



Item 10

Report to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Joint Committee

Date: **15 September 2009**

Report of: **Stuart Jarvis, PUSH Managing Director**

Subject: **BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE – THEME ACTION PLANS**

SUMMARY

The Joint Committee considered the revised PUSH Business Plan in March and signed it off, subject to inclusion in the final draft (delegated to the Managing Director) of a series of matters raised during the debate. It was agreed that the Business Plan itself would be supplemented by a more detailed Action Plan for each of the PUSH themes, which would be subject to the approval of the Joint Committee. These Action Plans were to be prepared in line with the provisions of the Business Plan and within the allocated Budget for each Theme, and to be finalised in consultation with the Delivery Panels. The Joint Committee considered and approved the Economic Development, External Funding, Quality Places and Sustainability Actions Plans at the last meeting in July. The purpose of this report is to set out the outstanding draft Action Plans for Community Infrastructure and for Housing and Planning for the Joint Committee's consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Joint Committee **APPROVES** the Action Plans set out in the report, as a supplement to the 2009 PUSH Business Plan, to provide the basis for the Work Programme for 2009/10 for remaining Delivery Panels/Themes.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Joint Committee considered the revised PUSH Business Plan at its meeting on 19th March and signed it off, subject to inclusion in the final draft (delegated to the Managing Director) of a series of matters raised during the debate. The Business Plan is currently going through the sign off process in each of the PUSH Local Authorities, through their democratic processes.
2. It was agreed that the Business Plan itself would be supplemented by a more detailed Action Plan for each of the PUSH themes, which would be subject to the approval of the Joint Committee. These Action Plans were to be prepared in line with the provisions of the Business Plan and within the allocated Budget for each Theme, and were to be finalised in consultation with the Delivery Panels
3. The Joint Committee considered and approved the Economic Development, External Funding, and Quality Places Action Plans, together with the Sustainability element of the Sustainability and Community Infrastructure theme Action Plan, at its meeting in July.
4. The Community Infrastructure element of the latter Action Plan and the Housing and Planning Action Plan were deferred for consideration to the September meeting of the Joint Committee. The purpose of this report is to set out these draft Action Plans for the Joint Committee's consideration and approval. The whole of the Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Plan is included for clarity and because there are some minor amendments to the previous version approved in July, which relate to the resource allocations by the Environment Agency.

PROPOSED ACTION PLANS

5. The draft Action Plans for the PUSH Themes have been prepared by the Theme Leads and discussed with the host Delivery Panel. The outstanding Action Plans are now before the Joint Committee for formal sign off. The Action Plans are set out in the Annexes to this report as follows:-

RECOMMENDATION

It is **recommended** that the Joint Committee **APPROVES** the Action Plans set out in the report, as a supplement to the 2009 PUSH Business Plan, to provide the basis for the Work Programme for 2009/10 for remaining Delivery Panels/Themes.

Annexe A Housing and Planning

Annexe B Sustainability and Community Infrastructure.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: PUSH Business Plan 2009

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Annex A

Housing and Planning theme – Action Plan 2009/10

Ref. No	Project Theme	Project Description	PUSH Outcome	Lead officer / organisation	Key Milestones & Timescales	Resources
HP1	The Single Conversation	On-going dialogue with Homes and Communities Agency covering growth, housing, infrastructure, regeneration leading to the development of a Local Investment Plan.	Local Investment Plan agreeing broad levels of investment (including land assets) by all partners, encompassing a wide range of funding including Building Schools for the Future, highway funding etc.	David Williams – CEO Lead for Housing and Planning	Initial planning meeting scheduled for 29.7.09. Draft project plan provided by HCA	This is a major piece of work which will require significant support from each partner as well as administrative/policy support from PUSH. Quantum being evaluated.
HP2	Homes for Growth	Implementation of Sub-regional Housing Strategy 2007-11 setting out priorities for addressing housing need across the 10 participating housing authorities	Support economic growth by increasing the supply of housing to deliver a balanced housing market including family and affordable homes; Improve the condition and management and make better use of the existing housing stock; Drive long-term	Barbara Compton – Lead Officer for Housing	The Strategy is being implemented via a comprehensive work plan which covers such things as responding to the economic downturn, planning for SDAs, implementing the two PUSH projects to improve homes in the private sector (via the Regional Housing Board resources for private sector renewal),	As detailed in the PUSH Business Plan

