



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 14 March 2017  
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

**Members:**

Councillors

Seán Woodward  
Donna Jones  
Keith Mans  
Guy Shepherd  
David Airey  
Stephen Philpot  
Tony Briggs  
David Stewart  
Simon Letts  
Martin Hatley  
Caroline Horrill

**Authority Represented:**

Fareham BC  
Portsmouth CC  
Hampshire CC  
East Hampshire BC  
Eastleigh BC  
Gosport BC  
Havant BC  
Isle of Wight Council  
Southampton CC  
Test Valley BC  
Winchester CC

**Chief Executives:**

Nick Tustian  
Peter Grimwood  
James Strachan  
David Williams  
Dawn Baxendale  
Roger Tetstall  
John Metcalf  
Bob Jackson  
James Hassett  
Laura Taylor

**Authority Represented:**

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Fareham BC  
Hampshire CC  
Portsmouth CC & Gosport BC  
Southampton CC  
Test Valley BC  
Isle of Wight Council  
New Forest DC  
Havant BC & East Hampshire DC  
Winchester CC

**Co-opted Members:**

Paddy May  
Stuart Baker  
Kevin Bournier

**Organisation Represented:**

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire  
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership  
Homes & Communities Agency

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## **1. Apologies for absence and changes in Joint Committee Membership**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Cheshire - Havant Borough Council (Councillor Tony Briggs deputising); Councillor Roy Perry – Hampshire County Council (Councillor Keith Mans deputising); Stuart Jarvis – Hampshire County Council (James Strachan deputising); Councillor Edward Heron (New Forest DC); Councillor Keith House (Councillor David Airey deputising) and James Humphrys – Environment Agency.

## **2. Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 07 December 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

The Chairman asked the Head of Growth at the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership to provide an update to the Committee following their enquiry at the meeting of the Joint Committee on 07 December where the UKTI figures were queried.

The Head of Growth at the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership reiterated that the Committee had queried the UKTI figures for 2015/16 where they felt there was a discrepancy in the number of projects that had been recorded for the area. Research has now taken place and the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership has identified that there are five projects which the UKTI hadn't recorded, bringing the total to 22. It was acknowledged that performance was not as strong as it was hoped, but the figures were better than first reported.

## **3. Chairman's Announcements**

### Welborne Garden Village

The Chairman announced that on Monday, Fareham Borough Council had received a planning application for Welborne for the entire site of 6,000 homes. This application has been received from Buckland Development who are one of the landowners.

The Chairman stated there have been three things which have happened in the previous three months: the Government have declared Welborne as a Garden Village which has opened useful sources of funding for delivery and infrastructure; there is a Court case with one of the principal landowners who had been trying to ascertain who was in control of their own land which equates to 40% of Welborne. This case has been thrown out of Court and the Judge has ordered that land should be put onto the open market for sale; and then finally, the receipt of the planning application which is for the entirety of Welborne.

The Chairman stated that information was being registered now and is being input onto the Council's website after which a long period of consultation will take place. This is anticipated to start next week.

#### **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **5. Deputations**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

#### **6. PUSH Co-ordinator's Report**

The Joint Committee received a report by the PUSH Co-ordinator that covered issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report to be brought to the attention of the Joint Committee for decision or for information.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the matters for information outlined in Park B of this report.

#### **7. Capital and Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2016/17 and Proposed Interim Revenue Budget 2017/18**

The Joint Committee received a report on progress to date against the approved revenue and capital programmes, including a forecast outturn for the current financial year. The report also sets out the proposed interim revenue budget for 2017/18.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

(1) NOTES the spend for the year to date against the revised revenue and capital budgets and the forecast outturn for 2016/17, as set out in the report (Tables 2 and 3);

(2) APPROVES a carry forward of £44,000 to 2017/18 for the following forecast revenue budget under spends in 2016/17:

Planning and Infrastructure: £10,000

Energy and Green Economy: £29,000

Culture, Creative Industries and the Built Environment: £5,000

(3) NOTES that the forecast underspends to be carried forward from 2016/17 budgets into 2017/18 are provisional, and may be subject to change when the final outturn position for 2016/17 is known; and

(4) APPROVES the proposed interim revenue budget for 2017/18, as set out in the report (table 4).

