



**Item 10**

# **Report to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date:** 26 May 2015

**Report of:** Gloria Ighodaro, PUSH Executive Director's Report

**Subject:** Covering report on the Solent Growth Forum

## **SUMMARY**

At its meeting in January, the Joint Committee was advised that the previous PUSH Joint Agreement, agreed at the December meeting, was in need of a review following a request made by the Solent LEP to ensure that the Joint Agreement is fit for purpose to host the SGF. Background to the SGF is detailed in the Solent LEP reports considered at the December meeting. Further to this review, both parties have now settled on an Agreement which required approval at the Joint Committee meeting, attached as Annex A to this report. The Agreement allows for PUSH and SGF business to operate as separate and distinct entities in their own right, recognising that both Parties are entering into this agreement to *record their respective rights and obligations to each other in pursuance of their powers under the Local Government Acts of 1972 and 2000 and all other enabling powers*. Through the underpinning PUSH Joint Agreement, the SGF will provide the required standards of transparency and collective engagement of Local Authority Leaders on growth priorities.

## **The PUSH & SGF Joint Agreement**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are advised to note the reason why it was necessary to review the previous PUSH Joint Agreement, endorsed in December 2014. The main purpose for the review was the need to explicitly provide a mechanism that enabled both PUSH Joint Committee and the Solent Growth Forum to function as separate and distinct entities in their own right, operating under the one Agreement. In relation to the SGF, the requirements are driven by the national LEP Assurance Framework.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1. NOTES the revised PUSH Joint Agreement between PUSH and the Solent Growth Forum, attached as Annex A to this report.

### **Reference Papers:**

- Transforming Solent: Inward Investment Strategy, October 2014

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