



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 17 November 2015
in the Vannes/Pulheim Room, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

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

Bruce Tennent
Jackie Branson
Linda Gemmell

Also in Attendance

Gloria Ighodaro
Graham Tuck

Authority represented:

Fareham BC
New Forest DC

Eastleigh BC
Havant BC
Winchester CC

PUSH Executive Director
PUSH Spatial Strategy
Project Manager

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Ferrett (Portsmouth City Council), Councillor David Evans (East Hants District Council), Councillor Graham Burgess (Hampshire County Council), Councillor Ian Ward (Isle of Wight Council) and Councillor Phil Bundy (Test Valley Borough Council).

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15 September 2015, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

The PUSH Executive Director provided an update on the Devolution / Combined Authority submission. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Prospectus for Devolution was submitted to the Treasury on 4 September and it is expected that the outcome of the Devolution discussion with Government will be revealed in due course.

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 NOTES the matters for information, as outlined in Part B of the report.

7. SPATIAL STRATEGY REVIEW UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PUSH Project Manager on the Spatial Strategy Review and an update on progress so far and forthcoming public consultation process.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny 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.

8. SOLENT INWARD INVESTMENT UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report on the emerging funding opportunity to support the delivery of Solent Inward Investment activities.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTES the proposed Solent Inward Investment model, part supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programme;

2. NOTES the 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. NOTES 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.

9. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (SRMP)/STRATEGY

The Chairman advised that this item would be deferred until the next meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the presenting officer was not present.

10. CULTURE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROGRESS REPORT

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

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTES the achievements of the panel;
2. NOTES the agreement of the Joint Committee 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. NOTES the agreement of the Joint Committee 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 the progress in taking forward the Portsmouth Harbour sustainable use of historic buildings project; and
5. NOTES the agreement of the Joint Committee to continue to support PUSH work on the culture creative industries and built environment agenda and the agreement of the Joint Committee, to approve £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 7:11pm)