



Minutes of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Overview and Scrutiny Committee

*Minutes of a meeting held on 15 September 2015
in the Vannes/Pulheim Room, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Arthur Mandry (Chairman)
Alan Glass (Vice-Chairman)

Jackie Branson
David Evans
Graham Burgess
Bruce Tennent
Linda Gemmell
Keith Gill

Authority represented:

Fareham BC
New Forest DC

Havant BC
East Hants DC
Hampshire CC
Eastleigh BC
Winchester CC
Gosport BC

Also in Attendance Gloria Ighodaro

PUSH

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bob Forder (Gosport Borough Council) (Councillor Keith Gill deputising), Councillor Daniel Clarke (Eastleigh Borough Council) (Councillor Bruce Tennent deputising), Councillor Phil Bundy (Test Valley Borough Council) and Councillor Ian Ward (Isle of Wight Council).

Councillor Bruce Tennent is now the PUSH O&S Representative from Eastleigh BC.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 26 May 2015, be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to item 3 being changed to show that Councillor Daniel Clarke is the representative from Eastleigh Borough Council,

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

6. PUSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PUSH Executive Director on matters that merit reporting to this Committee, but does not justify a full report in their own right.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1. NOTES the matters for decision in Part A and matters for Information outlined in Part B of this report; and
2. NOTES the delegated authority to the PUSH Chief Executives Group and PUSH Chairman, to agree and put forward four officer nominees to represent PUSH on the newly established Solent Inward Investment Delivery Panel.

7. PUSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report on the Capital and Revenue Budget Monitoring 2014/15 and proposed Interim Capital and Revenue Budgets 2015/16.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-

1. NOTES the outturn for the financial year 2014/15;
2. NOTES the approval of the Statement of Accounts for the 2014/15 financial year and the Annual Governance Statement (Appendix 1);
3. NOTES Section 1 (Summary Accounting Statements) and Section 2 (Summary Annual Governance Statement) of the Annual Return to the Audit Commission (Appendix 2);
4. NOTES that Section 3 of the Annual Return will be completed by the external auditor no later than 30 September 2015;
5. NOTES that Section 4 of the Annual Return has been completed and matters raised actioned appropriately, and that the Annual Return was reviewed again by the internal auditor;

6. NOTES that, with effect from 2015/16, joint committees will no longer have a statutory obligation to prepare accounts audited by a firm appointed by the Audit Commission. Any expenditure overseen by joint committees will only be subject to statutory audit as part of the main accounts of their constituent bodies;
7. NOTES the revised capital and revenue budgets for 2015/16 as set out in the report, including the proposed level of contributions from partner authorities; and
8. NOTES the award of £590,000 in 2015/16 from the Solent LEP Local Growth Fund to support two Solent Recreation Mitigation Projects (SRMP) and NOTES Southampton City Council (SCC) as the Accountable Body for managing these funds, on behalf of PUSH, at a cost of £4,000 to be met from the 2015/16 PUSH revenue budget.

8. PUSH SPATIAL STRATEGY 2016 TO 2036

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an update on the progress of the PUSH Spatial Strategy 2016 to 2036.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTES the progress being made on the Spatial Strategy; and
2. NOTES the provision of an additional £15,000 to support further assessment of employment land needs from the PUSH revenue core budget (this work is now underway).

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTED the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting dates for the remainder of the municipal year 2015/16:

- Tuesday 17 November 2015
- Tuesday 19 January 2016

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The PUSH Executive Director gave a brief update on the [HIOW Devolution bid](#).

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7.23pm)