

## Note of Partnership for South Hampshire Planning Officers Group Meeting - Wednesday 17 June 24 March 2026



### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 The note of the previous meeting (24 March 2026) was accepted.
- 1.2 Jayson Grygiel updated the group on the difficulties being experienced in contacting AECOM to ask about the possibility of it developing and generating SFRA GIS mapping. Despite several attempts, no reply has been received.
- 1.3 An update was provided on difficulties accessing flood modelling data held by Coastal Partners (hard drive not yet retrieved due to access issues). Colleagues at Southampton City Council will assess their ability to host GIS layers once access to the data is available. There was general consensus across the group that the **SFRA evidence remains the appropriate basis for local planning decisions**, despite improvements to national flood maps.

#### Actions:

- a) **Dan Watts to seek update from Southampton City Council colleagues on progress with accessing data SFRA data (hard drive) and circulate updates outside meetings when significant progress is made.**

### 2. Solent Mitigation Partnership update

- 2.1 Preparation underway for Joint Committee report (July) including second annual report and project updates. Alex Jolley provided the attached presentation:



SMP POG slides -  
June 26.pdf

- 2.2 Ongoing nutrient mitigation delivery across multiple schemes, including:
  - Stubbington and other live sites progressing; sales improving
  - New site at Woodington acquired and already generating strong demand.
  - Further pipeline schemes under development with partners (including HCC and others).
- 2.3 The introduction of credit purchase agreements is proposed to support temporary mitigation and developer flexibility.
- 2.4 Further recruitment of additional officers has been completed to strengthen delivery capacity.
- 2.5 Updates on EDPs and secondary legislation expected shortly. Discussion points
- 2.6 The group complemented Alex Jolley on the quality of the presentation provided and commented that it would be useful for it to be adjusted to create a newsletter/communications material to promote schemes to developers/agents.
- 2.7 The group noted ongoing market challenges in respect of housing slowdown affecting take-up and payment timing.

- 2.8 On water efficiency schemes, Alex Jolley advised the group that these are considered less effective, and come with a higher cost per credit, with limited future expansion potential.

**Actions:**

- b) **Alexander Jolley to consider developing (or incorporating the presentation content into exiting communications material) a short newsletter/communications material to promote schemes to developers. This should include clearer information on available credits by scheme location.**

**3. Government policy / LGR and devolution update**

- 3.1 The publication of final NPPF is anticipated to be before parliamentary summer recess.
- 3.2 Following confirmation of the new LGR future unitary groups, the group noted Hampshire County Councils potential legal challenge (judicial review) to the LGR proposals. Any legal challenge is unlikely to halt progress and may only delay or require reconsideration. A [Hampshire County Council cabinet report](#) on the issue was posted in the meeting chat.
- 3.3 There was agreement to hold a dedicated in-person discussion on the future role of the PfSH POG group post-2028, at the POG meeting scheduled for 16 September. Discussions may benefit from MCCA CEO attendance and discussion at the PfSH Joint Committee in July.

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