MEETING NOTE

Meeting: Winchester City Council and Portsmouth Water

Attendees: Bethany Edwards (WCC); Simon Deacon and Sophie Emms (Portsmouth Water)

Date: 29 September 2026

Time: 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Purpose of Meeting

To provide an overview of the Winchester District Local Plan 2044 Scoping Consultation to assist the statutory consultee with responding to the consultation and understanding the matters most relevant to their organisation.

Key Discussion Points

- WCC provided an overview of the Local Plan 2044 Scoping Consultation and outlined key themes where engagement from infrastructure providers would be beneficial.
- Discussion covered water resource management, water efficiency and the relationship between planned growth and water supply infrastructure.
- Portsmouth Water noted the importance of considering long-term water demand and opportunities to promote efficient water use through planning policy.
- WCC confirmed that consultation responses could focus on the issues most relevant to Portsmouth Water.

Areas of Potential Interest to Portsmouth Water

- Question 1: Preferred methods for engagement during the preparation of the Local Plan 2044.
- Question 2: The stages of Local Plan preparation at which updates should be provided.
- Question 3: Additional spatial development options that should be considered to meet future housing and employment needs.
- Question 4: Whether the adopted Local Plan 2040 Vision should be carried forward and the priority issues it should address.

- Question 7: Whether the water efficiency standard of 100 litres per person per day should be carried forward into the Local Plan 2044.
- Question 26: Locations within the Plan area that experience flooding from sources such as heavy rain, rivers or groundwater.
- Question 27: Locations where new development or green infrastructure could help reduce flooding through natural flood management.

Outcome and Next Steps

- WCC agreed to send Portsmouth Water a highlighted copy of the Scoping Consultation document, identifying the questions most relevant to its responsibilities and areas of interest.
- Portsmouth Water agreed to review the Scoping Consultation and submitting comments on the areas most relevant to their responsibilities.
- Portsmouth Water noted that, given the consultation timescale, a proportionate response focused on key matters would be the most practical approach.