from 1 January 2018 and put on record the Partnership’s thanks to the outgoing Chief Fire Officer, Dave Curry.
- Conference with Argenti held on 31 October in regard to the use of new technology to support adult social care.
- Referred to the meeting of the County Council to be held on 2 November that would be considering the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Transformation savings proposals to 2019 in the light of the need to take £140m (19%) from its budget. In broad terms, this was a result of a £40m loss of Government grant; £50m inflation and introduction of the living wage and £50m due to demographic pressures for both young and elderly people. Difficult choices lay ahead in order to meet the County Council’s statutory obligations which were becoming more costly and supporting those most in need.

The Chairman invited John Coughlan, Chief Executive at Hampshire County Council to report on a recent Chief Officers’ meeting to discuss further opportunities to work in partnership to drive efficiencies - estate, digital, safeguarding issues and a set of collective issues around place between the

County Council's Economy, Transport and Environment Department and activity at the district level.

2. HAMPSHIRE WATER RESOURCES – AN UPDATE

Meyrick Gough, Water Strategy Manager and Sam Underwood, Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Southern Water provided a detailed overview of the unique challenges facing water resources in Hampshire and an update on the upcoming Planning Inquiry regarding Southern Water's abstractions on the River Test and the River Itchen.

Southern Water provides water and wastewater services to more 4.6 million people across the South East. The Partnership noted the work that had been done to help customers use less water – metering had resulted in 16.5% less water being used and 'Target 100' which is critical to the achieve a further 10% reduction (15 litres per person per day) by 2020. A review of new options to reduce leakage had been undertaken as part of the Water Resources Management Plan.

The Partnership noted the challenges faced in regard to proposed abstraction licence changes to significantly reduce water taken from the River Itchen and River Test during periods of drought and balancing these changes with an increase in water taken from other sources. A steering group comprising organisations such as the Environment Agency, Natural England, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and the Consumer Council for Water did some work to inform Southern Water's plans which led to the identification of three schemes to be used in times of drought with a view to a solution being in place by 2018:

- i. Portsmouth Water's Gater's Mill supply works on the River Itchen under way and completion anticipated in early 2018
- ii. use of the Environment Agency's groundwater abstraction licence to support abstraction at Otterbourne, near Winchester – on hold
- iii. a new pipeline to transfer raw water from the River Test to the Otterbourne Water Supply Works on hold

The projects had not progressed as planned and a Planning Inquiry will be held in March 2018, one of the key purposes of which is to establish the mechanism for maintaining supplies in dry weather and drought years in the interim period. The risks associated with a water resource deficit during dry weather and drought years' is expected to exist for an interim period of approximately 10 years. The implementation of permanent replacement supplies will require a lot of work and collaboration.

During the course of discussion, the value of working in partnership to raise awareness about water efficiency, usage and savings across a range of organisations, businesses, schools and households was recognised. An example of this is the work being carried out by Southern Water with a number of Parish Councils in the Cheriton area to reduce water consumption and a pilot community incentive scheme. Hampshire Association of Local Councils indicated its interest in expanding engagement across the Parish Council family.

Reducing water leakage was highlighted and Southern Water confirmed that a variety of ways to make improvements were being looked at.

3. **HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE UPDATE**

Geoff Howsego, Director of Professional Services at Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS), provided an update on activity in Hampshire being co-ordinated by HFRS following the Grenfell Tower fire. In line with guidance issued, inspection of buildings over 18m had continued with 261 out of 271 inspections completed; the remaining 10 buildings are new and had been assessed as low risk. Specific plans for health and education establishments were in preparation. There had been a total of six failures in cladding in Hampshire and those buildings had been included in a re-inspection programme. All the high risk buildings will continue to be safety monitored through re-inspection programmes.

Although there is no mandatory requirement, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority has commissioned a working group to assess the role of HFRS in the planning process going forward to ensure that the best possible fire safety and engineering advice is given. HFRS continues to provide advice and guidance to raise public awareness and to promote confidence and assurance.

During the course of discussion, the latest advice on evacuation procedures was provided together with clarification following a recent statement suggesting that all schools should be fitted with sprinklers; a position that would have significant implications for those authorities with school stock. The Director clarified the position and confirmed the advice is that sprinklers should be fitted in buildings defined as high rise; for other buildings there are a range of measures other than sprinklers for which advice can be provided on request.

In concluding this item, the Chairman thanked HFRS for their response to a recent fire at Hampshire County Council's Three Minsters House building in Winchester.

