



Report to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Joint Committee

Date: **14th March 2017**

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 Joint Committee for decision or for information. The report is divided into Parts A and B accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Joint Committee:

1. 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. **National Infrastructure Commission Response**

Cllr Woodward submitted a response to the National Infrastructure Commission Call for Evidence consultation on behalf of PUSH. The response highlighted the successful role that PUSH has played in joint working to achieve growth and development in South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight but also emphasised the importance of further significant investment in infrastructure if the area is to achieve its potential. The draft response was shared with Leaders and the final version was amended to reflect the comments that were made. The National Infrastructure Commission have acknowledged the receipt of the response.
2. **Update from Energy & Green Economy**
 - a) **Future South Update**

The Board will be looking for a new Chair and Vice Chair following the retirement of Stewart Dunn and the promotion of Alex Parmley. The Chair position will be filled by a business leader to reflect the desire for business led low carbon economy and the Vice Chair will be from the Public Sector or Academia reflecting our triple helix organisation.

The Board lobbied successfully for low carbon to be included in the Industrial strategy and are also pleased to be invited in by the Solent LEP to discuss the Energy strategy for the Solent .
 - b) **Greentech South and Energise Solent update**

Our subsidiaries Greentech South and Energise Solent continue to develop projects.

 - **Greentech South** has expanded its membership which now stands at 145 SMEs. The delay in funding through ESIF has meant a shift in focus for SMEs to Innovate UK and Horizon 2020 funds and we continue to support companies in their bids. The bid for Enterprise M3 funds was completed on Friday 17th and the team are now gearing up for the Solent ESIF low Carbon bids. Our invitation to join the International Cleantech Network has opened up funding opportunities for members from the EU with a COSME bid and district heating being the most promising.
 - **Energise Solent** commissioned a district heating report and this is now being used in the EU bid that Greentech South are engaged in. In addition the team are meeting this Friday at EBC to formulate the response to the Solent Low Carbon ESIF call for renewable energy projects
3. **Update from Culture, Creative Industries and the Built Environment**
 - a) **Creative Industries**

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, working in partnership with the youth arts organisation Artsworks, have secured £74 000 of grants for the arts funding to support the continuation of the creative apprenticeship initiative established by PUSH in 2012 . Artsworks will also continue to build a network of creative sector employers wishing to engage in the work based learning agenda.

Creative Network South is preparing a creative industries prospectus which will be launched in the Spring, it is proposed that report on the creative industries in the Solent Area will be prepared for June Joint Committee .

- b) **Quality Place in the Built Environment**
The Quality Place Practitioners have commissioned Eastleigh Borough Council to prepare a series of Design Bulletins which will act to refresh the PUSH design Guidance prepared in 2012 and illustrate how design principles have been applied to major developments in the PUSH area.

4. Update from Planning & Infrastructure

Following this Joint Committee and the discussion on priorities, a Planning Officers Group will be scheduled to agree a future work programme.

A number of PUSH authorities are working together to commission an Air Quality Study. This 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. This will take into account strategic development locations and associated transport infrastructure which may have implications for air quality. The procurement of this study is being led by Havant Borough Council. The contract is expected to be awarded in April 2017 and the final report is due in October 2017.

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1. NOTES the matters for Information outlined in Part B of this report.

Background Papers:

- None

Reference Papers:

- None

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