



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 26 January 2010
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillor	Seán Woodward (Chairman)
Councillor	Roy Perry (Vice- Chairman)
Councillor	David Parkinson
Councillor	Keith House
Councillor	Tony Briggs
Councillor	Gerald Vernon- Jackson
Councillor	Alec Samuels
Councillor	Martin Hatley
Councillor	George Beckett

Authority represented:

Fareham BC
Hampshire CC
East Hampshire DC
Eastleigh BC
Havant BC
Portsmouth CC
Southampton CC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC

Chief Executives:

Sandy Hopkins
Bernie Topham
Peter Grimwood
Ian Lycett
James Strachan (deputising for
Andrew Smith)
Dave Yates
David Williams
Brad Roynon
Roger Tetstall
Simon Eden

Authority represented:

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

Julian Lomas

PUSH Interim Managing Director

Co-opted, Non-Voting Members

Cathy Evans
David Edwards
Jay Hunt (deputising for Kathy Slack)
Mike Dorgan (deputising for Caroline Williams)

Body Represented:

GOSE
Homes & Communities Agency
SEEDA
PUSH Business Group

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edward Heron, New Forest District Council and Mark Hook, Gosport Borough Council.

Apologies for absence were also received from Caroline Williams, Homes and Communities Agency, Andrew Smith, Hampshire County Council and Kathy Slack, SEEDA.

RESOLVED that the relevant changes to the membership for this meeting be NOTED, as above.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 24 November 2009, be confirmed and signed as a correct record (attached - [pjc-091124-m](#)).

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made announcements regarding the following:-

- (a) correspondence had been received from Moira Gibson at the South East England Partnership Board regarding the boundaries of the PUSH area;
- (b) confirmation had now been received that the Government was cutting PUSH's capital funding allocation for 2010/11 by £4.1m; and
- (c) the Chairman welcomed Ann-Marie Mountifield, the new PUSH Executive Director, to the meeting, who would be joining PUSH on 1 February 2010. He thanked Julian Lomas for all of his hard work during the interim period. Julian would be continuing to work with PUSH in his consultancy role.

4. DEPUTATION

The Joint Committee received a deputation from Councillor Steve Wemyss, Conservative Group Leader, Portsmouth City Council regarding Item 12 on the agenda, Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2009/10 - Tipner and Somerstown Projects - (minutes 5 and 6 below refer).

5. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2009/10

The Committee received a report, by the PUSH Interim Managing Director and the Treasurer, which summarised progress against the revenue and capital budgets, as set by the Joint Committee at the meeting in March 2009, and amended in July and November 2009. It highlighted areas of concern and indicated actions proposed and PUSH objectives achieved. The report also set out the projected under spend to be carried forward to 1010/11 to increase the available resources to PUSH for the next financial year (copy of report [pjc-100126-r05-sja-jpi-tni](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed

minutes).

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the current 2009/10 revenue and capital budget position, together with the anticipated outturn for the year, be NOTED;
- (b) the additional allocation of £500,000 towards the Tipner project be APPROVED;
- (c) the carry forward of £10,000 into 2010/11 for the Renewable Energy Evaluation Pilot project be APPROVED; and
- (d) the 2009/10 funding for the Somerstown project be APPROVED and be conditional on achievement of the key milestone of the purchase of the Wellington Street Car Park, and that the 2010/11 allocation to this project be reduced to £489,000 if that milestone is not achieved before the end of the 2009/10 financial year.

6. REVENUE AND CAPITAL FORWARD BUDGETS 2010/11 AND 2011/12

The Joint Committee considered a report by the Treasurer and the PUSH Managing Director, which set out the proposed PUSH revenue and capital budgets for 2010/11 and proposed provisional revenue budgets for 2011/12, on the basis of the anticipated resources available to PUSH, and having regard to the priorities for the delivery of the PUSH Business Plan. The resources available included the projected under spends on the 2009/10 revenue and capital budget (copy of report [pjc-100126-r06-sja-jpi-tni](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the proposed revenue budget allocations for 2010/11, as set out in the report, be APPROVED;
- (b) the provisional revenue budget allocations for 2011/12, as set out in the report, be APPROVED;
- (c) the proposed capital programme for 2010/11, as set out in the report, including the conditions proposed in respect of the Somerstown, M27 J5 and Tipner projects, be APPROVED;
- (d) the release of funding for all capital projects over £100,000 in value be conditional on achievement of key project milestones, be APPROVED;
- (e) the priorities for any funding to be re-allocated during 2010/11 be the M27 J5, Tipner and employment sites identified as a high priority for PUSH support, following the review of employment sites currently underway as part of the refresh of the Economic Development Strategy, be APPROVED; and

- (f) the forecast under spends to be carried forward from the 2009/10 budgets into the funding available for 2010/11 be provisional, and it be NOTED that they may be subject to further change.

7. INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR'S UPDATE REPORT

The Committee received a report, by the PUSH Interim Managing Director, which represented an additional method for PUSH business to be reported to the Joint Committee. The Interim Managing Director's report also provided an opportunity for issues which were significant, but did not justify a full report in their own right, to be brought to the attention of the Joint Committee for a decision or for information (copy of report [pjc-100126-r01-jlo](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

(a) Rose Bowl Development:

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the PUSH Joint Committee's support for the Rose Bowl Development, given the substantial economic development and quality of life benefits it will bring to South Hampshire, be REAFFIRMED and its importance, in light of the recession, be NOTED;
- (ii) It be NOTED that the PUSH Joint Committee made no comment on the mechanisms for funding this project;

(b) South East Regional Selection Committee Enquiry:

RESOLVED that the draft PUSH representations attached at Appendix B to the report be APPROVED for submission to the South East Regional Select Committee, amended to take account of the points made in discussion.

Part B: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

(c) New Executive Director:

The Joint Committee noted that as announced at the November Joint Committee meeting, Anne-Marie Mountfield had been appointed as the new PUSH Executive Director (re-titled from Managing Director) and would take up post on 1 February 2010. Julian Lomas would continue to support PUSH in a consultancy capacity (including a period of handover to Anne-Marie) for a period from 1 February.

(d) Growth Fund Capital Allocation:

The Joint Committee noted that as expected, despite representations from PUSH, the department for Communities and Local Government had announced a cut in PUSH's Capital allocation for 2010/11 over just over £4.1m, leaving a provisional allocation of just over £5.3m. The impact of

this cut was discussed elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

(e) Consultation responses:

The Joint Committee was advised that since the last Joint Committee meeting, the Chairman had written in response to the following consultations:-

- (i) a response to Cllr Moira Gibson at the South East England Partnership Board to stress the importance that the boundaries of the PUSH area be use for sub-regional evidence gathering for South Hampshire rather than an area based on whole district authority areas only; and
- (ii) a supportive response to the consultation on the Gosport Core Strategy.

The Joint Committee was advised that copies of the responses sent could be found on the PUSH website.

8. ANNUAL HOUSING MARKET MONITORING REPORT 2009

The Joint Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Solutions, Southampton City Council, which provided a yearly snapshot of the housing market in South Hampshire (copy of report [pjc-100126-r03-bco.doc](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the contents of the PUSH Annual Housing Market Monitoring Report 2009 be NOTED;
- (b) the publication of the PUSH Annual Housing Market Monitoring Report 2009 on the PUSH web site be APPROVED;
- (c) the PUSH Housing and Planning Delivery Panel develops plans to respond to the issues identified in the report; and
- (d) the four areas identified in the conclusion of the report be APPROVED for inclusion in the Single Conversation.

9. UPDATES FROM THE DELIVERY PANEL CHAIRMENT

The Joint Committee received updates from the Delivery Panel Chairmen as follows:-

- (a) the next meeting of the Economic Development Panel would be held on 12 February 2010. Seven private sector representatives were now on the Employment and Skills Board. The position of Chairman of the Employment and Skills Board would be advertised soon. Employer engagement in the work of the Economic Development Panel had been

good. Work on joint arrangements to improve inward investment arrangements was progressing well and this would be in place by April 2010, subject to consideration by the Joint Committee in March. The Economic Development Strategy was being reviewed and partners were being consulted as the strategy developed. There would be two events held for Economic Development Officers and Planners on 1 and 6 February respectively;

- (b) the work of the Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Panel was progressing well Responses had been formulated for the Portsmouth Water Management Plan and work was progressing on the Climate Change Strategy, which is a Hampshire-wide piece of work. The Partnership would be launched in the autumn of 2010. A member event would be held on 3 March 2010 in Winchester, followed by a summit for Hampshire;
- (c) the Quality Places Panel had been planning for culture and sports seminars. PUSH and Hampshire County Council had developed a database worth £60,000 to PUSH. The work assisted the understanding of the impact of sailing in the Solent and SEEDA would be providing £50,000 to PUSH in the run up to 2012. A new PUSH design award would be promoted in the spring;
- (d) an external Funding and Resources workshop had been held. There would be a significant reduction in public spending in future, particularly on Capital so the Panel still had a lot of work to do; and
- (e) Transport for South Hampshire was waiting to hear whether the Appeal Court would allow work to resume on the Fareham-Gosport Bus Rapid Transit scheme.

