



Partnership for Urban South Hampshire

Statement of Accounts
2008-09

**PARTNERSHIP FOR URBAN SOUTH HAMPSHIRE
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008-09**

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EXPLANATORY FOREWORD

1. Introduction

This document contains the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire's (PUSH) Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009. Whilst there have been informal partnership arrangements pre-dating this, the Joint Committee was not formally established until 1 April 2008 and so this is the first financial year for which such accounts are required.

The pattern of presentation of the statement is laid down by a code of practice, which the PUSH Joint Committee is legally required to follow. This foreword contains:

- a summary of the various statements which make up the 2008-09 accounts;
- a broad picture of where the money comes from and what it is spent on; and
- a summary of the revenue expenditure on services and capital expenditure over the course of the year.

2. Summary of Statement of Accounts

The accounts for 2008/09 are set out on pages 4 to 5 and 14 to 24. They consist of the following:

- Statement of Accounting Policies – sets out the policies adopted by the Joint Committee in preparing the Accounts. They are largely determined by the Code of Practice.
- Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts – records the respective responsibilities of the Joint Committee and Treasurer.
- Income and Expenditure Account – reports the net cost for the year of all the functions for which the Joint Committee is responsible and how they have been financed.
- Statement of Movement on General Fund Balance – discloses the adjustments necessary to determine the movement on the General Fund Balance and incorporates the Statement of Gains and Losses.
- Balance Sheet – this sets out the financial position on 31 March 2009.
- Cash flow statement - this summarises cash coming in or going out from transactions with others for revenue and capital purposes.

In addition an Annual Governance Statement, which reviews the effectiveness of the system of internal control, is included on pages 6 to 13.

3. Where the money comes from

The Joint Committee's income comes from central government through New Growth Point Funding, partner contributions, contributions from South East England Development Agency (SEEDA), and from other bodies for specific purposes. Interest is also earned on day to day balances. See Table 1 below for details.

Table 1: PUSH Resources 2008/09

	2008/09 Budget £000	Total Funds Received 2008/09 £000	Over / (-) Under against budget £000
Revenue funds			
Core funding (local authorities)	300	300	-
New Growth Point (revenue)	729	729	-
SEEDA core contribution	165	165	-
Interest on balances	100	250	150
Other local authority funding	54	48	-6
Emerging Themes (MAA)	151	150	-1
SEEDA (Tipner regeneration)	15	15	-
CABE	11	0	-11
Tourism South East	3	0	-3
PUSH 07/08 Funds	-	158	158
	1,528	1,815	287
Capital funds			
New Growth Point (capital)	6,768	6,768	-
Total	8,296	8,583	287

4. Overview of the year – revenue account

The main components of the 2008/09 revenue budget and actual expenditure are set out in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Revenue Allocation and Programme

Theme/Delivery Panel	2008/09 Revised Budget £000	Total Spend for 2008/09 £000	Over / (-) Under against budget £000
Economic Development	210	184	-26
Sustainability & Community Infrastructure	148	15	-133
Housing & Planning	221	-	-221
Quality Places	60	-	-60
Transport for South Hampshire	279	279	-
Central Costs and Contingency	610	318	-292
Total	1,528	796	-732

5. Overview of the year – capital expenditure

The main components of the 2008/09 capital budget and actual expenditure are set out in Table 3 below:

Table 3: Revised Capital Allocation and Programme

Theme/Delivery Panel	Revised 2008/09 Budget £000	Total Spend for 2008/09 £000	Over / (-) Under against budget £000
Economic Development	939	587	-352
Sustainability & Social Infrastructure	150	79	-71
Housing & Local Planning	3,195	2,641	-554
Creating Quality Places	-	-	-
Transport for South Hampshire	1,700	1,700	-
Reserve/to be carried forward	784	784	-
Total	6,768	5,791	-977

6. Further information

Further information can be obtained about the accounts from the Treasurer to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Joint Committee at the County Treasurer's Department, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UB, telephone (01962) 846931, or e-mail tom.niedrum@hants.gov.uk.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General principles

- 1.1 The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in Great Britain: A Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2008 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003. Any significant non-compliance is explained in the following notes.

2. Debtors and creditors

- 2.1 Debtors and creditors have been accrued in accordance with the Code of Practice.

