



# **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. It also offers a forecast of outturn expenditure.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Joint Committee notes this progress report and its appendix.

## **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. The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and research phase of the Green Infrastructure Strategy have been completed. The three inter-related Transport Access studies are nearing completion. However, an extended period of consideration has been provided for fuller examination of options for the access to Southampton study which will delay its draft submission. An extension for the SDA deliverability study has also been granted to mitigate delays experienced in the tendering process. Neither of these delays will impact upon cost or risks underspend. The consultants undertaking the Integrated Water Management Study have recommenced evaluations following the delayed release of data from the Environment Agency. This project is now estimated to cost £5k less than the original provision.
4. Steps have been taken to mitigate the impacts of the delays experienced in both the capital projects involving public realm works at Park Road, Havant and West Street, Fareham.
5. The bus passenger counting system for the Hedge End Transportation Package cannot be delivered within the 2007/08 financial year. If it is not possible to offset this element by bringing forward later elements, there is a risk of £120k underspend on the total £850k budget. Options are being urgently explored. Other forecasts are broadly on target for spend by the end of the financial year.

## **CONCLUSION**

6. The Committee is invited to note this report and Appendix.

### **Background Papers:**

**Reference Papers:** New Growth Point Update for Joint Committee Appendix

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