



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

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Report of: **Paddy May, PUSH Interim Co-ordinator**

Subject: **PUSH Interim Co-ordinators Report**

SUMMARY

The Interim Co-ordinators 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 Overview and Scrutiny 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. PUSH Planning & Infrastructure Update

PUSH has just commissioned Amec to produce an Integrated Water Management Strategy. This will update the previous 2009 study and will be based on the latest development targets to 2034 set out in the PUSH Spatial Position Statement. It will identify in broad terms the need for further water supply and waste water treatment infrastructure or measures to ensure the extra development can be accommodated without there being an impact on the marine environment. Amec and PUSH will be working closely with Natural England, the Environment Agency, Southern Water and Portsmouth Water on the study, which we anticipate will be completed early in the New Year.

2. Culture, Creative Industries, and Built Environment Theme Panel Update

2.1 Creative Industries

The panel's capital programme is now complete. The Cell Block studios were opened on the 22 September. The studios compliment the range of incubation spaces, managed by the University of Portsmouth, and also adds to the diversity of creative workspaces in the city.

Creative network South has also supported the development of an equipment loan service, which will enable film makers to access professional standard cameras and editing software. The project will be managed by City Eye who are working in partnership with Southampton Solent University.

Creative Network South and Hampshire Chamber of Commerce have agreed to develop a creative industries prospectus for the area which will be launched in spring 2017. To inform this document CNS is planning to refresh its creative industries evidence base by repeating the data project last undertaken in 2010 this will provide up to date data on sector employment and business formation trends.

2.2 Solent Design Awards

Judging is currently taking place for the Solent design awards. The awards which focus on place making and design in the built environment are now in their 4th iteration. The award evening will be held in the Spark Building Southampton Solent University on the 24th November. A public vote on the most popular buildings is being co-ordinated by both the news and echo and will run during October.

2.3 Portsmouth Harbour

The Portsmouth Harbour programme continues to work towards its aims of securing the sustainable re-use of heritage assets around the harbour, particularly those at risk, in a way that brings economic benefits by increasing / enhancing the visitor offer, supporting new business start-ups and employment opportunities. The programme has supported a number of organisations with the project development work needed to progress major funding applications for repair and re-use, including Bury House,

Haslar Gunboat Yard and Battery No. 2 (Diving Museum) in Gosport, and Treadgolts and Wymering Manor in Portsmouth. An event is planned to feedback on the outcomes achieved, and lessons learned, from the Portsmouth Harbour programme in the New Year.

2.4 Solent Energy

The steering group meets regularly to ensure good project governance and the current priorities are set out in the attached diagram. **(Appendix 1)**

We are pleased to say that a new report has been commissioned across the PUSH area that will map out the potential for large scale district heating deployment. This study will showcase projects that are already underway or that are in the planning stage and will signpost how other geographical areas will be part of what is seen as a crucial low carbon heating priority.

We have also been investigating a Community Energy Plan following the successful delivery of the Lymington Solar Farm Project. This project has wowed local people, planners and investors alike and a new study is taking place to map the potential for supported projects in every borough and district.

The deployment of new LED lighting technology makes sense for any business as part of its energy efficiency plans, so to this end we have launched an LED lighting installation partnership which is being backed by Future South. This entails a free lighting assessment that will specify the latest technology for the office, centre or workspace with finance options available and a clear report that defines the projected savings.

We have two sessions at Future Solent Conference on 4th November and a key note speech by Alan Lovell as the Energise Solent ambassador.

Lastly we have been taking time to visit homes, schools and small businesses to discuss their energy and water usage and talk about how they can save money and help the environment.

2.5 Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership

The last Joint Committee meeting endorsed the second Annual Report of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership. The document reviewed progress made during the financial year 2015/16 and set out the Partnership's plans for 2016/17 including a larger ranger team. Three seasonal rangers began work earlier this month - two on the mainland coast and one on the Isle of Wight coast - to complement the one all-year ranger. That is still a small team to cover the 250 kilometre Solent coastline, so the rangers will make more frequent visits to sites where there is greatest potential for disturbance to birds by people (often unintentionally). By helping visitors to better understand the over-wintering birds and their vulnerability, the rangers aim to prevent bird disturbance by people or their dogs. A full report on the Partnership's recent activities and its plans for 2017/18 will be presented to the next Joint Committee meeting.

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

Background Papers:

- Appendix 1 - Governance and priorities

Reference Papers:

- None

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