



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 11 January 2011
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

**Authority
Represented:**

Councillor	Seán Woodward (Chairman)	Fareham BC
Councillor	Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Vice-Chairman)	Portsmouth CC
Councillor	Royston Smith (Vice-Chairman)	Southampton CC
Councillor	David Airey (deputising for Keith House)	Eastleigh BC
Councillor	Mark Hook	Gosport BC
Councillor	Ray Ellis	Hampshire CC
Councillor	Edward Heron	New Forest DC
Councillor	Martin Hatley	Test Valley BC
Councillor	Kelsie Learney	Winchester CC

Chief Executives:

Authority Represented:

Bernie Topham	Eastleigh BC
Peter Grimwood	Fareham BC
Ian Lycett	Gosport BC
James Strachan (deputising for Andrew Smith)	Hampshire CC
Sandy Hopkins	Havant BC & East Hampshire DC
Dave Yates	New Forest DC
David Williams	Portsmouth CC
Alistair Neill	Southampton CC
Roger Tetstall	Test Valley BC
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)
Mike Dorgan	PUSH Business Group
Kevin Bourner	Homes & Communities Agency
Professor Debra Humphris	Chairman of the Employment & Skills Board

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Keith House, Eastleigh Borough Council, Councillor Tony Briggs, Havant Borough Council and Councillor Patrick Burridge, East Hants District Council.

Apologies for absence were also received from Kathy Slack (South East England Development Agency), David Edwards (Homes and Communities Agency), and Andrew Smith (Hampshire County 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 9 November 2010 (pjc-101109-m) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

(a) Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

A national LEP summit on growth and competitiveness in the spring will bring together LEP Chairs from across the country to prioritise action to stimulate growth at a regional level. This will be supported by additional money, to help LEPs understand the real issues facing local businesses, from an LEP Capacity Fund.

The proposal for a new LEP Capacity Fund should be of benefit to those new business-led LEPs recognised by the Government, as set out in the Local Growth White Paper. The fund will be focussed on supporting the business-led LEPs to really understand the issues facing business in their area. Further details of the fund will be announced at the forthcoming LEP summit.

The announcement of the fund came on 6 January 2011 as Prime Minister David Cameron visited board members of the Liverpool City Region shadow LEP and commissioned Tesco chief executive Sir Terry Leahy, who is on the board of the shadow LEP, and Lord Heseltine, the Government's chief adviser on the £1.4 billion Regional Growth Fund, to produce a strategy for stimulating economic growth in Liverpool.

(b) Regional Growth Fund (RGF)

The Shadow LEP Board has agreed that that it would co-ordinate a bid the RGF. This is likely to contain a package of projects that will:

- Encourage private sector enterprise by providing support for projects with significant potential for economic growth and create additional private sustainable private sector employment;

- Support those areas and communities that are currently dependent on the public sector to make the transition to sustainable private sector led growth and prosperity.

The submission is in line with the Solent LEP and PUSH response to the consultation on the Regional Growth fund and is characterised by:

- Strong financial backing from the private sector;
- Activities that will lead to transformational outcomes in terms of GVA growth and an increase in the employment rate and the number of jobs created;
- A strong evidence base to show the funds will directly support sustainable private sector growth and enterprise, leading to the rebalancing of the economy in favour of the private sector; and
- A focus on areas and communities that are currently dependent on the public sector ensuring they make the transition to sustainable private sector led growth.

It is likely to be divided into two parts:

1. **Solent Gateway (infrastructure led)** - projects that seek to both: unlock economic growth and create private sector jobs; and arrest economic decline in areas reliant on the public sectors.
2. **Solent Futures (sustainable economic growth)** – projects that will support sustainable economic growth through labour market engagement, green technologies and innovation and growth to enable higher levels of employment and deliver a more balanced and sustainable pattern of growth ensuring that local residents are equipped to take up the jobs that are created.

The deadline for submission is 21 January 2011, and the Shadow Board will convene on 19 January 2011, and within this meeting will look at the final bid submission documentation.

(c) Housing and Planning policy developments

Since the last meeting of the Joint Committee on 9 November 2010 the Coalition Government has published several sets of proposals which have major implications for planning and for PUSH's activities. This included a consultation on the proposed New Homes Bonus. Consultation on this commenced on 12 November and ended on 24 December 2010. The New Homes Bonus is intended to provide an incentive to local authorities to increase their housing supply. £900m has been set aside, for use in the first four years, to get the scheme up and running. This will be provided from the abolition of Housing and Planning Delivery Grant - the additional funding required will come from Formula Grant paid by Government to local authorities. Government has earmarked £200m to fully fund the scheme in 2011/12 and a further £250m per annum for the following three years.

As this consultation both commenced and concluded before this meeting and as per PUSH protocol a draft response was prepared by the Planning officers group and considered by the Housing and Planning delivery panel on 14 December 2010, before sign off by the Chairman and it was submitted in line with the published deadline.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

6. PUSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the PUSH Executive Director on a number of significant issues of PUSH business (copy of report pjc-110111-r01-amm circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the ongoing work of the sites project group be ENDORSED and, as a key partner in the Solent LEP, the approach to bidding for Regional Growth funds be SUPPORTED, as outlined in paragraph 6 of the report;
- (b) the principles in section 15 a. to 15 e. of the main report be ADOPTED in order to inform the development of the new business plan for 2011/12 and to support the work of PUSH going forward, the new economic development strategy, as adopted by the Joint Committee in November 2010 and the Solent LEP; and
- (c) the matters for information, contained in part B of this report, be NOTED.

7. CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2010/11

The Committee considered a report updating members on expenditure against approved revenue and capital programmes and forecasting outturn for the financial year. It also gave an indication of the likely level of resources available for 2011/12 (copy of report pjc-110111-r02-cwi-amm circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the revised capital and revenue budgets for 2010/11, as set out in the report, and the forecast outturn for the year be NOTED;
- (b) the reduction in revenue resources for 2010/11 of £18,000 following completion of the audit of 2009/10 Statement of Accounts and reconciliation of the balance brought forward be NOTED;
- (c) the carry forward of £23,000 in the revenue budget for Sustainability and Community Infrastructure to 2011/12 and the corresponding reduction in the 2010/11 budget be APPROVED;
- (d) the capitalisation of the costs associated with the SDA project managers in the Housing and Planning Revenue budget be NOTED and the consequent transfer of £101,000 from Housing and Planning revenue budget to the unallocated revenue reserve, and the use of £101,000 from

the unallocated capital balance to fund the cost of staff working on this project be AGREED;

- (e) a transfer of £50,000 from revenue reserve to Central Costs and Operational Contingency budget for 2010/11 to cover any potential commitments that may arise through the development of the Solent LEP be AGREED, and it be NOTED that any such expenditure will only be approved in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Joint Committee;
- (f) a reduction in the capital allocation for Forest Park to £25,000 be AGREED and the balance of £25,000 be added to the uncommitted capital balance for reallocation.

8. PUSH 2010/11 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report summarising the recommended capital projects submitted against the PUSH unallocated balance of capital NGP funding in support of the PUSH Capital Programme for 2010/11, on the basis of the anticipated resources available to PUSH and having regard to the priorities for the delivery of the PUSH Business Plan (copy of report pjc-110111-r03-cwi-amm circulated with agenda and appended to the signed minutes). Members also considered a supplementary paper (pjc-110111-r03-supplemental and Appendix.)

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The capital programme bids as detailed in Appendix A of the report be NOTED;
- (b) the recommended additional PUSH Capital Programme for 2010/11 of £1.836m, as set out in the report in Tables 2a – 2e of the main report be APPROVED subject to the following projects where further approval is conditional:
 - London Road Waterlooville: the funding request of £343,000 be approved on condition that the objectives around employment and skills and the provision of apprenticeships / vocational training opportunities being included for the NEET target group are delivered and that this project be overseen by Havant Employability and Skills Group in collaboration with the Quality Places Development Delivery Panel.
 - TfSH Evidence Base (EB): that PUSH join the Steering Group for phase 2 in order to jointly commission work and that PUSH and its constituent LA's have free licence to commission EB work and are fully authorised to use the EB results emerging from that work.
- (c) the recommended additions to the PUSH Capital Programme for 2010/11 of £530,000 set out in the supplementary report at Tables 1 and 2, taking the total approved programme to £2,366,000 as summarised in Table 3, be APPROVED, subject to the following project where further approval is conditional:
 - Creative Industries – Portsmouth: the funding request of £500,000 is approved on condition that the objectives around employment and skills

and the provision of apprenticeships / vocational training opportunities being included for NEET target group in Portsmouth are delivered.

- (d) the carry forward of the uncommitted balance of £382,000 to 2011/12 be APPROVED;
- (e) authority be DELEGATED to the Executive Director, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Joint Committee, to apply appropriate conditions on the capital allocations to the London Road, Waterlooville project, the TfSH evidence base projects and the Portsmouth Creative Industries project, as previously specified.

9. CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee considered a report from the Monitoring Officer and PUSH Executive Director, providing the Joint Committee with an opportunity to review and approve changes to the Constitutional Arrangements for PUSH, in accordance with the Joint Agreement / Constitution for the Partnership (copy of report pjc-110111-r04-mhe circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Joint Committee recommends that PUSH continues with revised membership (Hampshire County Council to leave and Isle of Wight Council to join) from 1 April 2011;
- (b) the Joint Committee notes that the New Forest District Council, having served notice, continues to reserve its right to leave;
- (c) the Joint Committee, having considered what future arrangements should apply for the discharge of the functions under this Agreement, recommend agreeing to continue joint arrangements further to a revised Joint Agreement (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) from 1 April 2011;
- (d) that the revised joint agreement be further modified by the deletion from paragraph 8.3 the words "but must include the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton to be carried";
- (e) dependent upon New Forest District Council's decision, the Monitoring Office be given delegated authority to amend the Joint Agreement accordingly to reflect that decision;
- (f) the Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to fine tune the Joint Arrangement prior to it being entered into;
- (g) Southampton be appointed as Lead Authority for financial matters in accordance with the Joint Arrangement with effect from 1 April 2011; and
- (h) the PUSH Executive Director be given delegated authority, following consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Committee, to finalise the arrangements in relation to any services delivered to PUSH.

10. USE OF DEVELOPERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE TRAINING

The Committee considered a report on the use of Section 106 developers' contributions to fund workforce training (copy of report pjc-110111-r05-gtu-kra circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the adoption of the Policy Framework be AGREED;
- (b) the proposed launch and promotion of the Good Practice Guide be SUPPORTED; and
- (c) a report on progress be made to the Joint Committee in 12 months.

11. UPDATES FROM DELIVERY PANEL CHAIRMEN

The Committee received verbal updates from the Economic Development and the Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Delivery Panel Chairmen.

RESOLVED that the information given by the Delivery Panel Chairmen be NOTED.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7:15pm).

*(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on **9 March 2011 at 6:00pm**).*