



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 13 September 2016
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Arthur Mandry (Chairman)
Allan Glass (Vice-Chairman)

Diane Furlong
Bruce Tennent

Deputies:

Malcolm Johnson

Also in attendance:

Paddy May
Stuart Roberts
James Addicott

Authority represented:

Fareham BC
New Forest DC

Gosport BC
Eastleigh BC

East Hants DC

PUSH Interim Coordinator
SRMP
Eastern Solent Coastal
Partnership

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Evans (East Hampshire District Council – Councillor Malcolm Johnson deputising); Councillor Paul Buckley (Havant Borough Council); Councillor Ian Ward (Isle of Wight Council); Councillor John Ferrett (Portsmouth City Council) and Graham Tuck, PUSH Spatial Strategy Project Manager.

Changes in Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership-

There were no changes to Membership.

2. MINUTES

The Committee's attention was drawn to the previous Minutes where Councillor Malcolm Johnson had been incorrectly shown as in attendance at the meeting of the 13 September 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 13 September 2016, be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the removal of Councillor Malcolm Johnson showing as in attendance.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

6. PUSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PUSH Executive Director on matters that merit reporting to this Committee, but does not justify a full report in their own right.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTED the 2016/18 PUSH Business Plan which included activities to be delivered in 2016-17; and
2. NOTED the matters for information outlined in Part B of this report.

7. CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 and CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2016/17

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report summarising the outturn against the budget for the financial year 2015/16. The report also updated the proposed capital and revenue budgets for 2016/17, on the basis of the anticipated level of resources available and the priorities for the PUSH.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTED the outturn for the financial year 2015/16;
2. NOTED the Statement of Accounts for the 2015/16 financial year and the Annual Governance Statement (Appendix 1);
3. NOTED that Partner Contributions for 2016/17 remain the same as 201/16 resulting in a total contribution of £196,000;
4. NOTED the revised capital and revenue budgets for 2016/17 as set out in the report, including the proposed level of contributions from partner authorities;
5. NOTED the award of £765,000 in 2016/17 from the Solent LEP Local Growth Fund to support the Solent Recreation Mitigation Project (SRMP); and
6. NOTED that Southampton City Council (SCC) act as Accountable Body for managing these funds, on behalf of PUSH, at a cost of £4,000 to be met from the 2016/17 PUSH revenue budget.

8. STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESMENT (SFRA) 2016 UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an update following the PUSH SFRA 2016 Update being refreshed with reporting, mapping and guidance notes which replace the document "PUSH Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Final Report" which was compiled by Atkins Ltd in December 2007. The update was undertaken on behalf of PUSH by the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership.

The Strategy Flood Risk Assessment is a strategic level document and the revised SFRA study will support plan making and planning application decisions by including the latest evidence and information relating to flood risk within the PUSH area.

It forms a key evidence base to support the PUSH Spatial Strategy Review and brings both the reporting and mapping datasets up to date with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Councillor Allan Glass commented that although the waterside area of the New Forest is included within the PUSH area, there was no indication of the Waterside areas that are prone to flooding, being included. Councillor Glass was concerned this could appear misleading and sought assurance that this area is included. Councillor Glass also asked what work had been undertaken in the New Forest District Council area which sits outside the PUSH boundary.

James Addicott explained that the areas were set by the PUSH Infrastructure and Planning Panel, and covered the whole PUSH boundary, and offered to discuss this in more detail with Councillor Glass following the meeting.

Attention was drawn to the Committee's that recommendation 2 in the report was seeking confirmation from the Committee which is an error. Members are being asked to note the points.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTED the PUSH Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2016 Report and related outputs; and
2. NOTED approval to publish these on the PUSH website in place of the links that currently host the 2007 outputs. These include:
 - Revised PUSH SFRA Report
 - Revised Local Authority Guidance Notes
 - Refreshed GIS Mapping

9. PUSH SPATIAL POSITION STATEMENT

Due to the apologies tendered by Graham Tuck, PUSH Spatial Strategy Project Manager, all Members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 22 November 2016 to enable the report to be presented and any questions raised and answered at that time.

10. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (SRMP) – SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an update as the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership has now produced its second Annual Report which reviews progress made during the last financial year and sets out the plans for 2016/17. Progress during 2015/16 included the appointment of a team of rangers, the commissioning of research into potential initiatives to encourage responsible dog walkers, securing funding from the Solent Local Growth Deal towards the creation of four new/enhanced strategic greenspaces, and commissioning consultants to design a system to monitor the effectiveness of the SRMP's interventions. Plans for 2016/17 include a larger ranger team, implementing initiatives to encourage responsible dog walking, a seminar to facilitate closer working between partners and with other organisations, creating an improved website, and preparing the draft definitive mitigation strategy for approval by Council Leaders. The Overview and Scrutiny is asked to note the Annual Report for publication.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTED the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's second Annual Report on Implementation.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Prior to close of the meeting, the Chairman expressed concern at the poor attendance of Committee members and hoped that it would improve.

(The meeting started at 6pm and ended at 7.03pm)