



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 23 September 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	Tony Briggs
Councillor	Martin Hatley
Councillor	Rob Humby
Councillor	Paul Vickers

Authority Represented:

Fareham BC
Portsmouth CC
Southampton CC
East Hampshire DC
Eastleigh BC
Havant BC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC
New Forest DC

Chief Executives:

Alex Parmley
Peter Grimwood
Ian Lycett
Stuart Jarvis (on behalf of Andrew Smith)
Tom Horwood
David Williams
Stuart Love
Andy Ferrier
Simon Eden
John Metcalfe

Authority Represented:

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

Co-opted Members

Gloria Ighodaro
Bruce Voss
James Humphrys
Gary Jeffries

Organisation Represented:

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

In attendance

Steve Lees
Adele Maher
Mark Heath

Organisation Represented:

Test Valley BC
Havant BC
Southampton CC

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ferris Cowper, East Hants District Council (Councillor Guy Shepherd deputising), Councillor Mark Hook, Gosport Borough Council, Councillor Keith Mans, Hampshire Borough Council and Councillor Ian Stephens, Isle of Wight Council.

Apologies were also received from Nick Tustian, Eastleigh Borough Council (Alex Parmley deputising), Sandy Hopkins, Havant Borough Council and East Hants District Council (Tom Horwood deputising), Dawn Baxendale, Southampton City Council (Stuart Love deputising), Roger Testall, Test Valley Borough Council (Andy Ferrier deputising) and Kevin Bourner, Housing and Communities Agency (Bruce Voss deputising).

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 24 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for the third biennial Solent Design Awards are now open

The Chairman advised that nominations are open for The Solent Design Awards, sponsored by Bouygues and organised by PUSH. Judges are once again looking for stunning buildings or places of outstanding design standards which have had a positive impact on their surrounding communities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Any building or development completed after 31st March 2012 is eligible and can be anything from a public or commercial building to a housing development or street scene improvement scheme. These can be nominated by architects, contractors, clients or local authorities. 2012 winners included Forest Park School in Totton, Sunfield Close in Andover and the Sea City Museum in Southampton.

There will be a Quality Places Award for the best scheme, a new Best Urban Design Award, sponsored by the Urban Design Group, and a People's Choice Award which will be chosen by the scheme voted top by the public. Full details on how to enter the competition can be found at www.solentdesignawards.org.uk and submissions must be received by 4.00 pm on 30th September.

Opening the Tec Hub at Eastleigh

The Chairman announced that, in his capacity as Chairman of PUSH, he had been invited to launch Eastleigh Borough Council's latest creative working space, the Tec Hub, on the evening of Tuesday October 14th. The Tec Hub, based in Eastleigh's Wessex House, has to date received significant financial

support from PUSH. The Hub offers a flexible business space environment aimed at supporting graduate companies, start-ups, early career freelancers, sole traders and companies who are working within the creative digital and tech industries. The Tec Hub will provide affordable, flexible working space, which enables businesses to forge connections and collaborations across all three of Eastleigh's creative hubs - based at The Point theatre, the Sorting Office and the Tec Hub.

PUSH Website

The Committee was advised by the Chairman that the PUSH website has been refreshed and went live beginning of September.

Centre of Excellence in Engineering, Manufacturing and Advanced Skills Training (CEMAST)

The Chairman advised that the new campus built on the Solent Enterprise Zone in Lee-on-the-Solent is now the training centre for 900 students on Automotive, Engineering and Manufacturing courses and is also the main learning centre for students in apprenticeship programmes with partner companies including BAE Systems, GE Aviation, Virgin Atlantic, Cooper vision, Burgess Marine and Jensen Motorsport.

CEMAST, part of the Fareham College Group, has a range of engineering and manufacturing resource and expertise. With an investment of over £12 million, workshops are equipped with the latest technology and resources, the curriculum - created in partnership with local industry leaders - ensures that students gain the most up to date industry knowledge and students develop their knowledge of technical subjects in an industry-standard environment.

