

PUSH Projects Progress Report

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Access to Waterfront: Drivers' Wharf and Royal Pier	Design and consultation on access implications of a reduced-size residential scheme at Royal Pier Site and on a new junction on Northam Road to provide access to the Meridian and Drivers' Wharf sites.	£150,000 Revenue	Consultation and preliminary design work has been virtually completed on both parts, and work has been carried out on costs and possible funding packages. Discussions have been held with SEEDA to discuss how the Drivers Wharf element might be progressed and what level of funding might be forthcoming for the full scheme	Geoff Cornford (SCC) 023 8083 2079 Geoff.cornford@southampton.gov.uk
Green Infrastructure Strategy	A strategy based upon the rigorous assessment of potential impacts on green infrastructure assets in the sub-region and associated biodiversity, ensuring that additional pressures from growth are minimised, mitigation packages are identified and that opportunities to enhance green assets are maximised.	£80,000 Revenue	The final draft of the Green Infrastructure Research Report has been received from the consultants, TEP Ltd. Publication will be subject to the advice of the Joint Committee and a full report on the research and the associated draft Green Infrastructure Strategy will be brought to the March meeting. The first draft of the Green Infrastructure Strategy is currently being prepared by the consultants. Consultation with the stakeholder group before Christmas will be followed by a Stakeholder Workshop on 17th January 2008. The workshop will be an important opportunity for interested parties to comment on the strategy, and it is hoped that a wider range of representatives will attend. The final draft of the Strategy will be available in March 2008.	David Carman (HCC) 023 8038 3407 david.carman@hants.gov.uk
Hedge End Transportation	Implementation of passenger facilities, bus priority and real-	£850,000	The link is being established with Southampton City Council's real-time system and new real time monitoring	Stuart Jarvis (HCC)

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Package	time information systems within the Hedge End area	Capital	equipment can be fitted to the bus operators' vehicles in the New Year. There have been developments in the type and breadth of information that can be displayed on bus shelter screens and it is planned that these will be available through the system created (e.g. news and weather, local authority services and travel bulletins as well as the actual bus arrival times). The final bus shelter proposals will be implemented in partnership with Eastleigh Borough Council and in accordance with their bus shelter maintenance agreements. Orders are being placed for data handling systems and new equipment, which will start to be installed in January.	01962 846124 Stuart.jarvis@hants.gov.uk
LDF Coordination and Policy Development Project	A training programme comprising of 11 bespoke learning events focussed on PUSH spatial planning needs	£15,000 Revenue	This project is being undertaken for PUSH by consultants Scott Wilson, collaborating with lead partners from individual PUSH authorities for each event. The first event took place on 30 October and the remainder of the programme is planned to roll out over the period until April 2008. Take up on attendance at the first event and feedback on the value of the event has been very positive.	Frank Campbell (HBC) 02392 446500 Frank.Campbell@Havant.gov.uk
Park Road North and South, Havant Town Centre Environmental Improvements	Several phases of a larger strategic project aimed at delivering the refurbishment of Park Road in Havant town centre, comprising improved lighting, pedestrian footways, junctions and gateways	£400,000 Capital	Work on programming the proposed improvements is well advanced. Implementation has been affected by complicated negotiations with HCC over the street lighting scheme and the changes in personnel leading the project. Detailed design work for the main elements of the project relating to street lighting and new decorative railings have now been substantially completed and implementation is anticipated in quarter 4. The project will be closely	Frank Campbell (HBC) 02392 446500 Frank.Campbell@Havant.gov.uk

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			monitored to ensure completion by March 2008.	
PUSH Project Director	To coordinate PUSH's activities within the period January 2007 to 31st March 2008 in the first instance. The Project Director is supported by an Assistant and has a small operational budget for administrative costs	£135,000 Revenue	The Project Director has been in post since January 2007. His main duties include: overall coordination of the PUSH work programme; business planning; project coordination; multi area agreement negotiations; external relations; PUSH organisation and governance, and support to the Joint Committee.	<p>Alan Davies (FBC) 01329 236100 cx@fareham.gov.uk</p> <p>Project Director 02380 833529 Richard.longman@southampton.gov.uk</p>
Strategic Development Area Advanced Feasibility Studies	Advanced feasibility studies on the two Strategic Development Areas (SDAs) to develop a phasing programme for detailed SDA planning and to identify and address key obstacles to delivery	£100,000 Revenue	<p>A transport study is underway for the South Hampshire Strategic Development Areas (N/NE Hedge End and N Fareham) and potential planned development north of Whiteley to review the number and type of journeys made currently in the area and consider trip generation and assignment by route and mode of traffic associated with the development areas. Two transport strategy reports, a joint one for North/North East Hedge End and Whiteley and a separate report for North Fareham are due in November/December and will inform plans and the formation of the master planning exercise.</p> <p>The second study is into delivery of the SDAs. Tenders have been sought for this work and are due to be reviewed by the Project Steering Group on 20 November.</p>	<p>Antony Payne (HCC) 01962 846766 antony.payne@hants.gov.uk</p>