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HO	Housing Market Assessment 2009	Annual survey of the Housing Market to assess impact of economic downturn	economic prosperity through the principles of sustainable development; Meet the needs of everyone including homeless and vulnerable groups.		joint working on choice based lettings and tackling under-occupation in the social sector. The Housing theme group has two sub groups who are focused on: Cross authority working on estate renewal Tackling practical issues regarding providing more affordable housing development with an ambitious target to deliver at least 1,425 affordable homes a year – Actions to be completed by end of 2011	20k
HP3	Open storage and vehicle parking	Study of future requirements for open storage.	Quantify housing need and cost of accommodation in South Hampshire Quantify likely future demand and identify locational criteria for	Barbara Compton – Housing Lead Stuart Roberts – Planning lead officer	End of December 2009 The Delivery Panel is deferring this study until 2010/11, partly	None in 2009/10.

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HP4	Habitat Regulations Assessments	An assessment to of the likely impact of planned new urban development on sites of European importance for nature conservation. (The preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding with English Nature – which it is envisaged will be proposed in the current refresh of the Multi-Area Agreement – would also help in this regard.)	sites (but not the locations themselves).	Stuart Roberts – Planning lead officer	because the economic recession makes the task less pressing, but mainly because it would be sensible to await the conclusions of the overall refresh of the PUSH economic evidence base which is now underway.	PUSH contribution of £17k in 2009/10.

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HP5	Ensure that Local Development Documents (LDD) include appropriate policies, proposals, and land allocations.	<p>i) Preparation of a Protocol for the preparation and submission of PUSH comments on draft LDDs.</p> <p>ii) Formulation and submission of comments on draft LDDs in line with the Protocol.</p>	<p>GVA growth;</p> <p>Skills levels in workforce;</p> <p>Increase economic activity</p>	Stuart Roberts – Planning lead officer	<p>i) Protocol signed-off by the Delivery Panel on 27 August 2009.</p> <p>ii) Ongoing task – timing of PUSH representations depends on consultation dates for draft LDDs.</p>	Internal officer resources only required.
HP6	Input to the preparation of a new regional strategy	The preparation of a new regional strategy (which, inter alia, will consider higher housebuilding figures across the Region and look beyond the South East Plan's 2026 time horizon).	<p>GVA growth;</p> <p>Skills levels in workforce</p>	PUSH authorities (including SCC, PCC, EBC, HCC) LSC	Report to Delivery Panel on 8 October 2009 on the emerging scope and preparation timetable for the new Regional Strategy. Further reports to subsequent meetings.	Internal officer resources only required for the time being.
HP7	Estates Renewal	PUSH is supporting three major estates renewal schemes: Hinkler Parade, Southampton Rowner, Gosport Somersetown, Portsmouth	<p>Renewal schemes targeting physical dwelling condition and socio-economic issues in deprived areas.</p> <p>Estimated new dwellings: Hinkler Parade Rowner Somersetown</p>			

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HP	Estate Regeneration in Southampton including Hinkler Parade	Programme of renewal and economic regeneration across Southampton's housing estates including pilot project at Hinkler Parade	<p>Initial phase of 1000 new homes with work on delivery of first 500 underway. Rolling programme using a joint venture or local housing company approach to deliver 4000 new homes over the longer term. Programme will also provide five new local shopping parades/ neighbourhood centres.</p> <p>Comprehensive regeneration providing improved social and economic outcomes.</p>	Bruce Voss Southampton City Council	<p>Delivery underway, Decanting of residents/business at Hinkler Parade pilot project completed by Dec 2009. Start on Site March 2010, with completion of new homes March 2011.</p> <p>Decanting of residents/business at four further sites commencing Oct 2009 with a start on site late 2010.</p>	£2.77m approved in PUSH capital programme for 2008/9 – 2010/11.
HP	Rowner	Estate Regeneration	<p>Up to 700 new dwellings New supermarket and local jobs Job creation in the new supermarket and developing construction skills Improved community</p>	Ian Lycett Gosport Borough Council	<p>Outline planning permission for the entire scheme K.17671 issued 24th July 2009 Reserved matters submission for phases 1 and 8 (239 dwellings) submitted July 2009 to be considered October</p>	

