



Minutes of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee

*Minutes of a meeting held on 28 September 2015
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Seán Woodward
Donna Jones
Guy Shepherd
David Airey
Mark Hook
Roy Perry
Tony Briggs
Jonathan Bacon
Edward Heron
Warwick Payne
Martin Hatley
Stephen Godfrey

Authority Represented:

Fareham BC
Portsmouth CC
East Hampshire DC
Eastleigh BC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Havant BC
Isle of Wight
New Forest DC
Southampton CC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC

Chief Executives:

Alex Parmley
Peter Grimwood
Ian Lycett
Andrew Smith
David Williams
Steve Tilbury
John Metcalfe (nominated Officer)
Dave Yates

Authority Represented:

Eastleigh BC
Fareham BC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Portsmouth CC
Winchester CC
Isle of Wight Council
New Forest DC

Co-opted Members:

Gloria Ighodaro
Kevin Bournier
Stuart Baker

Organisation Represented:

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire
Homes & Communities Agency
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

Also in Attendance:

Graham Tuck
Steve Lees
Steve Avery

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire
Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership
New Forest National Park Authority

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Donna Jones, Councillor Simon Letts (Councillor Warwick Payne deputising), Councillor Keith House (Councillor David Airey deputising), Councillor Mark Hook and Councillor Michael Cheshire (Councillor Tony Briggs deputising).

Apologies were also received from Nick Tustian (Alex Parmley deputising), Sandy Hopkins, Dawn Baxendale, Roger Tetstall, Simon Eden (Steve Tilbury deputising) and James Humphrys.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 9th June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Devolution for the people of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

The Chairman advised Members of the work undertaken on the Devolution for Hampshire and Isle of Wight. A formal 'Statement of Intent' was issued to government on 31 July 2015 followed by a final Prospectus submitted to central government on 4 September on behalf of 15 councils, two Local Enterprise Partnerships and the two National Park Authorities.

The proposal entitled - 'Devolution for the People of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight' - A Prospectus for discussion with Government is the start of formal negotiations with government to agree a devolution deal that would see more powers and control devolved down from central government and its agencies to existing local councils. A devolution deal would further strengthen existing relationships between local organisations and allow them to build on successful joint projects to boost economic growth, support businesses, improve local services and make Hampshire and Isle of Wight an even better place to live, work and do business.

The proposal for a landmark devolution deal for Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton will see 15 local authorities working with the area's two Local Enterprise Partnerships, the private sector and health partners to deliver greater economic growth and better public services. It will provide the area an opportunity to gain control of local decisions that affect our residents and businesses.

Raising Productivity underpins the area's ambitions shaped around four key themes:

- Accelerating housing delivery - to support local people and businesses including starter homes and rural affordable housing;

- Raising productivity - by supporting industry and investing in education to match skills to employment and foster innovation, creating more high value jobs and opportunities;
- Investing in infrastructure - such as transport links to our global gateway ports and airports, as well as the Thames Valley and London, and improving digital connectivity for rural based businesses; and
- Transforming local public services - by working more closely together to deliver smarter, more efficient services for residents and businesses.

If successful, local authorities, and therefore local people, would have more influence over how the region's share of national spending is spent, enabling local priorities to be targeted.

It is envisaged that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be asked to progress to finalise a 'devolution Deal' over the next couple of months.

A Parliamentary Briefing for MP's is anticipated to take place in October.

One Public Estate

The Chairman announced that Solent LEP, in partnership with Southampton City Council, has submitted a bid to the Government's One Public Estate (OPE) Phase 3 Programme.

The One Public Estate is a pioneering initiative delivered in partnership between the Cabinet Office's Government Property Unit and the Local Government Association (LGA). It encourages joint working between local and central government and public sector partners locally on land and property initiatives to deliver four core objectives:

- Create economic growth
- More integrated and customer-focused services
- Generate capital receipts
- Reduce running costs.

The Government driven initiative commenced two years ago and have benefitted 12 areas to date. The programme is supporting a further 32 of the largest land and property owning councils in England to be asset management leaders across the public sector in their area. Together they expect to create an additional 20,000 jobs, 9,000 homes, and raise £129 million from land and property sales over a five year period.

If successful the initial funding bid made by the Solent LEP area to Phase 3 of the programme will leverage £50k to develop a Services and Assets Delivery Plan to Government by 16 October 2015. Subject to a sufficiently ambitious and evidence-based services and assets delivery plan, the Solent LEP area could receive what it bid for - which is £200K capacity funding to take forward the work of the Solent Strategic Land and Infrastructure Board and potentially £1m of capital dedicated to support unlocking key sites and property.

GLA / Mayor of London Growth Event - 18 Sept 2015

The Chairman advised that Members from the PUSH area (Cllr Simon Letts, Cllr Martin Hatley and Cllr Keith Mans) and the PUSH Executive Director attended the Mayor of London's Growth event on 18 September 2015.

The event aimed to offer South East Council Leaders and others the opportunity to help shape London's housing, infrastructure and growth Plans and also to understand how London's plans affect the South East.

Thank you and Farewell

The Chairman announced that this would be Dave Yates' final meeting and thanked him for all his hard work for PUSH.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. UPDATES FROM DELIVERY PANEL CHAIRMEN

There were no Updates from Delivery Panel Chairmen at this meeting.

7. PUSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report by the PUSH Executive Director which covered matters arising which are significant and merit reporting to the Joint Committee but do not justify a full report.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the matters for Information outlined in Part B of this report.

8. SPATIAL STRATEGY REVIEW UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a report on the Spatial Strategy Review to update on progress so far and forthcoming public consultation process.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

1. NOTES the progress being made on the Spatial Strategy; and
2. NOTES the provision of an additional £10,000 to support an update of housing needs from the PUSH revenue core budget. This was agreed at

the PUSH Chief Executive's meeting of 10th July 2015 and the work is now underway.

9. SOLENT INWARD INVESTMENT UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a report on the emerging funding opportunity to support the delivery of Solent inward Investment activities.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

1. ENDORSES the proposed Solent Inward Investment model, part supported by the ERDF programme;
2. APPROVES the proposed PUSH cash contribution of £100,000 as match funding to support the Inward Investment element of the ERDF Funding Model over a 3 year period from 2016-2019; and
3. ENDORSES the role of Hampshire County Council as lead partner (supported by Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council) to contract with the University of Portsmouth for the inward investment element of the Solent Business Support Hub and associated funding, outputs and other obligations.

10. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (SRMP)/STRATEGY

The Joint Committee received the annual report on the SRMP Strategy

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES and ENDORSES:

1. the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's first Annual Report on Implementation; and
2. the intention to present future Annual Reports to the June PUSH Joint Committee meeting and the planned work programme and budget to the Joint Committee in December each year.

11. CULTURE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROGRESS REPORT

The Joint Committee received an update on the 2016 Design Awards event and a business support/funding initiative.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. NOTES the achievements of the panel;
2. AGREES to contribute £5,000 PUSH revenue funding to support the Solent Design Awards in 2016. This funding will be used to attract sponsorship of around £15,000;

3. AGREES to contribute £5,000 PUSH revenue funding to facilitate the delivery of a joint work programme with Hampshire Chamber of Commerce. This funding will help to leverage £40,000 working in partnership with Creatives United to provide business support and access to finance to growing creative businesses which have traded for over a year;
4. NOTES progress in taking forward the Portsmouth Harbour sustainable use of historic buildings project; and
5. AGREES to continue to support PUSH work on the culture creative industries and built environment agenda and APPROVES £5,000 PUSH revenue funding to secure coordination and further development of the projects established by the Panel.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 6.50pm).

(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2015).