3. Reserves and provisions

- 3.1 Specific amounts are set aside as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. Reserves are created by transferring amounts in the Statement of Movement on the General Fund Balance. Expenditure on items for which the reserves were originally created is shown as service expenditure in the Income and Expenditure Account and then transferred back into the General Fund Balance Statement so that there is no net charge against council tax for the expenditure. Variations to earmarked reserves are shown in the notes to the accounts.
- 3.2 Provisions represent legal liabilities when the amount or date of payment is uncertain. They are charged to the revenue account in the year they are recognised.
- 3.3 PUSH currently maintains no such reserves or provisions.

4. Fixed Assets

- 4.1 The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire does not own any fixed assets.

5. Specific Revenue Government Grants

- 5.1 Government grants for specific purposes are included in the accounts on the basis of the grant conditions that apply. These grants are shown against the relevant service in the Income and Expenditure Account.

6. Financial Instruments

- 6.1 In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 26) long-term debtors, debtors, payments in advance and temporary lending are classified as loans and receivable financial instruments. Creditors, receipts in advance and temporary and long-term borrowing are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost.
- 6.2 The Joint Committee has not granted any soft loans.

7. Corporate and Democratic Core Expenditure

- 7.1 Expenditure incurred on the corporate management team is deemed to be across all areas of PUSH activities, and has not been re-allocated, except where clearly identifiable to a specific area (see Note 1 of the Notes to the Accounts).

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

1. SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Partnership for South Hampshire (“PUSH”) is a Joint Committee comprising 11 local authorities (“the Councils”). The primary governance arrangements that apply directly to those members and officers of the Councils who are engaged in PUSH activities are those maintained by their own individual local authority (for example, Codes of Conduct). The relationship between the Councils in respect of PUSH is set out in the Joint Agreement (“the Agreement”) which has been approved by each of the Councils at a full council meeting. A copy of the Agreement is available at:

<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Official%20Documents/PUSH%20Agreement.pdf>

Southampton City Council’s Solicitor to the Council (and their Monitoring Officer) has also been appointed as the Lead Advisor on legal and constitutional issues for PUSH, and also the statutory Monitoring Officer for PUSH. As such, the Southampton City Council governance arrangements take precedence, and form the basis of PUSH’s governance framework for the operation of the Joint Committee and its activities.

Hampshire County Council has been appointed as the lead authority for financial matters and the County Treasurer is the statutory Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) for PUSH. As such, Hampshire County Council’s financial regulations take precedence, and form the basis of PUSH’s own financial protocols.

PUSH (“the Joint Committee”) is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The Joint Committee also has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. In discharging this overall responsibility, the Joint Committee is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs, facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, and which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

In addition to the Agreement, the Joint Committee reviewed the governance arrangements at its meeting of 18 November 2008, including financial protocols (“the Protocols”) for PUSH, and these are available at:

<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Official%20Documents/081118/pjc-181108-r01-sja.pdf>
<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Official%20Documents/081118/pjc-081118-r01-sja-Appendix.pdf>

These Governance arrangements for PUSH have been reviewed in line with the commitment set out in the Business Plan. The report focuses on the key areas of the structure, the proposed appointments and terms of reference for the new Delivery Panels. Finally, there is an outstanding requirement to establish a set of financial protocols to govern the way PUSH budget and financial management and transactions take place. The proposals set out within the paper were considered to represent a progressive and proportionate response to the challenges posed by the need to re-focus PUSH away from policy development and on to delivery. It is important that any

Governance structures are consistent with the longstanding PUSH principles of subsidiarity, democratic leadership and accountability.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, and culture and values, by which the Joint Committee is directed and controlled and its activities through which it accounts to, engages with and leads the community. It enables the Joint Committee to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost effective services.

The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Joint Committee's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

The governance framework has been in place for the Joint Committee for the year ended 31 March 2009 and up to the date of approval of the statement of accounts.

3. THE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

The following describes the key elements of the systems and processes that comprise the Joint Committee's governance arrangements including arrangements for:

Identifying and communicating the Joint Committee's vision of its purpose and intended outcomes for citizens and service users:

The sub-regional strategy for South Hampshire sets out objectives for growing prosperity and improving the quality of life. Those objectives need to be translated into actions that will deliver change. PUSH's Business Plan sets out how the sub-regional strategy is to be delivered.

This first Plan covers the period 2008-11; but it is not set in stone. The evidence base to inform decisions is developing all the time, and the national and regional policy context is also evolving. We therefore expect to review the Plan at regular intervals, initially after six months, and update it as necessary. It is therefore a 'living document'. But it provides a firm basis for actions to be taken forward by PUSH and our partners.