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HP	Somerstown	Estate regeneration	<p>access to local schools and community assets provided through SRB money</p> <p>Establishment of a community management model</p> <p>Green infrastructure – a grant from the Low Carbon Infrastructure Fund has been secured to provide a CHP system for part of the first phase of the development</p> <p>500 new dwellings</p> <p>Social and economic regeneration as well as physical renewal.</p>	Launce Morgan, Portsmouth CC	<p>2009</p> <p>Site set up by December 2009</p> <p>Start on site January 2010</p> <p>Completion of Phases 1 & 8 2012</p> <p>Reserved matters submission for Phase 2 (supermarket, shops and surrounding flats) to be submitted 2010</p>	
					<p>Confirmation received from HCA that scheme invited to proceed to next stage in bidding process (Outline Business Case). The level of credits allocated to the project will be formalised when the OBC is endorsed by the HCA Project Review Group.</p>	

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HP8	Drivers Wharf	Access feasibility study	Significant mixed use regeneration on prominent waterfront site			
HP9	Gosport waterfront	Master planning				
New	Track and assist with timely progress of LDF preparation	Establish the critical deadlines for LDD production in order that they enable timely delivery of development sites to enable the PUSH strategy to be realised on time. The Panel will then track progress against those deadlines and consider how PUSH could assist with any LDD which is falling behind.	Employment and housing sites are available for development when needed, such that GVA growth and increase economic activity can be realised.	Stuart Roberts – Planning lead officer	Draft brief to be presented to Delivery Panel on 8 October.	Consultant (cost tbc)
New	Hotel demand study	Notwithstanding the economic downturn, there is still significant hotel developer interest for 4 star, 3 star and budget accommodation and serviced apartments across South Hampshire. This study will predict short and long term	New jobs and economic growth – both directly and by supporting local businesses and tourism.	Stuart Roberts – Planning lead officer	Draft brief to be presented to Delivery Panel on 8 October.	Will be funded partly by PUSH and Tourism South East. PUSH contribution of approx £18k is proposed to be split between the Housing and Planning, Economic

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		<p>demand, assess potential locations, and survey hotel developers interest. This study will inform PUSH marketing and other strategies, as well as the preparation of Local Development Documents including site allocations. This will build on and update individual studies undertaken some years ago for a few PUSH authorities.</p>				<p>Development, and Quality of Places budgets.</p>

Annex B

Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Theme – Action 2009/10

Ref. No	Project Theme	Project Description	Key deliverables – PUSH Outcome	Lead officer / organisation	Timescale and key milestones	Resources
SCI 01	Sustainability Climate Change	Climate Change Strategy for PUSH / Wider Hampshire Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree vision for strategy with PUSH / Hampshire Leaders / CEs • Prepare Strategy and Strategic Action Plan • Obtain approval by Joint Committee • Cascade Strategy and Action Plan to PUSH / Hampshire Authorities 	HCC / PUSH Colin Rowland / Frank Campbell	June 09 October 09 November 09 November 09 onwards	<p>60 days various individuals and authorities</p> <p>* Environment Agency 20 days</p> <p>£5K publication costs</p>
SCI 02	Sustainability Energy	Arup Energy Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete update of study and extend to wider Hampshire • Secure SCI Delivery Panel approval for Action Plan 	HCC / PUSH Colin Rowland / Frank Campbell	July 09 October 09	<p>12 days various individuals and authorities</p> <p>* Environment Agency 2 days</p> <p>Other costs already budgeted by HCC / PUSH</p>
SCI 03	Sustainability Environment	Memorandum of Understanding with Natural England and Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree key objectives for inclusion in MOU with EA and NE • Develop MOU and secure agreement from SCI Delivery Panel and Joint Committee • Commit key principles of MOU to Multi Area Agreement 	PUSH MD	June 09 October 09 December 09	<p>30 days</p> <p>Mainly PUSH MD and Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Theme leads</p> <p>* Environment Agency 10 days</p>