4. **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN HAMPSHIRE: AN OVERVIEW**

Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016/17

Steve Crocker, Director of Children's Services at Hampshire County Council presented the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) Annual Report for 2016/17 which had been circulated to all Partnership members. The report provided an independent analysis of the safeguarding services provided to children and young people in Hampshire and contained a summary of the work undertaken to deliver HSCB's business plan which focused on five priorities:

Priority 1 : Neglect

Priority 2 : The impact of substance misuse, mental health problems and domestic abuse in adults on children and young people

Priority 3 : The multi-agency response to missing, exploited and trafficked children; female genital mutilation, suicide and self harm and novel psychoactive substances

Priority 4 : Quality assurance, measuring impact and embedding learning

Priority 5 : Stakeholder engagement

The Partnership noted the outcomes of a Joint Targeted Area Inspection of the multi-agency response to abuse and neglect in Hampshire in December 2016 undertaken by Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission, HMI Constabulary and HMI Probation which included a 'deep dive' focus on the response to children living with domestic abuse. A range of good practice was highlighted by the inspection team including:

"The HCSB is dynamic and forward thinking. During inspection, it was evident that individual leaders take responsibility for their organisation's role within the Board and that this has led to tangible improvements in multi-agency arrangements".

The Partnership noted that the child protection partnership is working effectively across Hampshire whilst recognising there are pressure points in relation to the volume of activity in the system and the importance of ensuring that learning from Serious Case Reviews is embedded in respective agencies to lead to effective information sharing between organisations.

Adult Safeguarding

Graham Allen, Director of Adults' Health and Care at Hampshire County Council introduced a report that had been circulated to all Partnership members which provided an overview of adult safeguarding across Hampshire. The report summarised the duties that flow from the Care Act 2014 and reinforces that safeguarding is everyone's business.

The Partnership noted the excellent work undertaken across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight by the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) to deliver the objectives in its business plan and acknowledged the improvements made to capture and report safeguarding information with the vast majority of safeguarding concerns directed to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for review and identification of the action required.

The Director highlighted the need for safeguarding concerns to be managed effectively given that the number of concerns reported continues to rise. A number of key priorities have therefore been identified such as joining up responses between Children's Services and Adults' Health and Care in relation to common areas; an enhanced service to be offered by MASH as a result of a new operating model within Adults' Health and Care; building on strong partnership working with the Police and Ambulance Services and development of multi-agency partnership working in regard to modern day slavery, adult sexual exploitation and serious organised crime.

The Partnership welcomed the report and noted the main focus areas for the coming months.

Safeguarding Children, Safeguarding Adults – a more family based approach

Steve Crocker and Graham Allen concluded the session by outlining the work being done in partnership by the HSCB and HSAB in respect of domestic abuse, mental health children and adults, substance abuse and homelessness and updated on various programmes dealing with preventing radicalisation, modern day slavery and trafficking.

The Directors reported that the joined up approach to deal with domestic abuse is working very well through avenues such as co-commissioning of training. Work was being done in the mental health arena to promote resilience and how people living with mental health issues are supported to do more for themselves and make better use of community facilities. It was highlighted that the S136 Mental Health Act Amendment presents some challenges going forward. Substance misuse and homelessness continue to present challenges: over 15,000 hospital admissions annually are attributable to alcohol and rough sleeping is a key issue.

The Directors reported on the PREVENT anti-radicalisation programme and the work being done by partner agencies who are very much engaged. There is a wide range of referral resources with a high level of referrals coming from schools. A staff survey to find out the level of staff awareness and engagement received 1400 responses and indicated that the level of understanding of PREVENT and what it does was a relatively high with more work to be done to increase awareness.

The Partnership noted that some very good multi-agency work and practice was evident in regard to modern day slavery/trafficking in Hampshire with five cases involving adults brought to the Police in the last year, two of which were referred to the national referral scheme. Between April and June 2017 there were eight child victims of trafficking offences and 30 children in Hampshire are being supported. Hampshire currently has 106 unaccompanied asylum seeking children which present major challenges in finding appropriate care placements, healthcare, education and interpreters against the backdrop of very little information about a child being available on arrival. The Directors also reported on honour based violence (HBV) and the need to work with all family members who are experiencing these problems. The Partnership noted programmes being developed to support young men coming out of the prison system, some of whom are a parent, and the need to work more closely together to think about the family situation as a whole and not the issue in isolation.

The Partnership welcomed the wide range of work being done in regard to some very complex issues for the public sector as a whole and recognised that the earlier support can be given to families who need help, the better. How this support is managed is the key to create change within families at the earliest point, to identify and put plans in place to prevent more challenging issues further downstream. It was acknowledged that the growth of contacts indicates that issues are being raised, which is encouraging and that a collaborative approach to manage these challenges collectively was paramount. It was also recognised that striking a balance between investment/shrinking budgets and meeting the challenges is a difficult issue.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

6. **CLOSING REMARKS - COUNCILLOR ROY PERRY**

None

7. **FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE HAMPSHIRE PARTNERSHIP**

All meetings will commence at 10.30am in Ashburton Hall, Elizabeth II Court, The Castle, Winchester unless stated otherwise:

- Thursday 15 March 2018 (Council Chamber, Castle Hill)
- Wednesday 11 July 2018
- Tuesday 13 November 2018
- Thursday 21 March 2019