

PARTNERSHIP FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE – STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Cabinet agrees to approve and be a signatory to the Statement of Common Ground for South Hampshire and the document is published on our Website.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 [Cabinet on 2 September 2020](#) agreed to support and contribute to work to prepare a Statement of Common Ground for the strategic planning of south Hampshire, as part of the Council's ongoing and longstanding membership of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH).
- 2.2 At their [30 September 2020 meeting the PfSH Joint Committee](#) approved an updated Statement of Common Ground document. This is in effect a live document that will be updated as the workstreams progress to produce the final Statement of Common Ground, incorporating agreed revisions to its content and work programme. Its preparation engaged the PfSH officer working group including NFDC representation.
- 2.3 The Statement of Common Ground is attached as Appendix One to this report. It contains a map of the PfSH area and also describes the updated technical and political context to the preparation of the Statement of Common Ground.
- 2.4 Each individual local planning authority is requested to sign and publish the document, essentially to endorse its status and weight providing evidence of effective strategic planning engagement under the (planning) Duty to Cooperate. The decision required is to endorse the revised template.
- 2.5 There are no strategic planning outcomes to be agreed at this stage.
- 2.6 It is anticipated that the Statement of Common Ground will be updated at appropriate stages, these will be report to PfSH Joint Committee. Once the content is completed following technical and officer work in progress, the Statement of Common Ground will be reported back to PfSH Joint Committee -indicated for the fourth quarter of 2021. Cabinet will have the opportunity to consider whether to support the Statement of Common Ground in its final form.

3. CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 Cabinet is recommended to endorse the revised Statement of Common Ground for South Hampshire for publication, and to continue to work as part of the Partnership to produce the final document.

4. FINANCIAL, CRIME & DISORDER, ENVIRONMENTAL, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY AND DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5. PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENTS

5.1 The Portfolio Holder supports the recommendations within the report.

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Background Papers:

Published documents