



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 21 February 2017
in the Vannes and Pulheim Rooms, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Arthur Mandry (Chairman)
Allan Glass (Vice-Chairman)
Bruce Tennent
Graham Burgess
Linda Gemmell
David Evans
Diane Furlong
Paul Buckley

Authority represented:

Fareham BC
New Forest DC
Eastleigh BC
Hampshire CC
Winchester CC
East Hants DC
Gosport BC
Havant BC

Deputies:

Also in attendance:

Paddy May
Stuart Roberts

PUSH Interim Coordinator
Solent Recreation
Mitigation Partnership
Coordinator

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Phil Bundy (Test Valley Borough Council) and Councillor John Ferrett (Portsmouth CC).

Changes in Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

There were no changes to the membership of the committee.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22 November 2016, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised the Committee that in respect of the proposed dates for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the next municipal year, he felt it would be beneficial to the role of the Committee if the Overview and Scrutiny dates were aligned to a date closer to the meetings of the Joint Committee. The dates are due to be agreed at the next meeting of the Joint Committee and the Chairman said that the Overview and Scrutiny dates will be given consideration of revision prior to the Committee agreeing those.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

6. PUSH INTERIM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PUSH Interim Co-ordinator on matters that are significant, but did not justify a full report in their own right.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

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

7. CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2016/17

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an update from the PUSH Interim Co-ordinator of the report by the PUSH Chief Financial Officer, in respect of

progress to date against the revenue and capital programmes for the current financial year.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTES spend for the year to date against the capital and revenue budgets for 2016/17; and
2. NOTES the conclusion of the audit on the 2015/16 Statement of Accounts.

8. INWARD INVESTMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee discussed a presentation that had previously been delivered to the Joint Committee at their meeting in December 2016.

9. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP – PROGRESS IN 2016/17 AND PLANS FOR 2017/18

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership Co-ordinator on its progress in 2016/17, plans for 2017/18, proposed budget for 2017/18 and the proposed membership of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership Project Board for 2017/18.

Discussion took place in respect of the structure of the SRMP and whether it is too bureaucratic, in terms of numbers of representatives and levels of oversight. The SRMP Coordinator said that governance will need to be reviewed as we move to the implementation of the definitive strategy and so these comments were helpful in feeding into this review.

A suggestion was also made that the SRMP activities could be delivered by a Charity or run via a Trust. Members considered that this might be more efficient if enough income was not generated from Developer Contributions given that along the Solent coastline there may not be much development. It was noted that there are plans for new homes to be built within the 5.8km radius within the next five years and that there is a legal obligation on Developers to mitigate the effect of these new houses. The contribution to SRMP which funds the required mitigation is popular with developers and is seen as a more efficient mechanism for the developers. If there is limited development, there will be limited need for mitigation and so the activity will not need to be funded.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTES the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposed 2017/18 budget; and
2. NOTES the proposed Membership of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's Project Board for 2017/18.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7:15pm)