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SCI 04	Sustainability Environment	Green Infrastructure Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare GI Strategy • Consult with key stakeholders • Secure SCI Delivery Panel and Joint Committee approval for Strategy 	PUSH Frank Campbell	July 09 September 09 November 09	<p>No other direct costs anticipated</p> <p>40 days various individuals and authorities</p> <p>* Environment Agency 15 days</p> <p>Cost of consultants already budgeted. Publication and promotional costs £5K</p>
SCI 05	Sustainability Environment	Green Infrastructure Strategic Implementation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare implementation plan as part of GI Strategy • Agree key priorities for investment • Consider opportunities for funding and implementation of strategic proposals 	PUSH Frank Campbell	July 09 November 09 November 09 onwards	<p>Considerable resources needed. Potentially a dedicated resource needed in a coordinator role supported by individual authorities</p> <p>Potential cost of post circa £45K including on costs</p> <p>30 days to get clarity on programme.</p> <p>Detailed implementation will</p>
SCI 06	Sustainability Climate Change	Retrofitting of existing housing stock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree with Energy Generation and Supply Companies a strategic approach to involvement of PUSH in CESP and CERT Programmes • Work with PUSH Housing Group to identify opportunities for 	PUSH Frank Campbell / Barbara Compton	September 09 December 09	

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			investment in retrofitting of social housing stock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Implementation Programme Link to water demand management with Water Companies 		April 10	need considerable resources and potentially a dedicated coordinator role supported by individual authorities Potential cost of post circa £45K including on costs
SCI 07	Community Infrastructure	Flood Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree appropriate level of protection with EA within PUSH. Establish resource implications and potential funding gap. Agree funding principles/arrangements with EA and DEFRA via MAA including scope to flexibility in applying guidance. 	PUSH Steve Lees Lyall Cairns	November 2009 December 2009 March 2010	16 days to agree methodology and application. * Environment Agency 50 days Assumed series of 4 meetings with reps attending as and when
SCI 08	Community Infrastructure	Monitoring of Capital Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of schemes. 	PUSH Steve Lees	Quarterly Reviews	1 day for collation of information and report writing
SCI 09	Community Infrastructure	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response to consultation on Regulations. Discussion paper on potential application within PUSH. 	PUSH Steve Lees PUSH Steve Lees	October 2009 December 2009	25 days Co-ordination of comments via Planning Officers Group
SCI 10	Community Infrastructure	Infrastructure/Audit Gap Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping of potential areas of shortfall. 	PUSH Steve Lees	September 2009	30 Days

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform investment decision of key agencies including HCA. 	Toby Ayling (HCC)		<p>* Environment Agency 5 days</p> <p>Initial HCC report to be completed shortly, next step is to identify the likely funding sources including CiL</p> <p>Assumed work focus on PUSH strategic schemes, individual authorities would address local issues via CiL with infrastructure providers</p>
SCI 11	Community Infrastructure	Promoting Joint Working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing links with key agencies. Promotion of best practice. Host Seminar/Workshop on best practice, potential involvement of PAS. 	PUSH Steve Lees	<p>March 2010</p> <p>March 2010</p> <p>December 2010</p>	<p>15 days</p> <p>Assumed links with agencies and sharing best practice be incorporated into existing working arrangements and groups.</p>
SCI 12	Community Infrastructure	Integrated Water Management study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop infrastructure to support existing and new development consistent with the sustainability agenda 	PUSH Steve lees Tony Wright	On-going	<p>15 days</p> <p>* Environment Agency 50 days</p>

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						Will be some overlap with work on flood risk(SCI 07) and CiL (SCI09) and infrastructure analysis (SCI 10)