



Item 12

Report to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Joint Committee

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Subject: **PUSH Projects: Progress Report**

SUMMARY

The Appendix to this paper provides a brief summary of progress on each of the projects currently being carried out by or on behalf of PUSH.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire programme of work in 2007/8 includes around 20 formal projects as well as numerous other informal collaborations to support delivery of sustained economic-led growth in the sub-region. Some 14 of these are supported by £3.665 million of funding from the Department of Communities and Local Government's New Growth Point programme. These include a number of studies and strategies, some of which are specified as conditions of New Growth Point partnership with Government. The outputs from the studies are crucial to informing PUSH's forward work programme and Business Plan, as well as actions by individual authorities and other agencies.

PROGRESS SUMMARIES

2. The attached Appendix outlines progress on the 14 New Growth Point projects and three PUSH-funded research projects that are currently underway.

ISSUES & IMPLICATIONS

3. Most of the projects are proceeding satisfactorily. Two have suffered some delay caused by illness of lead officers, and one has been delayed by the late release of information by the Environment Agency. Steps have been taken to mitigate the impacts of these delays. The capital projects involving public realm works over the winter period will need close monitoring and management to complete on schedule. A further report, to include a forecast of outturn expenditure, will be presented to the January 2008 meeting of the Joint Committee.

CONCLUSION

4. These projects are tangible evidence of PUSH authorities' collaboration in practice, and the benefits of sub-regional working in attracting external funding support.
5. The Committee is invited to note this report and Appendix.

Background Papers: -

Reference Papers: PUSH Projects Progress Report – Appendix v2

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