



Minutes of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Overview and Scrutiny Committee

*Minutes of a meeting held on 1 March 2011
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Authority represented:

Councillors	David Goodall (Chairman)	Eastleigh BC
	Roger Huxstep (Vice-Chairman)	Winchester CC
Councillors	Marjorie Harvey	East Hampshire DC
	Robert Forder	Gosport BC
	Frederick Allgood (Deputising for Keith Evans)	Hampshire CC
	Gwen Blackett	Havant BC
	Paul Vickers	New Forest DC
	Mike Park	Portsmouth CC
	Adrian Vinson	Southampton CC

Also Present:-

Peter Grimwood	Chief Executive, Fareham BC
Anne-Marie Mountifield	PUSH Executive Director

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T M Cartwright, Fareham Borough Council, I Hibberd, Test Valley Borough Council, C Collier, Deputy for Councillor I Hibberd, Test Valley Borough Council and K D Evans, Hampshire County Council.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2 November 2010, be confirmed and signed as a correct record (attached - [pos-101102-m](#)), subject to reference to the Isle of "White" Council being amended to read the Isle of "Wight" Council.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised members of the Fire Evacuation procedures.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the PUSH Executive Director, which represents an additional method for PUSH business to be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Executive Director's report provides an overview of key developments since the Overview and Scrutiny meeting held in November 2010 and which were not covered fully in other items on this agenda (copy of report [pos-110301-r01-amm](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

A newsletter was circulated at the meeting.

It was AGREED that the PUSH Executive Director's report NOTED.

8. SOLENT LEP - UPDATE AND PRESENTATION

The Committee received a presentation from the PUSH Executive Director, which outlined the functional economic area, set out the vision for the LEP, the LEP's approach to delivery and the key areas of work. The presentation also covered employment and skills issues and the challenges ahead.

It was AGREED that the information contained in the presentation be NOTED.

9. EMPLOYMENT SITES - UPDATE AND PRESENTATION

The Committee received a presentation from Jeff Channing, PUSH Programme Manager, which outlined the general context of the employment sites and premises in the PUSH area. Mr Channing set out the Local Investment Plan and outlined the major housing and employment sites. He advised members on the employment sites scoring criteria and set out SEEDA's assets.

Slides showing the Eastleigh Riverside site were shown, with the spine road proposals and road accesses and development areas for members' information. Mr Channing set out the ERS Strategy, which included the following:-

- working closely with the major landowners, recognising that the development area was wholly owned by the private sector;
- organising their various interests into development units (for example, by facilitating joint working, joint ventures and site assembly);
- encouraging redevelopment by seeking to remove as many constraints to their investment as possible (problem solving and de-risking their investment); and
- seeking to deliver master planned development.

Mr Channing outlined the work programme and gave an update of the progress made so far.

It was noted that there was an error in the figures for the Dunsbury Hill Farm employment site, provided in the Regional Growth Fund bid application. The Executive Director agreed to confirm the position in relation to this and provide written clarification at the next meeting.

It was AGREED that the information contained in the presentation be NOTED.

10. CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2010/11

The Committee considered a report by the Treasurer, which summarised the forecast outturn against the budget for the financial year 2010/11, and the emerging provisional budget for 2011/12, in advance of the presentation of both the forecast year end position for 2010/11 and the provisional budget for 2011/12 at the meeting of the Joint Committee on 9 March 2011 (copy of report - [pos-110301-r04-cwi](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

It was AGREED that:-

1. the revised capital and revenue budgets for 2010/11 as set out in the report, and the forecast outturn for the year, be NOTED;
2. the carry forward of the following items in the revenue budget to 2011/12 be NOTED:

- Economic Development: £98,000 to cover activities in support of the recently adopted PUSH Economic Development Strategy;
 - Sustainability and Community Infrastructure: £3,000 to support green infrastructure implementation;
 - Housing and Planning: £71,000 for ongoing work with the Local Investment Plan; and
 - Quality Places: £23,000 to cover ongoing activity, including work that has been commissioned in the current year and is due to complete in 2011/12.
3. the carry forward of the following items in the capital budget to 2011/12, totalling £3,387,000, be NOTED:
 - The allocations totalling £2,366,000 approved by Joint Committee at the meeting in January 2011;
 - Dunsbury Hill Farm: £250,000;
 - Eastleigh Riverside: £271,000;
 - Somerstown Estate Renewal: £470,000; and
 - Tipner: £30,000.
 4. the reduction of £33,000 in Eastleigh Riverside budget for 2010/11 and the consequent transfer of the amount to the uncommitted capital balance, be NOTED;
 5. the capitalisation of the costs associated with the Programme and Information Manager to manage the capital programme from 1 April 2011, be NOTED;
 6. the proposed revenue budget allocations for 2011/12, as set out in the report, be NOTED;
 7. the proposed capital programme for 2011/12, as set out in the report, be NOTED and ;
 8. it be NOTED that the forecast under spends to be carried forward from the 2010/11 budgets into the funding available for 2011/12 are provisional, and may be subject to further change.

11. CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2010/11

The Committee considered a report by the Committee Services Manager, Fareham Borough Council, which asked members to determine its schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2011/12 (copy of report [pos-110301-r05-sco](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

The Chairman felt that, due to elections in some of the PUSH authorities in May 2011, he did not feel that the Committee should set the dates for the whole year and suggested that the next meeting be held on 23 May 2011, when the new committee would be in a position to set its own dates for the remainder of the municipal year 2011/12.

It was AGREED that the next meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee be held on 23 May 2011 and future dates be agreed at that meeting by the Committee.

(The meeting started at 6:15pm and ended at 8:49pm).

*(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on **Monday, 23 May 2011 at 6:15pm**).*