The Plan is in two volumes. In the first, an introduction sets out PUSH's vision and the outcomes to be delivered. The following chapters deal with the main themes in PUSH's work programme: economic development; transport infrastructure; social infrastructure and sustainability; housing and local planning; and creating quality places. The end chapters look at PUSH's organisational development and governance. The second volume contains more detailed action plans, putting flesh on the priority actions identified in each chapter. It also sets out an indicative budget for activities.

The Business Plan is available at:

<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Business%20Plan%20Final%20Vol%201.pdf>
<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Business%20Plan%20Final%20Vol%202.pdf>

The South Hampshire Agreement is a Multi Area Agreement (“MAA”) for South Hampshire. It has been prepared by PUSH on behalf of, and with input from:

- the eleven local authorities that make up PUSH;
- Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH), which is the delivery agent for sub-regional transport plans, policies and programmes;
- partners in delivery of the PUSH Business Plan, including Job Centre Plus, Learning and Skills Council, Business Link and SEEDA.

The South Hampshire Agreement focuses on selected key elements of the PUSH Business Plan and will support the delivery of our ambitious programme by strengthening the bonds of collaboration between local partners, Government Departments and their agencies.

This agreement proposes a total of eight outcomes and eight enabling measures. With these in place, PUSH and its key partners – Job Centre Plus, Learning and Skills Council, Business Link, SEEDA and Transport for South Hampshire – will achieve more rapid and certain progress in delivering the PUSH Business Plan and sub-regional strategy. This in turn will support the achievement of objectives and targets in the Regional Economic Strategy and national Public Service Agreements, particularly relating to skills, employment, housing supply and regional economic performance. The South Hampshire Agreement is available at:

http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/MAA_draft_v_7%201a_Submission_Draft1_020707.pdf

Reviewing the Joint Committee’s vision and its implications for the governance arrangements:

Southampton City Council has adopted a Code of Corporate Governance (“CCG”) which identifies in one core document how the Council ensures that it runs itself in a lawful, structured, ethical and professional manner. The CCG is administered by the Monitoring Officer and is updated periodically by the Council’s Standards and Governance Committee. As PUSH follows Southampton’s governance arrangements (its Constitution etc) subject to where Hampshire County Council’s financial regulations take precedence, and form the basis of PUSH’s own financial protocols (as Hampshire’s CFO is PUSH’s CFO), Southampton’s CCG reflects and represents PUSH’s governance arrangements. The full document is published on the City Council’s internet site at:

http://www.southampton.gov.uk/Images/Code%20of%20Corporate%20Governance%20-%20March%2008_tcm46-160197.pdf

Measuring the quality of services for users, for ensuring they are delivered in accordance with the Joint Committee’s objectives and for ensuring that they represent the best use of resources:

The Joint Committee set an initial budget allocation across the theme sub-groups (Delivery Panels) and covering the core PUSH organisational costs at its meeting of 12 June 2008, and a detailed capital programme at its meeting of 16 September 2008. Monitoring reports are considered on a quarterly basis. These reports are available at:

<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Official%20Documents/080612/Reports%20-%20Public/pjc-080612-r03-jpi.pdf>
<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Official%20Documents/080916/Reports%20-%20Public/pjc-080916-r12-jpi.pdf>
<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Official%20Documents/090519/pjc-090519-r04-sja.pdf>

The Joint Committee has adopted a Performance Framework which sets out PUSH's overall approach to secure on-going improvements across a wide range of services that are provided to local residents and businesses. The framework sets out targets and improvement initiatives for the Joint Committee and is available at:

<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Official%20Documents/090519/pjc-090519-r03-sja.pdf>

Defining and documenting the roles and responsibilities of the executive, scrutiny and officer functions, with clear delegation arrangements and protocols for effective communication:

The Joint Committee has a Joint Agreement, Governance Framework and Financial Protocols setting out how it operates, how decisions are made and the procedures followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people. Some of these processes are required by the law, while others are a matter for the Joint Committee to choose.

The Governance Framework and Financial Protocols set out the detailed rules governing the Joint Committee's business including details of the scheme of delegation that provide for delegation to senior officers (Lead Chief Executives and the Managing Director).

Developing, communicating and embedding codes of conduct, defining the standards of behaviour for members and staff:

Members and officers acting on behalf of PUSH are required to follow their individual authority 'Members' Code of Conduct' or 'Officer Code of Conduct' as appropriate.