#### **8. South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017**

The Joint Committee received a report from the PUSH Coordinator, in the absence of the PUSH Green Infrastructure Lead, which gave a summary of the review and refresh of the PUSH Green Infrastructure Strategy 2010 and

presented the final draft of the replacement 'South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017' for adoption.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee ADOPTS the South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017, subject to any final changes recommended by the Joint Committee and non-substantive improvements including updates to mapping and formatting for publication.

## **9. Fixing our Broken Housing Market – the Housing White Paper**

The Joint Committee received a report from the Planning and Infrastructure Panel Lead Chief Executive in respect of the Government Housing White Paper – *Fixing our Broken Housing Market* which was published in February 2017. The report summarised the content of the draft Housing White Paper, as it relates to the activities of PUSH, and sought the Joint Committee's views on how a response to the Consultation, which closes on the 2 May 2017, may be given.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

- (1) NOTES the contents of the draft Housing White Paper (section 2 and Appendix 1);
- (2) AGREES to respond to the Consultation (section 3); and
- (3) AGREES that, when responding to the Consultation, the approach outlined in section 3 should be followed using the content in section 3.

## **10. The Industrial Strategy Green Paper**

The Joint Committee received a report from the PUSH Lead Chief Executive in respect of the Government Green Paper – *Building our Industrial Strategy* which was published in January 2017. Consultation on this Green Paper closes on the 17 April 2017 and the report summarised the content of the draft Industrial Strategy, as it relates to the activities of PUSH, and sought the Joint Committee's views on how they may respond to the Consultation questions.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

- (1) NOTES the contents of the draft Industrial Strategy as it relates to the activities of PUSH (see section 1);
- (2) AGREES to respond to the Consultation (see section 2); and
- (3) AGREES that, when responding to the Consultation, the approach outlined in section 2 should be followed.

## **11. Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP)**

The Joint Committee received a presentation from the Chairman of the SRMP Project Board on the Interim Mitigation Strategy. This presentation outlined the

position to date regarding initiatives, projects and seminars held with Developers. A Strategy document is now being prepared which takes account of views given at seminars and from the PUSH Joint Committee and it is envisaged this will be available to be presented to the June meeting of the Joint Committee and will outline the proposed next steps.

The Chairman of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership was thanked for his presentation.

## **12. Inward Investment and Productivity**

The Joint Committee received a verbal update on Inward Investment and Productivity from the Head of Local Growth at the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.

The Head of Local Growth at the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership was thanked for his presentation.

## **13. Future Strategic Focus of PUSH**

The Joint Committee received a report from the PUSH Lead Chief Executive in respect of the future strategic focus of PUSH. This report proposed a new focus for the PUSH which could add value to the delivery of public services and help support the growth of the South Hampshire and Isle of Wight economy.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

- (1) AGREES that PUSH should continue to deliver its business plan priorities (see appendix 1);
- (2) AGREES that PUSH should drive forward additional activity (see section 2) around:
  - Identifying the sub-regional infrastructure needed to support development of the housing and employment growth that individual authorities will wish to achieve through their local plans;
  - Supporting the development of the creative and digital sector within South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight;
  - Promoting the development of further joint services or work between South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight authorities where this relates to the core activities of PUSH; and
- (3) AGREES that PUSH should put the £100,000 funding that had previously been allocated initially to support an inward investment model, and then subsequently as part of the matched funding to support an ERDF bid on SME competitiveness (which was not successful), into PUSH balances (see section 3).

**14. Schedule of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2017/18**

The Joint Committee ACCEPTED the tabled copy of the Schedule of Joint Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Meeting dates for 2017/18.

*(The meeting started at 6pm and ended at 7.09pm)*

*(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday 06 June 2017).*