



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 7 July 2010  
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

**Members:**

		<b>Authority Represented:</b>
Councillor	Seán Woodward (Chairman)	Fareham BC
Councillor	Roy Perry (Vice-Chairman)	Hampshire CC
Councillor	Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Vice-Chairman)	Portsmouth CC
Councillor	Keith House	Eastleigh BC
Councillor	Peter Langdon (deputising for Mark Hook)	Gosport BC
Councillor	Tony Briggs	Havant BC
Councillor	Edward Heron	New Forest DC
Councillor	Alec Samuels	Southampton CC
Councillor	Martin Hatley	Test Valley BC
Councillor	Kelsie Learney	Winchester CC

**Chief Executives:**

		<b>Authority Represented:</b>
Bernie Topham		Eastleigh BC
Peter Grimwood		Fareham BC
Peter Wilson (deputising for Ian Lycett)		Gosport BC
James Strachan (deputising for Andrew Smith)		Hampshire CC
Sandy Hopkins	Havant BC & East Hampshire DC	
David Williams		Portsmouth CC
Brad Roynon		Southampton CC
Andy Ferrier (deputising for Roger Tetstall)		Test Valley BC
Steve Tilbury (deputising for Simon Eden)		Winchester CC

Anne-Marie Mountifield

PUSH Executive Director

**Co-opted, Non-Voting  
Members 2010/11:**

**Body Represented:**

Cathy Evans	Government Office for the South East (GOSE)
Kathy Slack	South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)
Mike Dorgan	PUSH Business Group

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## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Parkinson, East Hampshire District Council and Mark Hook, Gosport Borough Council.

Apologies for absence were also received from Ian Lycett, Gosport Borough Council, Andrew Smith, Hampshire County Council, David Edwards HCA, Roger Tetstall, Test Valley Borough Council, Simon Eden, Winchester City Council and Dave Yates, New Forest District Council.

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 23 March 2010 (pjc-100323-m) be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:-

Minute 7(d) to read "The Committee was further advised that with RDAs being replaced, PUSH needed to express its interest to be a Local Enterprise Partnership for the South Hampshire Area. This was agreed".

## **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Professor Deborah Humphris, Pro-Vice Chancellor at the University of Southampton and the new Chairman of the Employment and Skills Board to the meeting.

The Chairman made announcements regarding the following:-

### **(a) A new approach to Housing Growth**

The Chairman advised that the letter from Grant Shapps, Housing Minister, dated 2 July 2010, which was sent to the Leaders of growth area and growth point lead local authorities and partnerships, and was circulated at the meeting, confirmed that 2010/11 funding had been safeguarded. Individual payments would be as set out in the CLG announcement of last December. However, before funding was released, the Minister wanted to hear from each growth location partnership on how the new approach of the Coalition Government could be reflected in their vision for the area of South Hampshire. They were not looking for a detailed picture at this stage, but a high level summary of how PUSH felt its growth vision could reflect the localism priorities of the new Government, as set out in the Minister's letter. Critical to this new approach would be three new elements:-

- Putting local community in the driving seat;
- Rewarding local communities so that development occurs where people see that building new homes is of direct benefit to them in

terms of jobs, improving affordability and investment in existing communities and the infrastructure it needs; and

- Creating a strong and well considered local plan, locally delivered, which provides enough jobs and homes to meet the aspirations of the area.

In addition, there was a commitment to greatly strengthen the incentive package, which would provide Council tax matched funding on every home that was built and a higher rate on each affordable home over a number of years.

PUSH had recently submitted to the HCA the Local Investment Plan and this had helped to identify the resource needs of PUSH in delivering its objectives relating to housing and communities over the period 2011-14. The document set out PUSH's aims, strategy, and housing priorities, and reviewed the current state of the housing market.

Similarly, the Economic Development Strategy for South Hampshire had been in preparation since the autumn of 2009. The strategy, evidence base and preferred growth scenario were now in their final form. The development of the preferred growth scenario was believed to be a realistic and ambitious alternative growth trajectory and would serve to provide PUSH with a robust basis on which to refocus its efforts and invest in activity that had the greatest potential to deliver sustainable economic growth in the sub region. The draft revised strategy retained the underlying ambition for economic growth in a sustainable manner, which benefited the residents of the sub-region and tackled deprivation, but ensured it reflected the economic environment of today and the coming decade.

Therefore PUSH was well placed to respond to the request from the Minister. To release the growth funding for 2010/11, the Partnership needed to submit a statement for its approach to securing community engagement and a share in the growth, and progress to date, including setting out how existing residents would gain from this funding.

(b) Local Enterprise Partnerships:

The Chairman referred to the recent letter from the two Secretaries' of State on Local Enterprise Partnerships which members may have seen. CLG had advised that it would be helpful if consultation responses could be received by the end of July, if possible, or by the end of August.

