

**APPENDIX A**

**PUSH Project Update for Joint Committee**

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<b>Revenue Projects</b>						
Access to Waterfront: Drivers' Wharf and Royal Pier (Southampton Revenue Project: Itchen and Test Waterfronts)	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	0	£140,000	Both projects, assessing and designing access implications on the rivers Test and Itchen, are nearing completion and are on track for the end of March. Full design work and costings for the access to Drivers Wharf has been achieved. It took slightly longer to achieve an acceptable in-principle design for the Test waterfront element, and further work to refine the major features remains in progress. The level of detail achieved on this element may result in some underspend (not exceeding £10,000).	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,	£80,000	£20,000	£60,000	The consultants' report and draft recommendations have been produced. This document is currently out to consultation with stakeholders until 6 <sup>th</sup> March. Upon receipt of the final report from TEP, PUSH will need to consider its response and undertake further work to setting out its strategy and priority areas for	David Carman (HCC) 023 8038 3407 david.carman@hants.gov.uk

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	mitigation packages are identified and that opportunities to enhance green assets are maximised.				action	
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	£18,591	£75,000	The Project Steering Group has agreed with the consultants that the project will finish at the end of March 2008. This extension to the timetable is partly due to the delays in the release of data from the environment agency but also in recognition that the two water companies are due to publish their draft Water Resource Management Plans in March. Delaying completion of the project until after their publication will enable the consultants to consider the implications for their recommendations. There is a forecast underspend of ca £5,000 due to lower than budgeted costs.	Antony Payne (HCC) 01962 846766 antony.payne@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	0	£12,000	This project is being undertaken for PUSH by consultants Scott Wilson, collaborating with lead partners from individual PUSH authorities for each event. There are no significant risks that the work will not be completed albeit the programme extends 3	Frank Campbell (HBC) 02392 446500 Frank.Campbell@Havant.gov.uk

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					weeks beyond the end of March 08 which means the final costs cannot be recovered in this financial year.	
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	£22,810	£113,500	The Project Director has been in post since January 2007, supported initially by a temporary PA and since July 2007 by an Executive Assistant. The Forecast outturn to 31 March is still more or less in line with the funding agreements.	Alan Davies (FBC) 01329 236100 cx@fareham.gov.uk  Project Director 02380 833529 Richard.longman@southampton.gov.uk
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	£49,685	£70,305	The PUSH Strategic Flood Risk Assessment main study documentation has now been completed and disseminated to the Client Authorities. A Universal GIS and training to improve access and interpretation of the finding is presently under development with completion programmed before the end of the financial year.  It is anticipated that the final claim on this study will be up to the 31st March Q4 for the full approved budget figure of £70,305 (no under or over spend predicted) in	Lyllal Cairns (HBC) 02392 446453 Lyllal.Cairns@havant.gov.uk  Frank Campbell (HBC) 02392 446500 Frank.Campbell@Havant.gov.uk

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Skills Strategy	Three pronged strategy aimed at development of an adult learning and skills strategy for the PUSH area; and targeting 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.	£100,000	0	£20,000	<p>PUSH Adult Learning and Skills Strategy - stage one of the report has been completed (review of the evidence base). Stage 2 (Strategy and Action Plan) is on course to be delivered by the end of March 2008. NGP funding for this aspect of the work was claimed for in Qtr 3.</p> <p>The Retail Skills component of the strategy encountered delays in the options appraisal and high level feasibility work due to be carried out. Stage 2 and 3 can no longer be completed within the financial year. This construction skills element was programmed to be carried out in the final quarter, but the preferred consultant was not available and delivery could not be achieved in this financial year. £80,000 of the original allocation is therefore not utilised; but the funding agreement was held back pending confirmation of the various components of the scheme so the final spend accords with the funding agreement.</p>	Jane Hurdley (PCC) 02392 834803 jane.hurdley@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

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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	0	£100,000	Both the Access and Transport Study and the Deliverability Study are on track for completion in March. The appointment of consultants was initially delayed because of procurement difficulties. A revised tendering process resulted in appointment of David Lock associates who are on target to complete their report by the end of March 2008.	Antony Payne (HCC) 01962 846766 antony.payne@hants.gov.uk
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	0	£50,000	The three studies are due to be completed shortly with the consultants' final reports being submitted to TfSH. All three are expected to be submitted prior to the end of March. These reports will inform a TfSH policy statement. Spend is in line with the funding agreement.	Peter Murnaghan (HCC) 01962 846920 peter.murnaghan@hants.gov.uk
Tipner Regeneration Scheme	Feasibility and preparatory work including project management to support the strategic transformation and regeneration of the Tipner site	£120,000	0	£120,000	The project has reached a significant stage with developer proposals and outline masterplan now published for public consultation. The first consultation event occurred on the 21 <sup>st</sup> February and further events are planned for the coming weeks. A cooperation agreement taken to PCC at the end of February is to be followed by a development agreement and submission of	Martin Lavers (PCC) 02392 841534 martin.lavers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

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					outline planning application as the remaining key milestones this year	
<b>Capital Projects</b>						
Hedge End Transportation Package	Implementation of passenger facilities, bus priority and real-time information systems within the Hedge End area	£850,000	0	£850,000	Following confirmation that the bus passenger counting system cannot be delivered as part of the current programme of work additional package items have been identified for delivery in 07/08. A further 6 new high quality bus shelters that include real time information screens, help points and lighting will be provided, along with re-vinyling of the quality bus stop flags with text information across the Hedge End area and raised kerb and footway for the busy stop serving Hedge End stores. This leaves the project forecast to achieve its fully budget allocation this financial year.	Geoff Topps (HCC) 01962 847959 Geoff.topps@hants.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	0	£400,000	Decorative railings, street lighting and remaining landscape enhancements (Park Road resurfacing and planting, Boys Brigade Gardens and street furniture works) are programmed to take place during March. NGP finance has been put towards these landscape enhancements to offset the risk of underspend, with developer contributions being deferred to	Frank Campbell (HBC) 02392 446500 Frank.Campbell@Havant.gov.uk

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					cover the costs of completing work after the end of March.	
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	0	£425,000	The Council have now provisionally agreed terms with them for the purchase of the preferred site in the sum of £700,000. Completion of the purchase is anticipated by 31st March. Due to increased costs an application was made to DCLG to transfer the £80k underspend on the skills strategy to this project, converting revenue to capital. However this request has been refused.	Bernie Topham (EDC) 023 8066 8100 Bernie.Topham@eastleigh.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	0	£1,000,000	The project is proceeding satisfactorily and, in particular, measures have been taken to address time lost in the initial phases of the engineering works.  It is therefore not anticipated that the programme changes will cause difficulties with the DCLG funding agreement. The intention is to use the £1m DCLG grant funding first and thereafter to spend the £325,000 funding from FBC. This view is given on the basis that the delivery of the materials to site continues to be made to the timetable agreed with the suppliers.	Richard Jolley (FBC) 01329 824388 Rjolley@Fareham.gov.uk

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<b>Total</b>		<b>£3,645,000</b>	<b>£111,086</b>	<b>£3,435,805</b>	<b>Total Forecast Spend £3,546,891</b> <b>Overall underspend against allocations ca £98,109 (2.7%)</b> <b>Overall underspend against funding agreements ca £18,109 (0.5%)</b>	