



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 13 May 2014
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Authority represented:

Councillors David Goodall (Chairman)
Arthur Mandry (Vice-Chairman)

Eastleigh BC
Fareham BC

Councillors David Evans
Linda Gemmell
Graham Burgess
Gerald Shimbart
Ian Ward
Adrian Vinson

East Hampshire DC
Winchester CC
Hampshire CC
Havant BC
Isle of Wight Council
Southampton CC

Also in

Attendance: Gloria Ighodaro
Paul Nichols
Steve Lees

PUSH
Southampton City Council
Test Valley BC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Fuller (Portsmouth City Council), Councillor Phil Bundy (Test Valley Borough Council) and Councillor Alan Glass (New Forest District Council).

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4 February 2014, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that David Lees, Managing Director of Southampton Airport had been elected to the Board of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP).

The Chairman advised that UK Government has recently announced the outcome of the Solent LEP bid to bring assisted area status to Portsmouth Harbour and the Isle of Wight.

The Solent LEP has strongly contended that the area around Portsmouth Harbour, covering the waterfront on both the Portsmouth and Gosport side, and areas on the Isle of Wight would benefit from assisted area status as both have a strong, modern manufacturing base and there is a real potential to catalyse the areas. On this basis, the LEP submitted a bid to secure the status and the Government have responded positively to this. The new assisted area map has now been submitted to the European Union (EU) for approval.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Graham Burgess declared a non-pecuniary interest for Item 9 as he is the Lead Division Councillor for Hampshire County Council and also the Local Councillor for Lee East, Gosport which covers the Alver Valley Country Park.

Councillor Burgess remained in the room and took part in the discussion.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

6. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee received a report from the PUSH Programme & Information Manager (acting Interim Executive Director), on matters that merit reporting to this Committee, but do not justify a full report in their own right

The Overview and Committee agreed to NOTE:

1. the decision made by the Joint Committee at its September meeting to reinstate PUSH's SELP membership to a level 3 subscription, at a cost of £6.6K which commenced on 26 March 2014 until further notice;
2. the appointment of Paul Nichols, Head of Planning Transport and Sustainability at Southampton City Council, who will be supporting PUSH on a part-time secondment basis to manage and steer the delivery of the new spatial strategy at an operational level;
3. the matters for Information outlined in Part B of this report; and
4. that paragraph 9 of Part B should read 1,000 new small and medium sized enterprises.

7. PUSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Committee received a report on the Capital & Revenue budget for 2013/14 and considered the Capital and Revenue Forward Budgets for 2014/15

It was AGREED that the Committee:-

1. NOTE the spend for the year to date and the forecast outturn for the year, as set out in the report;
2. NOTE the proposed interim capital and revenue budgets for 2014/15 as set out in the report;
3. NOTE the carry forward of £251K to 2014/15 for the following forecast revenue budget underspends in 2013/14:
 - Economic Development: £122K
 - Sustainability & Community Infrastructure Panel : £35K
 - Housing and Planning: £20K
 - Quality Places: £24K
 - LEP Contributions : £50K;
5. NOTE the carry forward to 2014/15 of £580,000 for the following forecast capital budget under spends in 2013/14:
 - Hayling Island Access Trails: £20K
 - Portsmouth Creative Industries: £250K
 - Progression Studios: £50K
 - Portsmouth CC Arches: £40K
 - Cell Block Enterprise: £49K
 - Gosport Town Centre: £85K
 - Southampton Northern Quarter: £86K; and
5. NOTE the forecast under spend to be carried forward from the 2013/14 budgets into 2014/15 are provisional, and may be subject to change when the final outturn position for 2013/14 is known.

8. SPATIAL STRATEGY UPDATE

The Committee received a report which captured the specification, timetable and resource requirements for the Spatial Strategy Review.

The Committee noted all updates in the report.

9. SOLENT DISTURBANCE AND MITIGATION PROJECT (SDMP)

The Committee received a report on the progress made to date in establishing an Interim arrangement towards securing a SDMP.

It was AGREED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the following as approved by the PUSH Joint Committee at their meeting on 25th March 2014:

- The proposed approach set out in paragraphs 23-29 of this paper for taking forward the work of the Solent Disturbance Mitigation Project (SDMP).

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7.34pm).