He reminded members that, as discussed at the last meeting on 23 June 2010, the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire had a long established strategic framework, within which local authorities, external partners and business were already working together on issues of economic concern and the boundaries of PUSH accurately reflected the real Local Economy. There was scope for taking this a stage further and delivering significant efficiency gains by taking on the role of a Local Enterprise Partnership to enable improved co-ordination of public and private investment in transport, housing, skills regeneration and other areas of economic

development. As agreed at the last meeting, an expression of interest was being developed for submission, in line with the requirements in the letter from the two Secretaries' of State.

CPRE:

The Chairman referred to a copy of correspondence dated 2 July 2010, which members might have received from CPRE Hampshire. He had responded to this by offering the Leader of the CPRE South Hampshire Group with an opportunity to meet with him to discuss the issues raised in the letter, and this had been accepted.

(c) Plugged In Places:

The Chairman advised that, as discussed at the previous meeting, an expression of interest was submitted on 1 June and successful applicants would be invited to submit full applications by 30 September. The bid was aimed at increasing the demand for electric vehicles in the area, as well as raising awareness of electric vehicle opportunities amongst both residents and business. PUSH had received an update of how the new Government planned to take forward the applications, as well as provide some context to how Ministers viewed this policy area.

The new Government had made policy commitments to this agenda, most clearly in the coalition agreement, which announced they would mandate a national charging infrastructure for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. Ministers were taking an active interest in the Electric Vehicles arena and were considering the detail of how to take forward the wider Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) programme, including the Plug-in Car Grant and Plugged-in Places. However, these decisions were being taken in the wider context of a need to reduce the budget deficit and, at this point in time, no firm decisions had been made.

It was hoped that there would be more clarity in the next few weeks, which would allow the Government to be definite about which EOIs had made it through the assessment. In the interim, therefore, the Government had proposed to work on the basis that until PUSH heard otherwise, it should assume it is through. Once PUSH had a clear decision from Ministers, it would issue updated guidance and application templates, as well as a clear list of those projects that it was asking to carry forward to the final bid.

(d) Local Leaders" tour of private sector aviation at Daedalus Airfield

Lee Flying Association has issued an invitation to the Leaders of PUSH to visit the private sector General Aviation organisations operating at Daedalus Airfield. Offered was a general briefing followed by a tour including:-

- Atlas Helicopters;
- Fleetlands Flying Group;
- Lee Flying Association;

- Phoenix Aviation;
- Portsmouth Naval Gliding Club;
- Solent Microlight Group;
- Vintage Aircraft Restoration; and
- (Britten-Norman TBC).

As per previous "Local Leaders Tours", it was expected to be a 2 to 2.5-hour programme, which could be scheduled according to PUSH diaries (excepting 16 July), as a half day or evening visit 19:00 - 21:00 during July/August/early September.

#### **4. REVISED CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS FOR 2010/11**

The Joint Committee considered a report by the Treasurer, Hampshire County Council and the PUSH Executive Director, which set out the latest position with regard to both revenue and capital, and requests approval for committing expenditure on additional capital projects (copy of report pjc-100707-r04-tni-spo-amm circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

The Head of Finance, Hampshire County Council, advised of the following amendment to the report:-

- Paragraph 11, table 4b should include Forest Park Test Valley, with a January JC approved allocation of £50,000 and a committed budget for 2010/11 of 0. The total columns should then read £60,000 and £49,000 respectively.

The Head of Finance, Hampshire County Council, advised of the following update on funding for revenue:-

- For revenue, SEEDA had advised that PUSH would receive at least 25% of the anticipated budget for 2010/11. This was reflected in table 1. It was expected that the final contribution from SEEDA would be in the region of £99,000, which is 60% of the anticipated budget for 2010/11. A confirmed position would be advised at the next meeting. Members were also asked to note an update to paragraph 7 of the report, as PUSH had used some Core funding to support the delivery of the Economic Delivery Panel activities for 2010/11, pending confirmation of SEEDA funding. Once this was confirmed the core funding would be freed up and reallocated to the balance until 2011/12. A confirmed position would be advised at the next meeting.

The Executive Director provided the following update on funding for capital:-

- The letter from the Housing Minister dated 2 July 2010 confirmed that the funding for 2010/11 had been safeguarded, but before the funding is released, PUSH had to provide a response on how the new approach of the Coalition Government could be reflected in PUSH's vision for South Hampshire. The Committee was to approve the proposed capital

programme for 2010/11, previously agreed in January 2010, subject to the following conditions:

- That CLG confirm that New Growth Point funds will be paid, following our submission to the minister, and
- That the scheme was already on the provisional capital programme set out in January 2010, and
  - That the grant conditions for the individual schemes issued for the projects continue to be met, and
  - That the individual projects will fully spend the allocation by 31 March 2011.

