

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 20 March 2023

Present

Councillor Keast (Chairman)

Councillors Munday (Vice-Chairman), Kennett, Richardson, Tindall, Turner, Weeks, Wade and Pike (Standing Deputy)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor(s): Inkster

29 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Raines and Seal.

30 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests relating to matters on the agenda.

31 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 20 February 2023 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

32 Update from Southern Water Authority - Discharges into Langstone Harbour

The Committee agreed that issues about the future use of the Havant Thicket Reservoir and Southern Water's recycling option would be included in the Committee's workplan for next year, which would give the Committee an opportunity to invite Portsmouth Water Company and Southern Water to a meeting or meetings of the Committee to answer questions from members on these particular issues.

The Committee proposed the following recommendations to Cabinet following its review of the progress made by Southern Water to reduce the amount of effluent discharged into Langstone Harbour:

1. Havant Borough Council should hold regular meetings with Southern Water to review progress into reducing the discharge of partially treated sewage into Langstone Harbour, with reports back to Full Council. This could include a review of Southern Water's data as well as analysis of the independent data produced by both Council water testing and the two buoys positioned in the harbour.

2. Havant Borough Council should investigate what could be done to reduce the rate of water into the harbour by:
 - a. Requesting Havant Borough Council to encourage residents to consider where excess rainwater from their property goes and whether they could reduce the amount that ends up in the harbours.
 - b. Reminding residents of the requirements for planning permission when installing non-permeable driveways above 5 square metres.

The meeting commenced at 5.04 pm and concluded at 5.46 pm

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Chairman