Solent Local Growth Deal Update

The Chairman told the Committee that funding for 2015-16 is £45.8 million and for 2016 onwards £78.8 million to be co-invested in a number of key priorities, which includes:

- Fareham/Gosport package
- Cross-Solent connectivity
- IoW College
- Eastleigh College
- Solent Mitigation & Itchen package

From now until October 2014 the LEP will be working with Government towards getting the funding agreement signed and confirming the funding for future years. The Cities Minister wants to sign all 39 LEP LGDs in person. The Solent LEP is waiting on a date for our signing. Portsmouth City Council will remain the Accountable Body for the funding.

A Growth Deal Consultation event attended by MP Nick Bowles is scheduled to take place on 6th October and the next Local Growth Deal Consultation thereafter will be held in November 2014.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Guy Shepherd declared an interest in Item 1 of the Chairman's Announcements as he is an employee of Bouygues who are sponsoring The Solent Design Awards, and also Item 13 on the agenda as Bouygues are represented on the Future Solent Board.

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. SOLENT LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a verbal update on the Solent LEP from Gary Jeffries, Solent LEP Chairman.

A consultation event will be held on 6th October to discuss on the second iteration of the Local Growth Deal and progress made to date on delivering the Strategic Economic Plan. Nick Bowles, MP will be in attendance as keynote speaker at the event.

The Solent LEP is awaiting detailed guidance on the round 2 Growth Deal and in parallel will continue with the bilateral meetings scheduled with local authorities, Universities and other key partners between September & October on the next phase of delivery regarding securing funds for 2016/17. It is anticipated the schemes with an advanced business case will be ranked highly.

8. PUSH INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report by the Interim 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 Information outlined in Part B of this report; and

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. APPROVES the revised capital and revenue budgets for 2014/15 as set out in the report, and NOTES the spend for the year to date; and
2. APPROVES the recommendation by PUSH Chief Executives to allocate the remaining PUSH capital balance of £50K to support the delivery of the Alver Valley scheme; and
3. NOTES the Final Internal Audit Report and its recommendations related to the PUSH accounts for year ending 2013/14.

10. SPATIAL STRATEGY REVIEW UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a report on the Spatial Strategy Review.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the report and progress to date.

11. PUSH DESIGN CHARTER IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a report on the PUSH Design Charter.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. NOTES the outcome of the QPPG's report '*Implementing the PUSH Quality Places Charter....Summary of responses to the Questionnaire 2013*' (see appendix 2);
2. AGREES
 - PUSH authorities should re-affirm their commitment to the 7 principles set out in the 2010 PUSH Quality Places Charter (see Appendix 1);
 - member authorities will encourage relevant officers to attend the quarterly QPPG meetings and take an active part in the work programme;
 - member authorities review the leadership given by Lead Members and Planning Management/Development Control Teams, to ensure that high standards of urban design are given high priority and are adequately resourced to inform decisions on development proposals which affect the public realm;

- the QPPG should consider opportunities for sharing and enhancing in-house urban design skills across the area, to facilitate meeting the Charter's commitments;
 - member authorities support the efforts of the QPPG to ensure all authorities have access to effective design review skills;
 - member authorities support the development of high quality design awareness training for Councillors and Officers, and commit to including that within their wider training programmes;
 - member authorities commit to the preparation and publication of urban design guidance and its adoption as SPD; and
3. NOTES the progress in preparing for the 2014 Solent Design Awards.

12. PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR PROJECT UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a report on the progress of the Portsmouth Harbour Project.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. NOTES progress in initiating the Portsmouth Harbour Heritage Led Regeneration Project;
2. NOTES the proposed list of possible projects to be progressed as part of the heritage led regeneration initiative, including potential "quick wins" (Appendix A.); and
3. SUPPORTS the Programme Board in approaching the MOD to try to secure the release of key sites that can deliver significant heritage led regeneration.

13. FUTURE SOLENT CLEANTECH CLUSTER

The Joint Committee received a report on developing a Future Solent Cleantech Cluster

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. NOTES the contents of this report;
2. SUPPORTS the proposals for advancing the development of a Cleantech Cluster as set out in this report;
3. SUPPORTS the employment or secondment of a Project Manager by Eastleigh Borough Council on behalf of the Future Solent partnership, to

take forward the concept of the Solent Cleantech Cluster utilising the funding available through the LoToNo Programme; and

4. AGREES financial support of £20,000 to appoint a Project Manager with the skills needed to take forward the Cluster development or to have them employed for sufficient period to complete the project.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 6.54pm).

(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday 2 December 2014).