The Committee was also asked to delegate authority to the PUSH Executive Director and the Treasurer to finalise this work.

A confirmed position will be provided at the next meeting, together with an update on the overall position on the capital budget.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the committed capital and revenue budgets for 2010/11, as set out in the report, be APPROVED;
- (b) expenditure in 2010/11 be APPROVED on the following capital projects:-
  - Eastleigh Riverside - £125,000;
  - Southampton Estate Regeneration - £1,240,000;
  - Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre Master Plan - £37,000;
- (c) an unallocated balance of £484,000 on the capital programme be reviewed when the 2010/11 funding position is clarified;
- (d) it be NOTED that the position regarding New Growth Point capital funding in 2010/11 is still to be confirmed; and
- (e) the additional revenue resources from SEEDA, and that further confirmation of the total funding is still being sought, be NOTED.
- (f) The capital programme for 2010/11, previously agreed in January 2010, be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:
  - That CLG confirm New Growth Point funds will be paid, following PUSH's submission to the minister,
  - That the scheme was already on the provisional capital programme set out in January 2010,
  - That the grant conditions for the individual schemes issued for the projects continue to be met, and

- That the individual projects will fully spend the allocation by 31 March 2011.

## 5. PUSH BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

The Joint Committee considered a report by the PUSH Executive Director, which sought the Committee's approval for the 2010-12 Business Plan and supporting theme action plans and authority to forward it to individual local authority partners for their consideration and approval (copy of report pjc-100707-r01-amm circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that:-

1. the proposed PUSH Business Plan 2010-12 and supporting theme action plans, attached at Appendix 2 to the report, be APPROVED and commended to the 11 partner Local Authorities for their approval; and
2. authority be DELEGATED to the Executive Director to finalise the document, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairmen, including authority to make appropriate amendments or editorial changes, and to incorporate any consequential amendments resulting from the consideration of the 2010/11 Budget and Capital Programme, and/or public expenditure and policy changes notified during the 2010/11 year.

## 8. DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The Joint Committee considered a report by the PUSH Economic Development Director and the PUSH Executive Director, which sought agreement from the Committee to undertaking a wide consultation exercise (copy of report pjc-100707-r02-amm-hta circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

The Committee also received a presentation from Chris Cobbold, DTZ on Shaping the Economic Future of the PUSH Area. A copy of the slides for this presentation can be found on the PUSH website at [www.push.gov.uk](http://www.push.gov.uk).

Councillor Perry, Hampshire County Council, requested that his reservations about housing figures of 74,000 be noted.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the draft Economic Development Strategy and the supporting annexes on the Evidence base and preferred growth scenario, be APPROVED as a basis for consultation and the consultation on it with partners and other interested parties, be AGREED; and
- (b) the preparation of an implementation plan through preliminary meetings with delivery partners be AGREED.

**9. PROPOSED FINAL REPORT OF THE PUSH TASK AND FINISH GROUP ON PROPOSALS FOR THE NORTH OF FAREHAM STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AREA (SDA)**

The Joint Committee considered a report by the PUSH Executive Director, which seeks agreement from the Joint Committee to the recommendations in the report from the PUSH Task and Finish Group established following last year's request by Fareham Borough Council (FBC) for PUSH to provide greater certainty on its likely representations in respect of certain aspects of FBC's emerging proposals for the proposed SDA North of Fareham (copy of report pjc-100707-r03-amm circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

The PUSH Executive Director advised that the proposal in section 3 of the task and Finish Group's report referred to "business park". Following an update from Fareham Borough Council this was now to be amended to read "employment land".

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) recommendations set out at paragraphs 1, 2a-d of the Task and Finish Group's Final Report (attached at Appendix A to the report), be AGREED; and
- (b) PUSH recognises the significance of, and supports, the proposed employment land at M27 Junction 11, provided that each of the issues set out in items 3a) to 3e) of the Task and Finish Group's Final Report (attached at Appendix A to the report) have been satisfactorily addressed through the Fareham Core Strategy and at each subsequent stage of the planning process, subject to the amendment of the references to "business park" to read "employment land", and recognising that the timing of the development of the proposed employment site at Junction 11 be phased so as to be compatible with the 'cities first' policy and that the development therefore not proceed until at least 2021 or beyond", be AGREED; and
- (c) the PUSH Executive Director be AUTHORISED to write to Fareham Borough Council (FBC) expressing those recommendations as PUSH's views on (FBC's) emerging proposals for the dwelling capacity and motorway junction employment site for the North of Fareham SDA.

The Chairman advised the Committee that this would be Councillor Samuels' last meeting as he was retiring. On behalf of the Joint Committee, he thanked Councillor Samuels for his support and valuable contribution to the work of PUSH. He wished him well for the future.

*(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 8:09pm).*

*(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 14 September 2010 at 6:00pm**).*