

PUSH Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Delivery Panel Transition and Delivery Plan 2011-12

Introduction

- 1.1 The PUSH Business Plan for 2011-13 establishes the context for PUSH activities in that period and charts a path for what will be a transitional year for PUSH as the Solent LEP becomes fully established and a range of Government policies and decisions become clearer. The Business Plan mandates each of the current delivery panels to produce a Transition and Delivery Plan for its planned activities for 2011-13 (with a particular focus on 2011-12). This document constitutes an interim Transition and Delivery Plan for the Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Delivery Panel, ending development of a new plan following the conclusion of work currently underway to determine how the work and focus of the panel would change in the future.
- 1.2 Sustainability and quality of life remain at the heart of PUSH's ambitions including the centrality of: environmental protection and enhancement; mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change; and provision of high quality facilities and services.

Transitional issues

- 1.3 As new structures develop following establishment of the Solent LEP, it will be important to consider how best to reflect in those structures the centrality of sustainability in everything that is done by PUSH, the Solent LEP and other partners: sustainability is a cross-cutting/underpinning theme that needs to "infect" all the activities of PUSH, the LEP and other partners.
- 1.4 Consideration will need to be given to:
 - 1.4.1 where responsibility should lie for delivery of sustainability and community infrastructure projects (e.g. with local authorities and the LEP);
 - 1.4.2 how most effectively to engage with and manage the complex network of partner agencies and policies associated with sustainability and community infrastructure;
 - 1.4.3 how best to incorporate PUSH's continued important role in developing policy and strategy on these issues into its new streamlined structures, as part of a more integrated PUSH strategy development and coordination and/or infrastructure planning and funding functions ; and
 - 1.4.4 how to ensure within a streamlined structure that sustainability is effectively championed as part of the broader economic development agenda.
- 1.5 The Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Panel is currently undertaking a thorough review of its work plan and priorities. A "Future Direction" paper was agreed by the panel at its meeting of 18th February 2011, which set out how the work and focus of the panel would change in the future. Work is now taking place to refine priorities and outcomes and to analyse the likely level of resources available within the partnership and from external sources to enable priority outcomes to be delivered. When this is complete, a new Transition and Delivery plan will be agreed by the panel and presented to the Joint Committee. In addition, the membership of the groups that support the panel is currently being reviewed to ensure that appropriate representation exists to deliver the revised work programme.

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Resources

1.6 The table below summarises the revenue and capital resources allocated to the Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Delivery Panel for 2011-12.

Resource allocations for 2011-12	
Revenue	£000
Ongoing commitments	29
Capital	£000
National cycle network	137
Grand Total	166

Key activities

1.7 Provisional key activities/projects identified for 2011-13 are set out in the following table:

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Project/activity	PUSH resources	Aims/Objectives	Milestones
Development and implementation of a Green Infrastructure Strategy Implementation Plan	£29,000	<p>An increase in the quantity and quality of Green Infrastructure in the sub-region</p> <p>A common policy approach to Green Infrastructure exists in member Core Strategies</p> <p>Increased accessibility of Green Infrastructure to users</p> <p>Improved biodiversity in the sub-region due to Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Green Infrastructure contributes to Climate Change adaptation & mitigation; quality of place; health; and regeneration</p>	Agree the GI Implementation Plan by September 2011 and prioritised sub-regional GI projects
Development of a sub-regional approach to Community Infrastructure Levy (which includes for the provision of flood defence infrastructure)	N/A	Agree an approach to Community Infrastructure Levy across the sub-region	
Update the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment		Ensure that new development is located and designed to prevent the risk of flooding and coastal erosion and reduce overall flood risk taking into account the net improvements in flood risk to existing communities that can be achieved.	Reinstate the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment website and ensure it is accessible to all partners
Development and Implementation of a cohesive framework for Environment Agency and Local Authorities' action plans.	Environment Agency to confirm	Ensure that flood and coastal risk management infrastructure is provided to an appropriate standard and that funding is secured for effective flood risk management to support sustainable development and protect existing communities	
Encouraging and supporting the implementation of water metering by water companies in all residential homes	N/A	Reduced per capita water consumption	Encourage and support the implementation of water metering by water companies in all

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and business premises in the sub-region			residential homes and business premises
Implementation of code for sustainable homes and BREEAM in new developments to include water consumption reduction measures			
Develop proposals to boost the green economy working with the Economic Development Panel and Solent LEP	N/A	<p>An increase in the number of Businesses in the Green Technologies sector.</p> <p>An increase in the number of people employed in green businesses</p> <p>An increase in the number of businesses having accredited sustainability policies and management systems</p>	Agree within PUSH who will lead on this and what the key actions are to be taken by PUSH and / or the LEP
Develop Biomass energy utilising wood from Hampshire woodlands		Increased use and generation of renewable energy and low carbon energy within the sub-region	Development of a business case for a sub-regional biomass energy project
Development of an ESCo (possibly as part of the LEP) to generate electricity and heat from renewable sources in the sub-region	N/A	Increased energy security through decreased dependence on energy generated abroad or from fuels supplied by other countries	Development of a business case for a sub-regional ESCo
Development of monitoring systems to ensure the implementation of Code for Sustainable Homes and its contribution to energy use reduction and renewable energy			
Develop proposals to increase use of food grown within the sub-region	N/A		To be developed
Promote innovation in sustainability policy and practice within the region	N/A		To be developed
Investigate the establishment of a Sustainability Observatory within the PUSH area	N/A	Improved information and data base on sustainability and trends within the sub-region and council areas	Development of a business case for the establishment of a Sustainability Observatory for the sub-region

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Deliver the national cycle network capital project	137	Successful delivery of the network improvements	See detailed project plan.
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