



Minutes of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee

*Minutes of a meeting held on 2 December 2014
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillor	Seán Woodward
Councillor	Donna Jones
Councillor	Simon Letts
Councillor	Guy Shepherd
Councillor	Keith House
Councillor	Mark Hook
Councillor	Keith Mans
Councillor	Michael Cheshire
Councillor	Martin Hatley
Councillor	Rob Humby
Councillor	Shirley Smart
Councillor	Paul Vickers

Authority Represented:

Fareham BC
Portsmouth CC
Southampton CC
East Hampshire DC
Eastleigh BC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Havant BC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC
Isle of Wight Council
New Forest DC

Chief Executives:

Nick Tustian
Peter Grimwood
Ian Lycett
Stuart Jarvis (on behalf of Andrew Smith)
Sandy Hopkins
David Williams
Dawn Baxendale
Simon Eden
John Metcalfe (nominated Officer)
Dave Yates

Authority Represented:

Eastleigh BC
Fareham BC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Havant BC & East Hampshire DC
Portsmouth CC
Southampton CC
Winchester CC
Isle of Wight Council
New Forest DC

Co-opted Members

Gloria Ighodaro
Bruce Voss
James Humphrys
Gary Jeffries
Stuart Baker

Organisation Represented:

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire
Homes & Communities Agency
Environment Agency
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

In attendance

Steve Lees
Adele Maher
Mark Heath
Graham Watt
Alan Denford
Steve Avery
Dian Shepherd

Organisation Represented:

Test Valley BC
Havant BC
Southampton CC
Department for Communities and Local Government
Southampton CC
New Forest National Park Authority
Chichester District Council

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ian Stephens, Isle of Wight Council (Councillor Shirley Smart deputising) and from Kevin Bourner, Housing and Communities Agency (Bruce Voss deputising).

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 23 September be confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Solent Local Growth Deal Update

The Chairman advised that in September, correspondence was received from the Solent LEP inviting PUSH to host the Solent Growth Forum (SGF), a key component of the Solent LEP governance structure. This forum would report directly to the LEP bringing together all twelve PUSH local authorities and a broader membership including the community and voluntary sector and Trade Union. The PUSH Joint Committee were asked to note that a dedicated agenda item on the Solent Local Growth Deal is scheduled for this meeting to enable the Committee to formally consider and make a decision on this offer. LEP colleagues represented here tonight will lead on this on agenda item 8. Members were also advised that there was a representative from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), Graham Watt, who will be supporting the LEP on agenda item 8 and will provide a short presentation.

Solent Recreation and Mitigation Partnership

The Chairman reminded members that PUSH is working in Partnership with the two National Parks and Chichester District Council on the Solent Recreation and Mitigation Partnership. The intention is to use the PUSH structure, notably the PUSH Joint Committee to provide the political governance of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's activities with the involvement of Chichester District Council and the two National Park Authorities. The Chairman welcomed Diane Shepherd, Chief Executive of Chichester District Council and Steve Avery, Executive Director at New Forest National Park Authority who were in attendance to present a report under agenda item 10.

Solent Design Awards

The Chairman announced that the Solent Design Awards 2014 took place on 20th November 2014 at the Mary Rose Museum Historic Dock Yard; sponsored by PUSH, housing and construction company Bouygues UK, and the Urban Design Group. The awards were held to recognise buildings or places of the highest design standards, and those which achieve a positive impact on their surroundings. The Quality Place Winners were Ryde School on the Isle of Wight designed by Walters and Cohen Architects and St Alphege Building at The

University of Winchester designed by Design Engine Architects. This year's winner of the People's Choice Award was The Mary Rose Museum, Portsmouth.

Solent Local Growth Consultation Event

The Chairman advised that he and other colleagues from PUSH attended the Local Growth Deal Consultation event hosted by the Solent LEP on 6 October. A series of roundtable discussions were held with local stakeholders to update them on the Strategic Economic Plan and get their views on the strategy for potential future funding. PUSH remains committed and has played a key role in this regard particularly in the context of undertaking the necessary evidence base required to make the case for additional infrastructure funding related to the unlocking of land assets, transport and housing. PUSH has an important role to play in terms of unlocking flagship sites for housing and employment. Keynote speakers at the event included the Minister of State for Skills and Equalities, Nick Boles MP; David Wilkes of Innovate UK, formerly the Technology Strategy Board, and Don Spalinger of the University of Southampton, also provided updates for attendees on the need to drive innovation at both a national and local level.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. UPDATES FROM DELIVERY PANEL CHAIRMEN

There were no updates from Delivery Panel Chairmen.

7. PUSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report by the PUSH Executive Director which covered matters arising which are significant and merit reporting to the Joint Committee but did not justify a full report.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. **NOTES** the matters for decision in Part A and matters for Information outlined in Part B of this report; and
2. **APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE** a PUSH financial contribution of £100K from its revenue budget subject to receiving a Service Level Agreement from the LEP for considering at the Joint Committee.

In addition to recommendation 2 above, the PUSH Joint Committee requested that the written confirmation to the Solent LEP advise that the Solent LEP contribute, at the very least an equivalent cash contribution to match that of the PUSH local authorities totalling £170,000. It was also recommended that the Solent LEP include the PUSH branding in all future literature publications related to Solent Inward Investment.

8. SOLENT LEP LOCAL GROWTH DEAL UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a report by the Solent LEP on the Solent Local Growth Deal.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee **NOTES** the content of the Solent LEP report and the supporting annexes, attached as an addendum to this Covering report, and considers the recommendations within the report, as follows:

1. **AGREES** the updated Joint Agreement (annex 5) in principle which provides for PUSH hosting the Solent Growth Forum on behalf of the Solent LEP as a separate Part B to the PUSH Joint Committee meeting, with the first meeting taking place in January 2015 and delegate its approval to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman and acting Executive Director of PUSH in accordance with the arrangements set out in the Joint Agreement for its modification
2. **NOTES** that the Solent LEP is required to establish a Solent LEP Area European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) Committee and **AGREES** that this should convene following the PUSH Joint Committee meeting, with the first meeting taking place in January 2015 in shadow form.

Following a debate on this item, it was further RESOLVED that the Joint Committee send a letter to the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Local Enterprise Partnership advising of the Joint Committee's concerns regarding the process by which the Solent LEP Area European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) is being managed.

9. PUSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report on Capital & Revenue budget for 2013/14 and to consider Capital and Revenue forward budgets for 2014/15.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

1. **NOTES** the spend for the year to date against the revised capital and revenue budgets for 2014/15 as set out in the report;
2. **APPROVES** the final annual return attached as Appendices A & B to this report;
3. **APPROVES** a reduction in the number of budget monitoring reports

submitted to the Joint Committee from five to three times per annum, with effect from the 2015/16 financial year; and

4. Subject to the approval of recommendation 3, **APPROVES** a reduction in the budget allocation for finance support from £20,000 in 2014/15 to £8,000 in 2015/16 and **NOTES** that this allocation will be subject to an annual review based on the value of the total PUSH budget.

10. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PLAN

The Joint Committee received a report on the progress of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee **NOTES** and **ENDORSES**:

1. The Solent Recreation Mitigation Interim Mitigation Strategy;
2. Terms of Reference for the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership;
3. The Governance arrangements;
4. The phasing of implementation of the mitigation measures; and
5. The extension of the temporary project officer post to 31 March 2016.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7.00pm).

(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday 27 January 2014).