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The Hampshire Partnership
Minutes of Meeting
held on
Tuesday, 13 November, 2018

Attendees:

Councillor Roy Perry – Hampshire County Council
Councillor Andrew Joy – Hampshire County Council
John Coughlan – Hampshire County Council
Councillor Caroline Horrill – Winchester City Council
Laura Taylor – Winchester City Council
Paul Bright – Hampshire Voluntary Sector Consortium
Councillor Clive Sanders – Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Mel Barratt – Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Neil Odin – Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services
Councillor Chris Carter – Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Peter Grimwood – Fareham Borough Council
Councillor Barry Rickman – New Forest District Council
Colin Read – New Forest District Council
Olivia Pinkney – Hampshire Constabulary
Andy Ferrier – Test Valley Borough Council
Councillor Paul Taylor – Rushmoor Borough Council
Jon Rundle – Rushmoor Borough Council
Sue Littlemore – Enterprise M3 LEP
Councillor Mike Evans – Hampshire Association of Local Councils

Apologies:

Apologies were received from:

Alison Barnes –New Forest National Park Authority
Councillor Michael Cheshire – Havant Borough Council
Councillor David Clifford –Rushmoor Borough Council
Councillor Keith House –Eastleigh Borough Council
Councillor Richard Millard –East Hampshire District Council
Councillor Phil North –Test Valley Borough Council
Paul Shackley – Rushmoor Borough Council
Roger Tetstall – Test Valley Borough Council
Councillor Trevor Cartwright - Fareham Borough Council
Councillor Graham Burgess - Gosport Borough Council

Councillor Keith Mans - Hampshire County Council
Sandy Hopkins - East Hants District Council/Havant Borough Council
Gary Jeffries - Solent LEP
Dave Axam -Enterprise M3 LEP
Sam Underwood - Southern Water
Margaret Paren - South Downs National Park

Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry

Councillor Perry welcomed attendees to the meeting and outlined that the session would focus upon the Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry (the Col).

An introductory presentation from Stuart Jarvis (Director of Economy, Transport and Environment at Hampshire County Council) summarised the background to the Col and some of the key elements that had emerged from the initial hearings. Partners heard that the Col had been established to consider evidence and key issues to inform a vision for Hampshire in 2050 and that the Col would guide and contribute to the future prosperity, quality of life, and protection and enhancement of the character and environment of Hampshire. Sixteen commissioners had been appointed from across the County and the inquiry itself had been separated into six key themes as listed below:

- Demographic and societal challenges
- Economy
- Work, skills and lifestyle
- Environment and quality of place
- Mobility, connectivity and energy
- Rural Hampshire

It was outlined that each theme is the focus of a hearing, a specifically constituted meeting, to discuss and analyse the subject matter and to enable commissioners to collaborate to produce recommendations to go forward to Hampshire County Council. Partners were informed that hearings for the first three themes had already taken place with the fourth scheduled for 14 December 2018. Furthermore, it was noted that each inquiry session was open to members of the press and public to attend and observe.

Theme 1

Stuart Jarvis provided Partners with an update on the findings from the first hearing which had focused upon demographic and societal changes. Partners were shown a video with contributions from members of the public who had been interviewed about their thoughts on the Col and how Hampshire could look in 2050.

Key points which emerged from first hearing included:

- Hampshire has an ageing population with complex needs
- Need to facilitate mixed communities (of all ages and backgrounds) to help address loneliness and social isolation
- Young people and affordability – is there a need to promote intergenerational households?
- Is there a need for strategic spatial planning?
- Planning service provisions for all areas of society should ensure that the correct infrastructure is in the right place
- Access to green spaces is important to help improve health of residents and this could also help alleviate issues arising from deprivation
- The increase in one-person households experienced in recent years is expected to continue; this could affect future planning, affordability and care provision
- Technology improvements will allow for an alternative provision of services. This will result in a reduced level of face to face care services; a key challenge will be its impact on social isolation

Theme 2

David Fletcher (Assistant Director – Economic Development at Hampshire County Council) provided Partners with an overview of the findings from the second hearing which had focused upon economy. The Col analysis had focused upon productivity and knowledge intensive sectors and the geographical distribution of these across Hampshire. Partners heard that particularly successful sectors within Hampshire included aerospace, marine and maritime and exportation to other parts of the United Kingdom.

Discussion was held regarding the corporate location drivers for organisations looking to locate to Hampshire. It was noted that these included access to skilled staff (talent management), property costs (co-working spaces), overall location and accessibility to transport links. Partners also discussed how to attract individuals to the area to work and live and it was highlighted how vibrant and cultural surroundings and place-led advertising would contribute to this.

Theme 3

Philip Walker (County Education Manager (Skills and Education) at Hampshire County Council) delivered a presentation regarding the outcomes from the third Col hearing based upon work, skills and lifestyle.

