

HAMPSHIRE 2050

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Commission of Inquiry – Vision for Hampshire 2050 Briefing Note for Hampshire Partnership, 13th November 2018

Aim

The Commission of Inquiry has been established to consider submitted evidence, to deliberate upon key issues and to make recommendations on a high level and long-term Vision for Hampshire 2050.

It is anticipated that this will guide and contribute to *the future prosperity, quality of life, and protection and enhancement of the character and environment of Hampshire* by providing the framework for which future plans, strategies and ways of working will be packaged.

Strategic themes

The principle aim of the Commission is to provide recommendations that will enable Hampshire County Council to be fit for purpose to continue to deliver the services that the people of Hampshire require, long into the future.

Six strategic themes were developed, to be heard in six separate hearings from July 2018 to April 2019:

1. Demographic and societal challenges - This theme included the future demography, changing population and living patterns in Hampshire and explored the opportunities and challenges presented by, for example, technology, housing and community diversity.
2. Economy - This theme addressed the future of the Hampshire economy in the context increasing globalisation and the potential digital and automation revolutions. It also addressed the most potentially significant factors influencing business investment and location decisions, including local skills and access to housing.
3. Work, skills and lifestyle - This theme aims to examine future learning and working patterns and skills needs in a post digital future as well as wider quality of life within Hampshire such as arts leisure, culture and community health and wellbeing.
4. Environment and quality of place - Hampshire's natural environment is arguably its main economic asset. This theme will look at how a changing climate, different patterns of living and working, and competing demands on countryside and farmland will impact on environmental quality, character and quality of life in Hampshire.
5. Mobility, connectivity and energy - This theme will include the transport impact of electric powered and autonomous vehicles, impact of smart technology in homes and workplaces, communications technology, and future energy issues.

6. Rural Hampshire - This theme will include how economic, social, technological and environmental changes are likely to affect rural communities and address new opportunities for rural communities.

Hearing dates

Theme	Hearing Date
Demographic and societal challenges	13 th July 2018
Economy	14 th September 2018
Work, skills and lifestyle	26 th October 2018
Environment and quality of place	14 th December 2018
Mobility, connectivity and energy	25 th January 2019
Rural Hampshire	22 nd February 2019

In addition to the hearing dates above, additional concluding and closing hearings have been scheduled for 15th March and 12th April 2019 respectively.

Evidence

Evidence is being gathered, to be considered by Commissioners at each hearing, through a targeted call for evidence from specified experts and an open call for evidence from residents.

The open call for evidence can be accessed at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/visionforhampshire2050>

Commissioners

The Commissioners, who all have strong links to Hampshire and were invited by the Leader of the County Council, are shown in the table below.

Clr David Clifford	Leader Rushmoor Borough Council
Clr Mark Cooper	Hampshire County Councillor for Romsey
Clr Roy Perry	Leader Hampshire County Council
Lord Wakeham	Previous Leader of the House of Commons and House of Lords
Mr Ranil Jayawardena MP	MP for North East Hampshire
Mr Stewart Dunn	Previous Chief Exec Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Mr Tali Atvars	Winchester Student Union President
Mr Tim Colman	FSB National Procurement Spokesman
Ms Dee Haas	Chairman Hampshire CPRE
Ms Elizabeth Padmore	Chairman Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Ms Lorraine Brown	Former Chair Southern Region Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee
Mr Peer-Jada Qureshi	Founder of Court & Tribunal Solutions
Professor G Baldwin	Vice Chancellor, Southampton Solent University
Sir Jonathan Portal	JP Directors
The Rt Rev D Williams	Bishop of Basingstoke
The Very Revd Catherine Ogle	Dean of Winchester

Anticipated outcomes

The Commission will be expected to report back a number of key conclusions from the hearings to Full Council, and provide headline recommendations for each of the themes. The recommendations from the Commission will be used to help frame future work programmes and ensure that the Council is setup correctly to meet future challenges.

It is anticipated that the Commission may lead to further, more detailed work streams.

More information on the Commission, including hearing summary reports on the themes heard to date can be found at:

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