

REPORT OF THE
Cabinet
PART II

45. SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN – CONSULTATION RESPONSE

1. On 30 September 2013, the Cabinet endorsed the response of the County Council to the consultation on the South Downs National Park Partnership Management Plan and delegated authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, to endorse the final South Downs National Park Partnership Management Plan.

2. The South Downs National Park Authority was established in 2010 and has a statutory duty to publish its Management Plan by 2014. Public consultation on the formulation of the Plan included a meeting between Hampshire County Councillors and the National Park Authority. That meeting explored various areas of common interest between the County Council and the National Park Authority which can provide a basis for identifying future opportunities for collaborative working through the delivery of the County Council's services. The Management Plan is required to provide a framework for the delivery of the National Park's two purposes and statutory duty, as follows:

Purpose 1: To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Parks;

Purpose 2: To promote opportunities for the public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Parks

Duty: In pursuing National Park purposes, the National Park Authorities must seek to foster the economic and social well being of the local communities within the National Park

3. It is a plan for all the partners with an interest in the National Park and will influence and direct all the policies that the National Park Authority and the Local Authorities have for the area of Hampshire covered by it. For the County Council this will include its statutory responsibilities for Minerals and Waste planning (the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan is a joint document with the National Park Authority), planning for its own estate, and its highways and rights of way duties. It will also have a strong influence on the policy framework developed through the National Park Authority Local Plan and on District Local Plans outside the boundary of the National Park.

4. Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- South Downs National Park Management Plan – Consultation Response (5113)

46. THE HAMPSHIRE PARTNERSHIP

1. On 28 October 2013 the Cabinet approved the establishment of the new Hampshire Partnership (previously the Hampshire Senate) and endorsed the actions taken so far and the direction of travel.

2. The County Council is part of many established groups at national, regional and sub-regional level. These include cross border business (shared services) arrangements as well as partnerships with like minded organisations to work together to achieve common aims. The (new) Hampshire Partnership is the only arrangement that looks exclusively at Hampshire and the organisations within its boundaries. The Partnership is looking to coordinate activities with the District and Borough Councils in Hampshire County Council with the public and other agencies that make up the wider communities of interest in the County.

3. A workshop was held with Leaders of the District and Borough Councils, Chief Executives and representatives from the other agencies to establish how the partnership could be refreshed. It was recommended that the partnership be renamed as The Hampshire Partnership and given a working title while it looked to develop a forward agenda of issues, projects and tasks that would help improve public service outcomes for the people who live and work in Hampshire as a place amid on-going financial pressures.

4. Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- The Hampshire Partnership (5296)

47. SHAPING HAMPSHIRE

1. On 28 October 2013 the Cabinet approved the ‘Shaping Hampshire’ Plan as part of a decision relating to the transformation programme for the County Council.

2. In 2010, Cabinet agreed that a strategic narrative was needed to signal the intention to continue to develop and refocus services, while meeting the challenges of significant grant reductions. This narrative was based around a theme of *Open for Business*, which provided an operating model for business planning and a framework for reporting progress to Cabinet. A similar approach has been agreed to 2015 and beyond, using the narrative *Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future*. The *Shaping Hampshire* Plan signals the Authority’s intent to further transform and shape services for the future, in line with our evolving financial strategy. It establishes the County Council’s position at the forefront of developing modern, sustainable public services that recognise the need for change balanced with the responsibilities of looking after Hampshire’s people and place.

3. The *Shaping Hampshire* Plan brings together key priorities for the Council into a coherent shared strategy. In addition to the Transformation to 2015 work streams, it also integrates priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy; Children and Young People’s Plan; Workforce Development Strategy; and other key policy areas.

4. *Shaping Hampshire* has been informed by analysis of Census data (2011); the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2013 refresh); and the Hampshire Economic Assessment (2011). Within the Plan, areas of work are organised by four coherent themes, reflecting the breadth of the County Council’s responsibilities: health and wellbeing; communities; economy; and efficiencies.

5. The Plan has been designed to be accessible for residents, partners and staff, providing a framework for communications activity. A delivery plan will be

developed to measure progress against the Plan, which will be reported to Cabinet on a six monthly basis

6. Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Transforming the Council to 2015 – Report No. 2 (5286)

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