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SFRA Project	An assessment conducted by Atkins consultants on behalf of the various client authorities to understand the flood risks associated with the development of 80,000 new homes, built to accommodate economic growth in the region.	£120,000 Revenue	<p>The work on this project, undertaken by consultants Atkins, is now substantially complete. The main data sets in GIS format have been distributed to all relevant authorities and signed off as satisfactory subject to a few minor amendments that are now being undertaken.</p> <p>There are a couple of outstanding matters to be dealt with prior to project close. A programme of training has to be agreed and implemented to enable technical officers in each authority properly to use the complex data sets. Also arrangements for the access to the information from a common web site need to be finalised including defining the levels of access to the general public. Work on this has been delayed by staff illness but is expected to be completed over the next month.</p>	<p>Lyall Cairns (HBC) 02392 446453 Lyall.Cairns@havant.gov.uk</p> <p>Frank Campbell (HBC) 02392 446500 Frank.Campbell@Havant.gov.uk</p>
SHSEZ: Acquisition of mitigation land	The acquisition of land to provide mitigation land offsetting the environmental impact of the regeneration of the South Hampshire Strategic Employment Zone (SHSEZ) and the proposed link road which will open up the site for redevelopment.	£425,000 Capital	Eastleigh Borough Council is continuing to progress purchase of a preferred site. A survey has now been completed and is being evaluated and negotiations on purchase price are taking place.	Bernie Topham (EDC) 023 8066 8100 Bernie.Topham@eastleigh.gov.uk
Skills Strategy	Three pronged strategy aimed at development of an adult learning and skills strategy for the PUSH area; and targeting	£100,000 Revenue	<p>There are three key elements to this project:</p> <p>1. Development of an adult learning and skills strategy for the PUSH area - Consultants are now finalising their Stage 1 report on the detailed review of the skills base and supply</p>	Jane Hurdley (PCC) 02392 834803 jane.hurdley@port

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	<p>retail and construction skills in Portsmouth and South East Hampshire. The analysis will explore the current demand for skills by employers and the extent of the skills deficit in the PUSH area, as well as a “skills forecast” identifying the likely levels of skills that will be required over the next 10 years to help ensure PUSH economic growth targets can be achieved.</p>		<p>of learning and skills provision. This includes analysis of the current skills base in the PUSH area examining overall skill levels (entry level – level 4 and above), skills by industrial sectors and skills in specific areas and for specific cohorts, particularly those who are disengaged from learning. The Skills Strategy will be completed early in 2008 and will inform the PUSH Business Plan.</p> <p>2. Retail Skills in Portsmouth and South East Hampshire - Consultants continue to work with the retail skills group, whose members include the LSC, Portsmouth City Council, University of Portsmouth, Highbury College, John Lewis Partnership and private sector members of the City Growth Strategy Board. The focus of this work is on Portsmouth and South East Hampshire, however, the consultants are also required to consider the wider PUSH area and in particular the potential for developing similar plans in its western sector.</p> <p>3. Construction Skills - Consultants are being approached to develop a Construction Skills strategy and action plan based on local labour models, and identify a financial “threshold” where any such initiatives would be implemented under Section 106 agreements. They will also be required to develop and refine a skills cycle development best practice model, which may be transferable to other occupations as the need arises.</p> <p>The Consultants’ work is on schedule, and the required match funding (LSC) is in place.</p>	<p>smouthcc.gov.uk</p>