The Members' Code covers areas of individual behaviour such as Members not abusing their position or not misusing their authority's resources. In addition there are rules governing disclosure of private interests and withdrawal from meetings where Members have relevant interests. Members are also required to record on the public register their financial and other interests.

Reviewing and updating standing orders, standing financial instructions, a scheme of delegation and supporting procedure notes/manuals, which clearly define how decisions are taken and the processes and controls required to manage risks:

The Joint Agreement sets out how the Joint Committee operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that these are efficient,

transparent and accountable to local people. This includes information on how the Joint Committee operates, how decisions are made and the role of overview and scrutiny.

Periodically, as appropriate, the Monitoring Officer, together with the Managing Director and Treasurer, conducts a review of the Joint Committee's governance arrangements, which are considered by the Joint Committee from time to time.

All reports submitted to the Joint Committee for a decision must receive legal and financial clearance prior to publication in accordance with the published procedures.

The appraisal process for capital projects includes a risk assessment which covers a number of issues including funding, cost overrun and missed milestones.

Undertaking the core functions of an audit committee, as identified in CIPFA's Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities:

It is not practical for PUSH to have a formally constituted Audit Committee whose role would be to provide independent assurance to the Joint Committee or Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control and reporting environment, including (but not limited to) the reliability of the financial reporting process and the annual governance statement.

The Joint Committee therefore acts in this capacity directly to receive the accounts, annual governance statement and the reports of the appointed auditor.

Ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations, internal policies and procedures, and that expenditure is lawful

It is the role of the Monitoring Officer and the Treasurer to ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations and that expenditure is lawful. This is achieved through the governance framework including the Joint Agreement itself and the Financial Protocols.

Whistle-blowing and receiving and investigating complaints from the Public

Any complaints received by the Joint Committee in respect of unlawful conduct, illegality, financial malpractice or dangers to the public, employees or the environment would be dealt with by the Monitoring Officer, in line with Southampton City Council's procedures.

Identifying the development needs of members and senior officers in relation to their strategic roles, supported by appropriate training:

The Councils individually have their own programmes for member and senior officer learning and development to cover general development needs. From time to time, PUSH organises member and senior officer workshops to address emerging development needs specific to the Joint Committee.

Establishing clear channels of communication with all sections of the community and other stakeholders, ensuring accountability and encouraging open consultation:

PUSH has established a Communications Strategy. In addition, the Joint Committee is able to draw on the existing communication channels of the Councils. The strategy is available at:

<http://www.push.gov.uk/pdf/Official%20Documents/090115/pjc-090115-r04-sja-mmcc.pdf>

4. REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

The Joint Committee has a responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness is informed by the work of the Managing Director, Monitoring Officer and Treasurer.

As the governance framework was established during the 2008-09 financial year, no review has yet taken place. This will be undertaken during 2009-10

The review process, applied in respect of maintaining and reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control, is informed by:

- the work of Members/Officers within the Joint Committee;
- audit and other periodic reports from the Internal Auditor;
- reports received from service review agencies or inspectorates where appropriate, and
- the external auditors in their annual audit letter.

The Joint Committee

The Joint Agreement forms the cornerstone of effective corporate governance, supported by the Governance Framework and the Financial Protocols. It has been approved by the full Council meetings of each of the partner local authorities.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Joint Agreement establishes a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the following terms of reference:

- To scrutinise and call in Joint Committee decisions.
- To scrutinise in particular the PUSH Business Plan and its delivery.
- In respect of any call in:
 - To review decisions made in accordance with the approved business plan and where they consider it appropriate, refer such decisions back to Joint Committee with comments for reconsideration;
 - To review decisions not made in accordance with the approved business plan where they may either refer such decisions back to Joint Committee

with comments for reconsideration or refer the decision back to individual authorities.

The Joint Committee acting as an audit committee

The Joint Committee receives reports to meet certain statutory obligations, such as approving the Annual Governance Statement, the Statement of Accounts and the receiving the annual external auditor's report.

The Delivery Panels

The Governance Framework has established 5 Delivery Panels based on service delivery themes, with each Panel being responsible for overseeing and driving the implementation of the relevant area of the Business Plan. The panels are:

- Economic Development
- Housing and Planning
- Sustainability and Community Infrastructure
- Creating Quality Places
- External Funding and Resources

Transport for South Hampshire, as a separate Joint Committee leads on the implementation of transport infrastructure theme, and has separate governance arrangements.