To provide context, Partners heard that Hampshire has a growing population with an older profile, is an area of high employment and participation in education and/or employment for young people is above the national average with the largest post-16 sector nationally.

Analysis conducted as part of the Col work had outlined the changing patterns in skills requirement including increasing demand for interpersonal skills, creativity,

judgement and decision making. Despite the recent focus upon digital innovation, robotics and automation it was noted that these higher cognitive, human skills were increasingly significant.

In summary, the work, skills and lifestyle theme aimed to achieve:

- An inclusive future – utilising the talents of all members of our community
- An authentic future – valuing the human factor in a digital world
- A productive future – the value of work and skills

Workshop session

Following the presentations, Partners collaborated on a workshop exercise led by Frances Martin (Assistant Director – Planning and Environment at Hampshire County Council). Partners conducted round-table discussions on the themes that had been presented earlier in the meeting. The discussions were facilitated by Chitra Nadarajah (Environmental Projects Team Manager – HCC) and Mike Culver (Project Delivery Manager – HCC). Partners' contributions were recorded and are attached at Minute Item 1 and it was noted that the feedback from the session would be input into future hearings.

Plenary

A timetable of the future Col hearings was shown and Partners and Hampshire residents were invited to give any additional feedback via the [Hampshire County Council Col webpage](#). It was also noted that the hearings were open to the public to attend.

Closing comments and future Hampshire Partnership meetings

Councillor Perry thanked presenters and Partners for their contribution to the meeting.

The next Hampshire Partnership meeting was due to be held on 21 March 2019 at 10am in Ashburton Hall, Ell Court.

Future meeting dates and agendas would be listed on [The Hampshire Partnership webpage](#).

Work, skills and lifestyle workshop table feedback

Table 1

General discussion

Education

Secondary education needs to have the right balance between knowledge and skills given the changing needs for 2050. How do we break into new areas such as high tech hubs and drive education? How do we support struggling schools when there is competition nearby?

Not for profit

Key sector that cannot be ignored for various reasons

- contribution to GDP
- Training to get people re-employed
- Older people have more opportunity to volunteer and
- value of work/volunteering
- Health sector will need the not for profit sector for resourcing support
- Currently there is a crisis in funding for charities
- Without support a backbone of the community will diminish

Leisure industry

- National parks and open space becoming increasingly important to support mental health and wellbeing

How to build a community / Place shaping

- Infrastructure, schools, jobs need to be brought together
- Businesses are more likely to be attracted where these are joined up
- Can you shape a community to care about the people around you – e.g. multi-generational communities
- Need to build these skills/cultures into schooling
- A sense of place is mostly linked to your very local area - local village and town not Hampshire as a whole
- Most public are concerned about the future of the high street

Table 2

Resilience & Sustainability

- Sustainability needs to be considered in its broadest sense
- Often unplanned things are what 'ruins' day
- Need to consider the issues at the design stage – to design resilient places

- Resilience in all aspects - social, economic environmental
- Environmentally friendly living – the public’s tolerance of things that will create green living / energy/ consume own waste has increased and local government have been slow to pick up on this

Skills

- The future value of skills will not be with STEM but with skills such as problem solving, analysis, inter-personal
- How do we support this transition?

Economy workshop table feedback

Table 1

How to build a community / Place shaping

- How do we make places more attractive and ensure we are working well together?
- How do we fulfil the potential of our urban centre’s?
- Hampshire’s sense of place needs to become more coherent – Winchester is a traditional – but how do we accommodate a ‘Global City’?
- Place will be driven by the public and private sector – although the way public sector stakeholders are structured can be problematic
- There is a need for high quality education, 5G and supporting infrastructure between (commonly rural) communities

Opportunities

- Hampshire, and the port of Southampton in particular, is in a significant global trading position
- Reading and Thames Valley development ‘vortex’ should be seen as an opportunity for Hampshire – we also need to embrace the ‘ripple’ effect from London
- Hampshire needs to maximize its port activity opportunity

Tourism

- Tourism (and the visitor population) is important to Hampshire’s economy

Table 2

How to build a community / Place shaping

- How can we make a place more attractive – it will require both the private and public sector (the latter in particular to set the scene)
- The property and talent on offer in a place can determine its future
- We need well connected places

Key business sectors

- There is a need to attract high productivity sectors; retail and care services are seen as 'local'
- There is a conflict between high productivity and retail – everyone wants retail (for example within our urban centres)
- Retail can attract banks (for example in Whitley). Key question - is this the right kind of development (in relation to City Centres?): there are positives and negatives
- We need to look after business (and SMEs) who are here now

General discussion

- Economic Development in Reading, for example, has been both speculative and as a result of Cross Rail: Cross Rail will impact on labour pools and demand London salary levels
- Are we providing the right housing (and in the right places)?
- An annual public opinion survey in TVBC indicates that one of the main areas of public concern is currently in relation to high streets

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