



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 05 June 2018
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Seán Woodward
Christopher Hammond
Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Judith Grajewski
Caroline Horrill
Nick Adams-King
Guy Shepherd
David Stewart
Stephen Philpott
Michael Wilson
Edward Heron

Authority Represented:

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

Chief Executives:

Peter Grimwood
Graham Smith
Laura Taylor
Richard Crouch
Stuart Jarvis
Bob Jackson
James Hassett
Andrew Trayer

Authority Represented:

Fareham BC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC
Southampton CC
Hampshire CC
New Forest DC
Havant BC & East Hampshire DC
Eastleigh BC

Co-opted Members:

Paddy May
Gary Jefferies
Stuart Baker

Organisation Represented:

PUSH and Portsmouth City Council
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

Also in attendance:

Jonathan Evans (for item 9)

David Bibby (for item 10)

Dee Haas (for item 11)

Charlee Bennett (for item 11)

Caroline Dibden (for item 11)

Christopher Napier (for item 11)

Steve Lees (for item 11)

Claire Upton-Brown (as Chair of PUSH

Planning Officers' Group and for items 10
and 12)

Southampton CC

Test Valley BC

CPRE Hampshire

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Portsmouth CC

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1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

Having been proposed by Councillor Vernon-Jackson and duly seconded by Councillor Edward Heron, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Seán Woodward from Fareham Borough Council be elected as Chairman for the 2018/19 municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Having been proposed by Councillor Woodward and duly seconded by Councillor Edward Heron, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson from Portsmouth City Council be elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2018/19 municipal year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from:
Keith House and Nick Tustian (Eastleigh Borough Council) with Andrew Trayer deputising; John Metcalfe (Isle of Wight Council); David Williams (Portsmouth CC & Gosport BC) with Paddy May deputising; and Roger Tetstall (Test Valley BC) with Graham Smith Deputising.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 28 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

7. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

8. PUSH CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report written by the PUSH co-ordinator, presented by Paddy May, 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.

During this item, Councillor Stephen Philpott asked that it be placed on record his support of PUSH's response which has been sent to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in response to the draft revised National Planning Policy Framework Consultation.

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

9. PUSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report on the Capital & Revenues budgets. This report summarised the outturn against the budget for the financial year 2017/18 and updates the proposed capital and revenue budgets for 2018/19, on the basis of the anticipated level of resources available and the priorities for PUSH.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

- a) NOTES the outturn for the financial year 2017/18, as set out in table 2 of the report;
- b) APPROVES the Statement of Accounts for the 2017/18 financial year and the Annual Governance Statement, as set out in Appendix 1; and
- c) APPROVES the proposed capital and revenue budgets for 2018/19 as set out in the report in tables 3 & 4 of the report.

10. INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT STUDY

The Joint Committee received a report on the updated Integrated Water Management Study which provides a framework to guide future Local Plans.

During discussion on this item, Councillor Caroline Horrill expressed her disappointment that the action table at page 4 of the report included the wording "must", rather than "should", when referring to what Local Plans include, despite the conversation at the previous Joint Committee. David Bibby explained that this is because the wording has been extracted directly from the study.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

- a) NOTES and ENDORSES the Integrated Water Management Study as part of the collective evidence base to inform future Local Plans and deliver the development proposed in the PUSH Spatial Position Statement;
- b) NOTES and ACKNOWLEDGES that there remain uncertainties to be resolved concerning the potential need for mitigation of the impacts of development post 2020 on water quality, water resources and in order to satisfy the Habitats Regulations;

- c) ENDORSES that PUSH work together to address the uncertainties, and that a Water Quality Working Group comprising all PUSH local authorities, together with key stakeholders: Natural England, the Environment Agency, Southern Water and Portsmouth Water, be established to take forward the Action Plan set out within the Integrated Water Management Study; and
- d) ENDORSES that a joint Position Statement be prepared and agreed between PUSH, Natural England and the Environment Agency setting out the commitment to collective joint action to resolve the uncertainties and to inform the work of the Water Quality Working Group.

11. HAMPSHIRE BRANCH CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE HAMPSHIRE)

The Joint Committee received a presentation on proposals for a South Hampshire Green Belt.

The Chairman thanked all representatives from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) for their presentation and input to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the presentation given by the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

12. GREEN BELT

The Joint Committee received a report outlining the potential designation of a green belt in South Hampshire.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson left the meeting during this item, having given his indication of agreement to this recommendation.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee AGREES that the PUSH Planning Officer Group should bring a full report back to the Joint Committee, in light of the presentation by CPRE, to advise whether there is any justification for considering a Green Belt across the PUSH area.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7:29pm).

(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on 31 July 2018).