



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 22 November 2016
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Arthur Mandry (Chairman)
Allan Glass (Vice-Chairman)
Bruce Tennent
Graham Burgess
Linda Gemmell

Authority represented:

Fareham BC
New Forest DC
Eastleigh BC
Hampshire CC
Winchester CC

Deputies:

Also in attendance:

Paddy May
Graham Tuck

PUSH Interim Coordinator
PUSH Spatial Strategy
Project Manager

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Buckley (Havant Borough Council); Councillor Phil Bundy (Test Valley Borough Council); Councillor David Evans (East Hants District Council) and Councillor Diane Furlong (Gosport Borough Council).

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 13 September 2016, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that when compiling the dates of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings for 2017/18, consideration will be given to bringing the meetings of the Committee to a date closer to the Joint Committee. This will enable the Committee to consider items closer to the time any decisions are made.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

6. PUSH SPATIAL POSITION STATEMENT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PUSH Spatial Strategy Project Manager who provided an overview of the PUSH Spatial Position Statement following its completion.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTES for information, the completion of the PUSH Spatial Position Statement (2016) – (Appendix 1);
2. NOTES that the PUSH Spatial Position Statement covers the housing and economic market areas within which all Councils have a 'duty to co-operate'. The

Position Statement provides useful evidence based work for Council's to fulfil their duty to co-operate obligations and Local Plan making; and

3. NOTES the intention to publish the PUSH Spatial Position Statement (2016)- (Appendix 1) and supporting evidence (Appendix 2-5) on the PUSH website for Councils and interested parties to readily access.

7. 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.

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUSH

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an update from the PUSH Interim Co-ordinator of the report by the PUSH Lead Chief Executive, in respect of the future arrangements for PUSH, which had been discussed at the PUSH Chief Executives' meeting in September 2016.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTES a subscription holiday for the 2017-18 financial year (see paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4);
2. NOTES the issues identified for the key areas of work, aligned to the business plan and now how it will engage with the following proposals:

a review by the Solent LEP (SLEP) of their economic strategy (see paragraph 3.2)

a suggestion that the PUSH authorities and SLEP create a fund to support feasibility studies needed to support funding applications (see paragraphs 3.3); and

3. NOTES the vacancies for PUSH representatives outlined in Appendix 2.

9. DEVOLUTION IN THE SOLENT AREA

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an update from the PUSH Interim Co-ordinator of the Devolution Update Report by the PUSH Lead Chief Executive.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTES the latest position on devolution discussions within the Solent area.

(The meeting started at 6pm and ended at 6.43pm)