



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 21 May 2013
in the Vannes/Pulheim Room, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Authority represented:

Councillors David Goodall (Chairman)

Eastleigh BC

David Evans
Arthur Mandry
Robert Forder
Graham Burgess
Adrian Vinson
Vivian Achwal

East Hampshire DC
Fareham BC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Southampton CC
Winchester CC

*Also in
attendance:*

Cllr Mrs Dorothy Denston
Stuart Roberts
Mike Allgrove

East Hampshire DC
PUSH Interim Executive Director
PUSH Planning Officers Group
Chairman

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

RESOLVED that Councillor David Goodall from Eastleigh Borough Council, be elected Chairman for the 2013/14 municipal year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Arthur Mandry from Fareham Borough Council be appointed Vice-Chairman for the 2013/14 municipal year.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ian Hibberd of Test Valley Borough Council.

It was announced that as of 15 May 2013, Councillor Phil Bundy would be the representative of Test Valley Borough Council and that Councillor Ian Hibberd would be his deputy.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 5 February 2013, be confirmed and signed as a correct record (attached - [pos-130205-m](#)).

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements given at the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

6. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee received a report by the PUSH Interim Executive Director, on matters that are not covered on the main agenda (copy of report [pos-130521-item 6](#)) circulated with the agenda). The Interim PUSH Executive Director orally updated the meeting on the following items:

SELP - A further update on the question of ongoing membership of Southern England Local Partners (SELP) will be reported to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to enable a recommendation to be made to the following meeting of the PUSH Joint Committee on whether to continue with SELP membership.

City Deal - A copy of the Cabinet Office briefing paper on Combined Authorities will be circulated to members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Spatial Planning – A workshop is scheduled for 5 June 2013 to brief house builders and housing providers on the PUSH Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

Transport Delivery Plan – The Interim Executive Director will request that Transport for South Hampshire provide a briefing to highlight who the decision-makers on rail improvement schemes and how they might be influenced.

Solent Local Transport Body – The first meeting is scheduled for 31 May 2013 at which PUSH will be represented with Associate Member status. The Interim Executive Director will confirm if these meetings are to be held in public and if papers will be available.

Research into Infrastructure Funding and Freight Industry Issues – The Interim Executive Director will confirm if the anticipated benefits have been realised from freight movement along the A3 corridor following the opening of the Hindhead tunnel.

Looking Ahead – A briefing paper on the Hampshire Community Bank will be circulated to members of the Committee.

It was AGREED that the Committee should **NOTE** the information set out in the report.

7. PUSH GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Committee received a report by the PUSH Interim Executive Director, the proposed future work focus and governance arrangements for PUSH including the future role of this Committee (copy of report [pos-130521-item 7](#) circulated with the agenda).

It was AGREED that the following comments be submitted on the discussion points given at Appendix A to the report:

Do you agree that PUSH and the Solent LEP should clarify and codify their roles and relationships?

Yes

- The roles have changed significantly especially as much of the funding previously available to PUSH is now going directly to the LEP.
- The LEP Board is predominately formed by business leaders, and not by elected members as is the case with PUSH.

Do you agree with this focus for PUSH?

Yes

Do you support each JC meeting being immediately followed by a private meeting at which informal discussion could take place?

No

- Any private meeting must not incorporate any decision making and any private conversation or debate should be held in advance of the Joint Committee meeting.
- Decision making must be transparent and in the public domain.
- The purpose and type of business conducted at a private meeting must be clearly understood – it risks being outside the governance arrangements.

Are any changes needed to the O&S committee?

- If the O&S committee continues to meet before the JC in order to pre-scrutinise, there should be a mechanism for feeding Committee views into the JC decision making.
- O&S meetings to be scheduled before JC in order to submit references to the JC meeting

8. PUSH BUSINESS PLAN 2013-14

The Committee received a verbal update by the Interim PUSH Executive Director on the PUSH Business Plan and were invited to submit comments to the PUSH Joint Committee via the Interim PUSH Executive Director.

It was AGREED that the Committee should receive an update briefing on the Green Deal at the next meeting.

9. FUTURE OF STRATEGIC SPATIAL PLANNING

The Committee received a presentation by Chairman of the PUSH Planning Officers Group on the future of strategic spatial planning for the PUSH area.

It was AGREED that the approaches outlined in the presentation on the South Hampshire strategy be endorsed by the Committee.

10. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/14

The Committee considered a report by the Democratic Services Officer, Fareham Borough Council, which asked members to determine its schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2013/14 (copy of report [pos-130521-item 10](#) circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

It was AGREED that that the next meeting date scheduled for Tuesday 10 September be APPROVED and that the dates of the following meetings be reviewed by the Chairman and the Interim Executive Director, following the discussion held at item 7 above regarding potential changes to the scheduling of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

*(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 8:15pm).
(Date of next meeting – 10 September 2013 at 6.00pm)*