



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 24 May 2016
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Arthur Mandry (Chairman)
Allan Glass (Vice-Chairman)

David Evans
Paul Buckley
Linda Gemmell

Authority represented:

Fareham BC
New Forest DC

East Hants DC
Havant BC
Winchester CC

Deputies:

Also in attendance:

Gloria Ighodaro
Stuart Roberts
Graham Tuck

PUSH Executive Director
SRMP
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 Graham Burgess (Hampshire County Council), Gill Kneller (for item 9) and Alex Parmley (for item 8).

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Paul Buckley to the meeting.

Changes in Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership-

(a) Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor A. Mandry from Fareham Borough Council be elected as Chairman for the 2016/17 municipal year.

(b) Appointment of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Allan Glass from New Forest District Council be elected as Chairman for the 2016/17 municipal year.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 19 January 2016, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at the meeting.

6. PUSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PUSH Executive Director on matters that merit reporting to this Committee, but does not justify a full report in their own right.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1. NOTED the matters for information outlined in part B of the report.

7. CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16 and PROPOSED INTERIM REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report progress to date against the approved revenue and capital programmes, including a forecast outturn for the current financial year. It also set out the proposed interim revenue budget for 2016/17.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTED the spend for the year to date against the revised capital and revenue budgets and the forecast outturn for 2015/16, as set out in the report;
2. NOTED a carry forward of £216,000 to 2016/17 for the following forecast revenue budget under spends in 2015/16:
 - Energy & Green Economy: £51,000
 - Culture, Creative Industries & the Built Environment: £15,000
 - Core Projects – Inward Investment: £100,000
 - Contingency Reserve: £50,000;
3. NOTED that the forecast under spends to be carried forward from the 2015/16 budgets into 2016/17 are provisional, and may be subject to change when the final outturn position for 2015/16 is known; and
4. NOTED the proposed interim revenue budget for 2016/17, as set out in the report.

8. ENERGY AND GREEN ECONOMY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report which set out progress made to date updating on the previous report to the Joint Committee in September 2014 where PUSH agreed to support the objective of developing a Cleantech Cluster. The report also outlined future objectives.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTED the contents of this report and the progress to date;
2. SUPPORTS the ambitions for the next 5 years to support the development of business opportunities and jobs in the low carbon economy of South Hampshire;
3. NOTED financial support of £20,000 for the project by PUSH to ensure the continued development and success of Future Solent and enable the development of “Greentech South”, the UK’s leading Cleantech Cluster, to become financially self-sustaining and securing of additional external resources to support business growth and innovation.

9. SOLENT ENERGY STRATEGY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report that presented an Outline Business Case for the Delivery and Funding of the Solent Energy Strategy.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTED the Outline Business Case for the Delivery and Funding of the Solent Energy Strategy; and
2. NOTED the approval of an additional PUSH revenue budget of £18,000 to support the delivery of the Outline Business Case over the next 2 years.

In particular, the funding will provide a part-time commissioned Programme Manager to:

- Manage the prioritised programme of projects;
- Develop specific business cases;
- Bid for external funding;
- Coordinate available interested parties resources across PUSH authorities;
- Commission additional expertise and capacity where essential for project delivery.

10. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP (SRMP)

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report which updated the Committee on progress since September 2015 and presented the proposed 2016/17 work programme and budget.

RESOLVED that the Committee:

1. NOTED the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's proposed 2016-17 work programme and budget; and
2. NOTED the proposed 2016/17 membership of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's Project Board.

11. AOB

The Committee thanked Gloria for her work at PUSH as Executive Director and wished her well in her future career.

(The meeting started at 6:05pm and ended at 7.19pm)