The Programme Board / Working Group

The Joint Agreement established the Working Group as an informal body without statutory powers or authority save as directly delegated to individual officers by their authority or the Joint Committee. Its terms of reference included:

- Providing advice and guidance to the Joint Committee.
- Monitoring and reviewing the budget, governance, financial compliance matters and issues.
- Monitoring the action plan and delivery.
- As delegated by the Joint Committee, to be responsible for operational decision making and the day-to-day management of projects and activities carried out in the name of or on behalf of PUSH.
- Performance management of dedicated officer support.
- Developing proposals for the long-term governance and delivery of PUSH's key objectives for consideration by the Joint Committee.

Following a review of the governance arrangements, the Joint Committee established a revised framework establishing the Programme Board as the successor to the Working Group. The Board's remit being revised to focus on its performance review role across the themes and in particular on the MAA; with a remit to complement the Core Team and support the Joint Committee in this regard.

Internal audit

The Joint Committee does not operate an Internal Audit function. However, Hampshire County Council's internal audit function does undertake an assurance role that provides an independent and objective opinion to the Treasurer and to the external auditor to ensure that the financial systems and controls are in place. The audit plan for PUSH is agreed with the Treasurer, Managing Director and external auditor, and is incorporated within Hampshire County Council's Environment Department's cyclical audit plan.

The Internal Audit Section is subject to regular review by the Joint Committee's external auditors who seek to place reliance on the work carried out by the section.

Other explicit review/assurance mechanisms.

The Annual Governance Statement is reviewed each year. This statement, insofar as it is applicable to a Joint Committee, follows the guidance set out within the CIPFA/SOLACE framework: "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government" published in June 2007.

5. SIGNIFICANT GOVERNANCE ISSUES

No significant governance issues have been identified. However, following the first year of operation, the Financial Protocols are being reviewed to improve them further, and a revised set of protocols will be brought to the Joint Committee for approval during 2009/10.

We propose over the coming year to take steps to address the above matter to further enhance our governance arrangements. We are satisfied that these steps will address the need for improvements that were identified in our review of effectiveness and will monitor their implementation and operation as part of our next annual review.

Signed



Councillor Seán Woodward
(Chairman)



Signed

Stuart Jarvis
(Managing Director)

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- JOINT COMMITTEE

1. The Joint Committee's responsibilities

The Joint Committee is required:

- to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this Authority, that officer is the Treasurer
- to manage its affairs so as to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets
- to approve the Statement of Accounts

2. The Chairman's Statement

I certify that the Statement of Accounts for 2008-09 were considered and approved at the Special Joint Committee meeting on 26 June 2009.



Councillor Seán Woodward

Chairman – Joint Committee

26 June 2009

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- TREASURER

1. The Treasurer's responsibilities

The Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of the Joint Committee's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in Great Britain ('the code of practice').

In preparing this statement of accounts, the Treasurer has sought to:

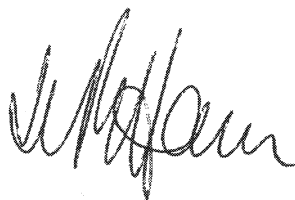
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent
- comply with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in Great Britain

The Treasurer has also:

- kept proper records which are up to date
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

2. The Treasurer's statement

I certify that the Statement of Accounts presents fairly the financial position of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire as at 31 March 2009 and its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2009.



J C Pittam BSc, CPFA
Treasurer
18 June 2009

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent auditor's report to the Members of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire

Opinion on the financial statements

I have audited the Committee accounting statements and related notes of Partnership for Urban South Hampshire for the year ended 31 March 2009 under the Audit Commission Act 1998. The accounting statements comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Movement on the General Fund Balance, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These accounting statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

This report is made solely to the members of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and for no other purpose, as set out in paragraph 49 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Bodies prepared by the Audit Commission.

Respective responsibilities of the Responsible Financial Officer and auditor

The Responsible Financial Officer's responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2008 are set out in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts.

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

I report to you my opinion as to whether the accounting statements present fairly, in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2008 the financial position of the Committee and its income and expenditure for the year.

