



***Item 6***

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

Date: **10 April 2018**

Report of: **Paddy May, PUSH Coordinator**

Subject: **PUSH Coordinator's Report**

## **SUMMARY**

The Coordinator's report provides an opportunity for issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report in their own right, to be brought to the attention of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information. The report is divided into Parts A and B accordingly.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the matters for Information outlined in Part B of this report.

## **PART A: MATTERS FOR DECISION**

There are no items for decision to report.

## **PART B: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **1) PUSH Website**

An update of the PUSH website is currently 'under construction' and will be hosted by Portsmouth City Council. The old website, currently hosted by Hampshire, will be decommissioned on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, in which the new website will be ready and tested to go live by the same date to ensure a smooth transition. The new website will be subject to changes in its first stages but we are assured everything will be accessible as is on the current website. While the initial set up costs for the new website will be £1,800, yearly costs to maintain the website are envisaged to be fairly minimal (in the realm of a few hundred pounds per annum), and will be less than the yearly payment for the previous hosting arrangement. These yearly costs will be confirmed to us later this month.

### **2) National Planning Policy Framework Draft Consultation**

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government published their draft revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. It incorporates policy proposals previously consulted on in the [Housing White Paper](#) and the [Planning for the right homes in the right places consultation](#), both of which PUSH have considered and responded to. Budget 2017 included additional proposals to change planning policy and legislation to bring forward more land in the right places. This NPPF consultation seeks views on these additional policy proposals and will close on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

This link below provides a very useful tool which compares the text of the old framework with the new draft text <https://draftable.com/compare/LysguffMnKVV>.

It is proposed that the PUSH Planning Officers Group (POG) should agree an initial response to the consultation for circulation to the Members of the PUSH Joint Committee with final sign-off of the response agreed with the Chairman and Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee.

### **3) Update from Planning and Infrastructure**

#### *Air Quality Study*

A draft presentation of the Air Quality Study went to the PUSH Planning Officer Group (POG) on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Discussion in the meeting highlighted

inaccuracies in the data provided by SYSTRA alongside other anomalies within the report itself. This meant that corrections and changes were required before the report could be considered by the Joint Committee and on this basis it is envisaged the final study will be presented at the next POG meeting and then to the June Joint Committee. The study will assess baseline and future year traffic-related pollution on European ecology sites within and beyond the study area as a result of the proposed development and growth within the sub-region. It will take into account strategic development locations and associated transport infrastructure, which may have implications for air quality.

### Green Infrastructure

Garry King, Hampshire County Council, has been leading on this work on behalf of PUSH. He prepared the 2017 Green Infrastructure Strategy which was adopted by Joint Committee in March 2017 and has started some work on the new GI Implementation Plan which is due to come back to a future Joint Committee. Discussions have taken place with Hampshire County Council to ensure that there is sufficient resource available to support the completion of this work. Completion of the Implementation Plan would support future funding bids for Green Infrastructure to enable appropriate development within the PUSH area.

### Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership

Following the approval of the Strategy at the last Joint Committee, individual PUSH Local Authorities are currently in the process of approving the strategy and putting in place the processes to implement the corresponding charges from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Bird Aware Partnership is dealing with issues that are arising through the individual authorities' approval process.

## **4) Update from Energy and Green Economy**

Two items are on the current Overview and Scrutiny agenda for these areas of work. The Committee are to consider an update on the Hampshire Community Bank project and on a proposed new work strand focused on Energy Storage including two potential projects.

## **5) Update from Culture, Creative Industries and the Built Environment**

The Creative Industries Declaration presented to the Joint Committee in December 2017 is now available on the Creative Network South Website <http://creativenetworksouth.co.uk/>.

The Launch of Creative Growth Southampton which was postponed in January will now take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30 PM in the Spark Building, Southampton Solent University (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creative-growth-southampton-launch-tickets-43203360414>).

Creative Growth Southampton aims to provide sector specific 1-1 mentoring, training and networking opportunities for people establishing micro creative businesses or developing freelance careers in the creative or digital sector. The service compliments support for creative and digital businesses provided by the innovation space in Portsmouth. <http://www.innovationspace.org.uk/business-support/>

## **CONCLUSION**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the matters for Information outlined in Part B of this report

### **Background Papers:**

- None

### **Reference Papers:**

- None

### **Enquiries:**

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