



Minutes of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Overview and Scrutiny Committee

*Minutes of a meeting held on 11 July 2017
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Paul Buckley (Chairman)

Linda Gemmell
Malcolm Johnson
Bruce Tennent
Diane Furlong
Chris Wood

Authority represented:

Havant BC

Winchester CC
East Hants DC
Eastleigh BC
Gosport BC
Fareham BC

Deputies:

Gordon Bailey

Test Valley BC

**Also in
attendance:**

Paddy May
Anna Parry

PUSH Coordinator
Solent Recreation
Mitigation Partnership
Coordinator

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In the absence of an elected Chairman, Councillor Paul Buckley from Havant Borough Council chaired this meeting.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Allan Glass (New Forest DC); Councillor Ian Ward (Isle of Wight Council); Councillor John Ferrett (Portsmouth CC); Councillor Jeremy Moulton (Southampton CC); and Councillor Phil Bundy (Test Valley BC) – Councillor Gordon Bailey deputising.

New Members have been appointed to the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee as follows:

Councillor Chris Wood	Fareham BC
Councillor Jeremy Moulton	Southampton CC
Councillor Malcolm Johnson	East Hants DC
Councillor Rob Humby	Hampshire CC

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 21 February 2017, be confirmed as a correct record.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

7. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

8. PUSH CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PUSH co-ordinator which covered both the 14 March 2017 and the 27 July Joint Committee on matters that are significant, but did not justify a full report in its own right.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) NOTES Part A of this report, which covers; The Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's third Annual Report for publication (see Appendix 1); the proposed minor modifications to the Solent Recreation Mitigation

Partnership's Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 2 and the decision to grant delegated powers to the SRMP to issue statements related to SRMP matters on behalf of all partners; and

- 2) NOTES the matters for information outlined in Part B of this report.

9. PUSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 14 MARCH 2017

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report providing an update on the Capital and Revenue budget for 2016/17 and the proposed interim revenue budget for 2017/18.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) NOTES the spend for the year to date against the revised revenue and capital budgets and the forecast outturn for 2016/17, as set out in the report (Tables 2 & 3);
- 2) NOTES a carry forward of £34,000 to 2017/18 for the following forecast revenue budget underspend in 2016/17 for; Energy & Green Economy: £29,000 and Culture, Creative Industries & the Built Environment: £5,000;
- 3) NOTES that the forecast underspend to be carried forward from the 2016/17 budgets into 2017/18 is provisional, and may be subject to change when the final outturn position for 2016/17 is known; and
- 4) NOTES the proposed interim revenue budget for 2017/18, as set out in the report (Table 4).

10. PUSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 27 JULY 2017

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report providing an update on the Capital and Revenue budget for 2016/17 and the proposed interim revenue budget for 2017/18.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) NOTES the outturn for the financial year 2016/17 (Table 2);
- 2) NOTES the Statement of Accounts for the 2016/17 financial year and the Annual Governance Statement (Appendix 1);
- 3) NOTES a carry forward request of £18,000 for an additional Planning & Infrastructure revenue budget underspend in 2016/17; and
- 4) NOTES the proposed capital and revenue budgets for 2017/18 as set out in the report (Table 3 & 4).

11. DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE STRATEGIC FOCUS OF PUSH

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report on the future strategic focus of PUSH which can add value to the delivery of public services and help support the growth of the South Hampshire & Isle of Wight Economy.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) NOTES that PUSH should continue to deliver its business plan priorities (see Appendix 1);
- 2) NOTES that PUSH should drive forward additional activity (see section 2) around:
 - Identifying the sub-regional infrastructure needed to support development of the housing and employment growth that individual authorities will wish to achieve through their local plans
 - Supporting the development of the creative sector within South Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
 - Promoting the development of further joint services or work between South Hampshire & Isle of Wight authorities where this relates to the core activities of PUSH; and
- 3) NOTES that PUSH should put the £100k funding that had previously been allocated initially to support an inward investment model, and then subsequently as part of the matched funding to support an ERDF bid on SME competitiveness (which was not successful), into PUSH balances (see section 3).

12. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report reviewing the PUSH South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017.

RESOLVED that the Committee NOTES the South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Strategy 2017, subject to any final changes recommended by the Joint Committee and non-substantive improvements including updates to mapping and formatting for publication.

13. HOUSING WHITE PAPER (FIXING OUR BROKEN HOUSING MARKET)

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report reviewing the governments draft Housing White Paper 'Fixing our broken housing market' which sought the views of the Joint Committee on how PUSH would respond to the consultation questions. A copy of the consultation response had previously been circulated to Members.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) NOTES the contents of the draft housing white paper (see section 2 and Appendix 1);
- 2) NOTES that the consultation was responded to (see section 3); and
- 3) NOTES that the response would have followed the approach outlined in section 3; and
- 4) AGREES to notify the Joint Committee that although members fully support the response given, in the opinion of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
 - a) the response could have been strengthened to reflect the urgent need for a commitment to improve infrastructure to support

- additional housing needs;
- b) that many delays in the delivery of new housing development are caused by developers and not local authorities; and
- c) future consultation responses on this issue should be stronger on these points.

14. INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY GREEN PAPER

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report reviewing the governments Industrial Strategy Green Paper 'Building our Industrial Strategy' which sought the views of the Joint Committee on how PUSH would respond to the consultation questions. A copy of the consultation response had previously been circulated to Members.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) NOTES the contents of the draft Industrial Strategy as it relates to the activities of PUSH (see section 1);
- 2) NOTES that the Joint Committee agreed to respond to the consultation (see section 2); and
- 3) NOTES that the response to the consultation followed the approach outlined in section 2.

15. CULTURE, CREATIVE INDUSTRIES & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report updating members on various aspects of the Culture, Creative Industries and Built Environment Theme Panel.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) NOTES that the lead Chief Executive for the Culture Creative Industries and Built Environment Theme Panel is Dawn Baxendale the Chief Executive of Southampton City Council;
- 2) NOTES that the Joint Committee should receive a business plan reporting outcomes and actions at a future meeting;
- 3) NOTES a request to the Joint Committee that an additional £20k be allocated to the Panel to act as match funding to support applications to the Solent LEP and Arts Council England for a project to provide business support to micro creative businesses; and
- 4) NOTES that this is in addition to the budget for the Panel approved at the last Joint Committee of £22.5k.

16. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (SRMP) 14 MARCH

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a presentation on the Interim Mitigation Strategy. This presentation outlined the position regarding initiatives, projects and seminars held with Developers. A Strategy document which takes account of views given at seminars and from the PUSH Joint Committee was presented to the June meeting of the Joint Committee.

Anna Parry from SRMP was thanked for her presentation.

17. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (SRMP) 27 JULY 2017

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report on the draft Definitive Mitigation Strategy from 27 June Joint Committee meeting.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's Draft Definitive Strategy, the proposed consultation and adoption timeline.

18. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18

The PUSH co-ordinator asked members to note that the PUSH Joint Committee meeting on the 20 March 2018 has just been moved to the 28 March 2018.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2017/18.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 8.15pm)