I review whether the governance statement reflects compliance with 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: A Framework' published by CIPFA/SOLACE in June 2007. I report if it does not comply with proper practices specified by CIPFA/SOLACE or if the statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information I am aware of from my audit of the financial statements. I am not required to consider, nor have I considered, whether the governance statement covers all risks and controls. Neither am I required to form an opinion on the effectiveness of the Committee's corporate governance procedures or its risk and control procedures

I read other information published with the accounting statements, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited accounting statements. This other information comprises the Explanatory Foreword. I consider the implications for my report if I become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the accounting statements. My responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in

the accounting statements and related notes. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Committee in the preparation of the accounting statements and related notes, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Committee's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounting statements and related notes are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounting statements and related notes.

Opinion

In my opinion the Committee financial statements present fairly, in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2008, the financial position of the Committee as at 31 March 2009 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Conclusion on arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources

Committee's Responsibilities

The Committee is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources, to ensure proper stewardship and governance and regularly to review the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements.

Auditor's Responsibilities

I am required by the Audit Commission Act 1998 to be satisfied that proper arrangements have been made by the Committee for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. The Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission requires me to report to you my conclusion in relation to proper arrangements, having regard to relevant criteria specified by the Audit Commission for other local government bodies. I report if significant matters have come to my attention which prevent me from concluding that the Committee has made such proper arrangements. I am not required to consider, nor have I considered, whether all aspects of the Committee's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources are operating effectively.

Conclusion

Having regard to relevant criteria specified by the Audit Commission for other local government bodies, published by the Audit Commission in May 2008 and updated in February 2009, and the supporting guidance, I am satisfied that the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2009.

Certificate

I certify that I have completed the audit of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission.

Kate Handy

District Auditor

The Audit Commission
Collins House
Bishopstoke Road,
Eastleigh
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SO50 6AD

30 September 2009

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

2007-08 Total Net Spend	Note	Revenue Spend	Specific Income	2008-09 Net Revenue Expenditure	Grants for Capital Purposes	Total Net Expenditure
£		£	£	£	£	£
Cultural, Environmental and Planning Services:						
- Economic Development	1	250,396	-183,570	66,826	587,407	654,233
- Sustainability and Social Infrastructure	1	15,365	-30,000	-14,635	79,189	64,554
- Housing and Local Planning		-	-	-	2,641,012	2,641,012
- Creating Quality Places		-	-	-	-	-
-		265,761	-213,570	52,191	3,307,608	3,359,799
Highways, Roads and Transport Services:						
- Transport for South Hampshire		279,000	-	279,000	1,700,000	1,979,000
-		279,000	-	279,000	1,700,000	1,979,000
Corporate and Democratic Core	1	251,099	-165,000	86,099	-	86,099
- Net cost of Services		795,860	-378,570	417,290	5,007,608	5,424,898
Interest Payable						-
Interest Receivable	2					-249,577
- Net Operating Expenditure						5,175,321
- New Growth Point Funding – Revenue						-728,568
- New Growth Point Funding – Capital						-6,768,000
- Partnership Contributions	3					-457,694
- Surplus/Deficit for Year						-2,778,941

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE

2007-08			2008-09	
£	Note	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £
- General Fund Balance Brought Forward		-	-	-
- Surplus/Deficit for the year on the Income and Expenditure Account		-1,018,549	-1,760,392	-2,778,941
- Balance on General Fund Carried Forward		-1,018,549	-1,760,392	-2,778,941

STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The only recognised gains and losses are incorporated into the Income and Expenditure Account and the Statement of Movement on the General Fund Balance.

BALANCE SHEET

2007-08 £	Note	2008-09 £
Current Assets:		
- Debtors	5	183,570
- Payments in Advance		-
- Cash		4,353,632
- Total Current Assets		4,537,202
Current Liabilities:		
- Creditors	6	979,134
- Receipts in Advance	7	779,127
Total Current Liabilities		1,758,261
- Net Current Assets		2,778,941
Financed By:		
- General Reserves:		
For Revenue Purposes		1,018,549
For Capital Purposes		1,760,392
Total General Reserves		2,778,941

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

2007-08 £	Note	2008-09 £
<u>Revenue Activities</u>		
Cash Outflows:		
- Operating Costs		753,090
-		753,090
Cash Inflows:		
- Specific Government Grants		-728,568
- Other Income		-866,694
-		-1,595,262
- Net Cash inflow from revenue activities	8	-842,172
<u>Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance</u>		
Cash Outflow:		
- Interest Paid		-
Cash Inflow:		
- Interest Received		-249,577
- Net Cash inflow from Servicing of Finance		-249,577
<u>Capital Activities</u>		
Cash Outflow:		
- Grants for Capital Purposes		4,071,244
		4,071,244
Cash Inflows:		
- Capital Grant		-7,333,127
-		
- Net Cash inflow from Capital Activities	9	-3,261,883
- Net Cash Inflow		-4,353,631

