



Item 8

Report to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Joint Committee

Date: **05 June 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 Joint Committee for decision or for information. The report is divided into Parts A and B accordingly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PART A: MATTERS FOR DECISION

There are no matters for decision.

PART B: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

1) Land, Property and Infrastructure Panel Update (March 16th 2018)

David Fletcher from Hampshire County Council is the PUSH representative on the Solent LEP Land, Property and Infrastructure Panel. David's notes from the March 2018 meeting are attached as Appendix 1.

2) Bird Aware Solent

The text of the Annual Report has been written and signed off internally by Partnership members, however it needs to be accompanied by the 2017/18 accounts to be complete. A small number of authorities are yet to submit final figures for Developer Contribution levels (income) for the final quarter. Consequently Fareham has not been able to finalise the accounts. The Annual Report will therefore be presented at the next Joint Committee meeting in July. Following the endorsement of the Strategy at the 5th December PUSH Joint Committee, local planning authorities agreed to locally approve the Strategy and start charging the new developer contribution rates on all residential planning applications approved from 1st April.

3) Draft National Planning Policy Framework Consultation PUSH response

PUSH responded to the Draft National Planning Policy Framework Consultation on the 10th May. PUSH Planning Officer Group (POG) members helped form the response, which was then circulated to Joint Committee and Overview and Scrutiny members and PUSH Chief Executives for comment. Final approval was asked for from the PUSH Chairman and the final response is on the PUSH website, which can be found [here](#), and is attached as Appendix 2.

4) Portsmouth Water and Southern Water Consultation Responses

PUSH responded to the Portsmouth Water WRMP Consultation and the Southern Water WRMP Consultation on the 25th May. These responses are attached as Appendix 3.

5) Update from Planning and Infrastructure

Air Quality Study

The Air Quality Study has been adjusted after receiving corrected data from SYSTRA. The Air Quality study is an item on the agenda for the next PUSH POG on 12th June and it will be an agenda item for the July Joint Committee.

Green Infrastructure

Hampshire County Council are finalising the Green Infrastructure Strategy and are preparing the Green Infrastructure Implementation Plan in conjunction with other PUSH authorities. This will be reported to the Joint Committee in the autumn.

6) Update from Energy and Green Economy

The Solent LEP Energy Strategy (Heat and Power Strategy) has been drafted and is currently being looked at by the panel, to confirm the alignment of the strategy aims with the two Energy and Green Economy projects agreed in principle at the last Joint Committee meeting. An update will be provided to the July Joint Committee meeting.

7) Update from Culture, Creative Industries and the Built Environment

Launch of Creative Growth Southampton

Creative Growth Southampton, which is a partnership initiative to support creative businesses through their early stage development supported by PUSH, Creative Network South, Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, and Southampton City Council, was launched at Southampton Solent University on the 19th April by Cllr Woodward, Chairman of PUSH and Cllr Letts, the then Leader of Southampton City Council. The event was hosted by Solent University and was well attended. The one-to-one mentoring is already underway. 18 businesses are currently receiving support. (14 registered on the evening of the event). The target for the first year is to support 40 businesses. A programme of monthly training and networking events is currently being developed.

The Southampton Cultural Trust have received additional funding from Arts Council England which means that, with the PUSH funding that has been identified for financial year 2018-19, the programme will be fully funded up to the end of March 2020.

Creative Network South is working with the University of Portsmouth to discuss how the existing programme of training events and mentoring at the innovation space could be supported by Creative Network South so as to ensure sector specific one-to-one mentoring is available for early stage creative businesses in both the wider Southampton and Portsmouth catchment areas.

Creative Industries Sector Deal

At the end of March, the government announced its creative industries sector deal. The deal identifies significant strength in the creative sector along the south coast.

Key proposals in the sector deal include initiatives to strengthen clusters, promote research and development and develop skills. Creative Network South will seek to work with its partners to follow up on these initiatives.

In order to further this work Creative Network South has affiliated to the Creative Industries Federation, which is one of the industry bodies the government worked with when preparing the sector deal. It is hoped that the CEO of the federation, John Kampfner will attend the CNS meeting on May 31st to help build the relationship with network members.

Solent Quality Place Awards

The Solent Design awards, which PUSH has supported since 2010, have been recast as the Solent Quality Place awards to emphasise the priorities for the design practitioner group in promoting good design in new development in the area. Barratt have expressed an interest in continuing to support the awards, however the full sponsorship package for 2018 is not in place so the design practitioner group is investigating other options. The results of these discussions will be reported to the Joint Committee in the autumn.

CONCLUSION

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

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers:

Appendix 1 - Land, Property and Infrastructure notes

Appendix 2 - PUSH Response to Draft National Planning Policy Framework Consultation

Appendix 3a & 3b- PUSH Responses to Water Consultations

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