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Strategic Transport Studies	Three strategic studies conducted by private sector consultants (Mott Gifford, Peter Brett Associates and MVA) to inform the long-term transport strategy for the sub-region	£50,000 Revenue	The Transport studies that were commissioned by TfSH/PUSH are well underway. The three linked studies are: Access to the sub-region (Winchester-Southampton corridor); Access to Southampton; and Access to Portsmouth and South East Hampshire. The first priority for these studies is to generate initial outputs to inform the refresh of the Regional Funding Allocations (RFA). The consultants have appraised the original list of some forty interventions to provide a short list of interventions that have been agreed for further investigation and possible inclusion in the RFA submission. Currently detailed work on these projects is being undertaken and indicative designs and costs have now been prepared for a majority of the proposals in readiness for consultation and approval for the next stage of the appraisal work. The second iteration of these studies will develop a wider transport strategy for South Hampshire including growth proposed the South East Plan. Match funding is being provided by Department for Transport, SEERA and the 3 Highways Authorities in South Hampshire.	Peter Murnaghan (HCC) 01962 846920 peter.murnaghan@hants.gov.uk
South Hampshire Integrated Water Management Study	A study examining the options and risks, particularly in regard to water supply, water quality and impacts on European conservation sites, associated with the implementation of the policies for South Hampshire in the draft South East Plan.	£100,000 Revenue	The deadline for completing the Study has unfortunately slipped because of delays by the Environment Agency in the release of some critical technical data relating to the Review of Consents under the Habitats Directive. The consultants now have the data but advise that, as a result, they will not be able to finish the Study until the end of January 2008 (original deadline was Christmas). The new deadline will still enable PUSH to consider the report and its	Antony Payne (HCC) 01962 846766 antony.payne@hants.gov.uk

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			recommendations prior to responding to the SE Plan modifications. A report will be brought to the March 2008 Joint Committee meeting.	
Tipner Regeneration Scheme	Feasibility and preparatory work to support the strategic transformation and regeneration of the Tipner site	£120,000 Revenue	The Tipner Regeneration Scheme is progressing well. The next key milestone is the presentation by TRC (the developer) of the masterplan to the City Council. This will be followed by a public consultation exercise early next year. The success of this will help towards meeting current programme targets that include a planning application in autumn 2008.	Martin Lavers (PCC) 02392 841534 martin.lavers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
West Street Fareham	The regeneration of the West Street Public Realm through physical improvements to maintain Fareham's viability as a commercial centre, countering the consequences of continued decline, and supporting the strategic development area to the north of Fareham.	£1,000,000 Capital	The main contract was awarded to Ashridge Construction Limited on 18 October. Following a letter drop to all affected businesses and residents in West Street, an open evening was held in Westbury Manor Museum, in the town centre, on 7 November. This gave interested parties an opportunity to meet and discuss any concerns with representatives of both the client and the contractor. Ashridge commenced work on site on 12 November. A separate contract with Southern Electric Contracting Ltd. for the installation and connection of the new street lighting commenced in October and is also under way. Match funding of £325,000 is provided by Fareham BC.	Richard Jolley (FBC) 01329 824388 Rjolley@Fareham.gov.uk

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Other Current Research Projects (PUSH funded)				
Energy Services Feasibility Study	The PUSH Sustainability Working Group has commissioned an Energy Services Feasibility Study to assess initiatives to improve energy efficiency and increase sources of renewable and carbon-neutral or low carbon energy supply, in residential, industrial and commercial building stock, taking into account both new build and existing stock.	-	The contract for this project was awarded to the consulting firm Arups in summer 2007 and the final report is expected in early 2008. A report will be made to the March 2008 meeting of the PUSH Joint Committee. PUSH Funding of £30,000 has been committed to this project.	Frank Campbell (HCB) 02392 446500 Frank.Campbell@Havant.gov.uk
Business Clusters Study	The purpose of this study, commissioned by the PUSH Sub-group on Enterprise, Innovation and Business, is to map the geographical distribution and concentration of businesses within the growth sectors and clusters in South Hampshire and to identify the interactions which take place between businesses in these sectors	-	The consultants Trends Business Research (TBR) were commissioned in May 2007 to undertake this study on Business in Growth Sectors in South Hampshire. Interim reports have been consulted on within the sub-group and a wider group of stakeholders, both public sector and industry. The final report is expected late November 2007, and will inform the Economic Development Strategy and relevant chapters of the PUSH Business Plan.	Tim Levenson Telephone: 02380832550 Email: tim.levenson@southampton.gov.uk Neil Pearce Telephone: 02380439405 Email: neilpearce@seeda

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Habitats Regulations Assessment Framework	The purpose of this project is to provide a framework and common evidence base that can be used as the basis for each of the individual authorities within the PUSH area to carry out Habitat Regulation Assessment of their Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents.	-	The consulting firm Tesseract, together with the GeoData Institute, were commissioned to develop the HRA Framework in Spring 2007. The framework has been developed as a web-based resource. The research, framework and associated reports are now virtually complete. Discussions are underway to put in place arrangements for the long-term management of the evidence database and other support services. PUSH funding committed: £35,000	Ian Burt Telephone: 01329236100 Email: iburt@fareham.gov.uk