NOTES TO THE CORE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Apportionment of Costs From Corporate and Democratic Core

	£
Central Costs	318,291
Less reallocations to:	
Economic Development	66,827
Sustainability and Social Infrastructure	365
Corporate and Democratic Core Total	251,099

2. Interest Received

The Treasurer to the Joint Committee is also County Treasurer of Hampshire County Council. The balance held on the PUSH account is pooled with that of the County Council and interest is paid based on the average 7 day rate.

3. Partner Contributions

Council	£
East Hampshire DC	3,000
Eastleigh BC	18,000
Fareham BC	18,000
Gosport BC	12,000
Hampshire CC	84,000
Havant BC	18,000
New Forest DC	12,000
Portsmouth CC	57,000
Southampton CC	69,000
Test Valley BC	6,000
Winchester CC	3,000
Total	300,000

Residual Prior Funding (pre 08-09)	156,484
Residual Project Specific Funding	1,210
Total	157,694

Total Partner Contributions **457,694**

Residual prior funding relates to funds transferred from the informal predecessor partnership in respect of activities which occurred before the formal Joint Committee was established.

4. PUSH Payments to Partners

The table below sets out payments made to partners from PUSH in 2008-09

Partner	Revenue	Capital £
	£	
Eastleigh BC	1,270	572,768
Gosport BC	10,000	2,281,012
Portsmouth CC		349,189

Southampton CC	10,000	90,000
Transport for South Hampshire	279,000	1,700,000
Total	300,270	4,992,969

5. Debtors

	2007-08	2008-09
	£	£
Government Departments	-	-
Other Local Authorities	-	183,570
Sundry Debtors	-	-
	-	183,570

6. Creditors

	2007-08	2008-09
	£	£
Government Departments	-	14,800
Other Local Authorities	-	959,927
Sundry Creditors	-	4,407
	-	979,134

The definition of the heading 'Government Departments' includes HM Revenues & Customs.

7. Receipts in Advance

	2007-08	2008-09
	£	£
Capital	-	565,127
Revenue	-	214,000
	-	779,127

8. Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure Account to net cash inflow from revenue activities

Surplus on Income & Expenditure Account	£ -1,018,549
Increase in Debtors	183,570
Increase in Creditors	-42,770
Increase in Receipts in Advance	-214,000
Less Interest Received	249,577
	-842,172

9. Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure Account to net cash inflow from capital activities

	£
Surplus on Income & Expenditure Account	-1,760,392
Increase in Debtors	-
Increase in Creditors	-936,364
Increase in Receipts in Advance	-565,127
	-3,261,883

10. Publicity

A total of £6,058.35 was spent on publicity, all in respect of an advert for recruitment of a post.

11. Disclosure of Audit Costs

In 2008-09, the Joint Committee paid a total fee to the Audit Commission of £14,800.

12. Financial Instruments

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 26) debtors, payments in advance and temporary lending are classified as loans and receivable financial instruments. Creditors, receipts in advance and temporary borrowing are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost. All such elements included in the Balance Sheet are short term and have been valued at face value, which is a reasonable assessment of fair value.

13. Other notes that require disclosure but which this Joint Committee has nothing to report

- There have been no acquired or discontinued operations during the year.
- There were no exceptional items, extraordinary items or prior period adjustments in the year.
- The Joint Committee has no undischarged obligations from long-term projects.
- The Joint Committee does not have any intangible fixed assets.
- The Joint Committee does not have a controlling or dominant influence in any company.
- The Joint Committee has no interests that would require the production of Group Accounts.

- The Joint Committee has no Business Improvement District Schemes in operation.
- The Joint Committee has no discretionary expenditure or pooled funds under the Health Act 1999.
- The Joint Committee does not administer any Trust Funds.
- The Joint Committee does not have any interest in Building Control and therefore no requirement to produce building control accounts.
- The Joint Committee does not operate a scheme under the Transport Act 2000.
- The Joint Committee does not have any Public Finance Initiative schemes.
- No Allowances have been paid to Members.
- There are no related party transactions involving Members or Officers.
- There have been no post balance sheet events up to the date of the issue of the accounts to the Joint Committee.