RESOLVED that the information received from the Delivery Panel Chairman be NOTED.

10. SOLENT INNOVATION AND GROWTH (IGT) NETWORK PRESENTATION

The Joint Committee received a presentation from Guy Whitaker, Team Director, on the Solent Innovation and Growth Network, which included an introduction to the IGT, how it worked, how clients could become involved and who the team were. A copy of the presentation slides can be found on the PUSH website (www.push.gov.uk).

RESOLVED that the information contained in the presentation be NOTED.

11. MULTI AREA AGREEMENT REFRESH

The Joint Committee received a report, which gave an update on progress in discussions with Government departments and agencies on the priority outcome areas PUSH was seeking to add into the refreshed MAA, sought the Committee's agreement to the proposals currently under discussion and asked for delegated authorities to conclude those negotiations (copy of report [pic-](#)

[100126-r02-jlo](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Councillor Perry proposed that two further recommendations be added to the report as follows:-

That the Joint Committee:-

- (3) AGREES that the proposals in respect of the devolved responsibilities for the South Hampshire Employment and Skills Board should only be agreed following consultation with the Joint Committee members from Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council and Portsmouth City Council (the "Children's Services Authorities") and that paragraphs 6b-d of the report be amended to read as follows:-
 - (b) for the South Hampshire Employment and Skill Board (ESB) to become a specified body under section 112 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009. This would provide powers for the ESB to direct funding for adult (post 19) Learning and Skills. PUSH is not seeking any such powers in respect of pre-19 learning or post-19 provision currently directed by the Children's Services Authorities, which would in any case be precluded by the relevant legislation and guidance;
 - (c) for the South Hampshire ESB to acquire devolved responsibilities for DWP contracted employment programmes. This would enable the ESB to have much greater influence over these programmes to ensure that adult (post-19) learning and skills provision is aligned to the needs of the South Hampshire labour market; and
 - (d) for the South Hampshire ESB to be designated for a pilot for the Joint Investment Scheme to be rolled out in 2010/11. This would give the ESB much greater say over alignment of funding for adult (post-19) employment and skills.
- (4) AGREES that PUSH supports the extension across the Hampshire and Isle of Wight area of the approach described in paragraphs 6b-d of the report (as amended by recommendation (3)) when appropriate arrangements are in place to do so.

This being duly seconded, it was RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the proposals advanced by officers in discussions with Government Departments be APPROVED;
- (b) the Managing Director be AUTHORISED, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Joint Committee, to conclude negotiations with the Government on these proposals and enter into the South Hampshire Agreement (the MAA);

- (c) the proposals in respect of the devolved responsibilities for the South Hampshire Employment and Skills Board should only be agreed following consultation with the Joint Committee members from Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council and Portsmouth City Council (the "Children's Services Authorities") and that paragraphs 6b-d of the report be amended to read as follows:-
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 - (iii) for the South Hampshire ESB to be designated for a pilot for the Joint Investment Scheme to be rolled out in 2010/11. This would give the ESB much greater say over alignment of funding for adult (post-19) employment and skills.
- (d) PUSH supports the extension across the Hampshire and Isle of Wight area of the approach described in paragraphs 6b-d of the report (as amended by recommendation (3) outlined above) when appropriate arrangements are in place to do so.

12. HCA SINGLE CONVERSATION: LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN AND AGREEMENT WITH THE HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY

The Committee received a report by Jeff Channing, which described the emerging process and emphasised that the Plan was being drawn up using existing PUSH policies, taking into account any new information about housing demand and the emerging findings from the review of the PUSH economic strategy (copy of report [pjc-100126-r04-jch.doc](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes) and a presentation by David Edwards, HCA, which outlined the progress made on the single conversation. A copy of the presentation slides can be found on the PUSH website (www.push.gov.uk).

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the HCA's Single Conversation and proposed preparation of a Local Investment Plan and Agreement; be NOTED;

- (b) it be NOTED that the Plan will be drawn up to reflect PUSH's existing policies, updated as necessary to take account of other workstreams, of which the Joint Committee is aware; and
- (c) the proposed process, including a workshop to brief the key interested parties, be AGREED.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7:39pm).

*(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 23 March 2010** at 6:00pm).*