



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 26 March 2013  
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

**Members  
Present:**

Councillor	Seán Woodward (Chairman)	Fareham BC
Councillor	Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Vice-Chairman)	Portsmouth CC
Councillor	Keith House	Eastleigh BC
Councillor	Mark Hook	Gosport BC
Councillor	Mel Kendal	Hampshire CC
Councillor	Tony Briggs	Havant BC
Councillor	Richard Williams	Southampton CC
Councillor	Keith Wood	Winchester CC

**Authority Represented:**

**Chief Executives Present:**

Bernie Topham	Eastleigh BC
Peter Grimwood	Fareham BC
Ian Lycett	Gosport BC
Stuart Jarvis (on behalf of Andrew Smith)	Hampshire CC
Sandy Hopkins	Havant BC & East Hampshire DC
Kathy Wadsworth (on behalf of David Williams)	Portsmouth CC
Dawn Baxendale	Southampton CC
Roger Tetstall	Test Valley BC
Simon Eden	Winchester CC

**Authority Represented:**

**Co-opted Members:**

Stuart Roberts  
James Humphrys

**Organisation Represented:**

PUSH Interim Executive Director  
Environment Agency

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ken Moon of East Hampshire District Council, Councillor Ken Thornber of Hampshire County Council (**Councillor Mel Kendal deputising**) and Councillor Martin Hatley of Test Valley Borough Council.

Apologies were also received from Andrew Smith, Chief Executive of Hampshire County Council (Stuart Jarvis deputising) and David Williams, Chief Executive of Portsmouth City Council (Kathy Wadsworth deputising)

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 29 January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

The Chairman reported that two PUSH-supported projects have gained national recognition and prestigious awards.

The first is the PUSH 'Youth Voice' project which was awarded first place in the Public Sector category of the 2013 National Urban Design Awards. These awards showcase the best examples of urban design in the UK and beyond over the last 12 months. Securing first place is no mean feat as there were 50 entries in that category, and the presentation at a prestigious awards ceremony held at the Royal Overseas League in London on 6 February gave further profile to this innovative project. The project, which helps young people to shape major development projects in South Hampshire, was commended for its innovative and committed approach to engaging with young people and valuing their opinion in the urban design process.

The second award was for 'Artwork Hampshire' - a creative apprenticeship scheme which is currently being supported by PUSH. This project received a 'highly commended' award in the Apprentice Provider of the Year category at a special awards ceremony in London.

The Chairman commented that these awards are great news for PUSH, and the two projects are excellent examples of how collaborative working and joining-up of effort can deliver real outcomes.

The Chairman's second announcement briefed the committee on a seminar he attended on 31st January on the subject of growth and development in South Hampshire. The event, held at Cams Hall in Fareham, brought together 30 public and private sector organisations. The Solent LEP's Chief Executive, the Interim PUSH Executive Director and representatives of several PUSH

authorities also attended. It was organised by planning consultants Barton Willmore Partnership, and enabled a frank, roundtable discussion about South Hampshire's future.

The Chairman reported that the development industry had commented that the PUSH authorities are making too little provision for new development, but he had replied by making a robust defence of the South Hampshire Strategy and a commitment to fostering economic growth. There were specific criticisms of the planning application process, which one developer described as "*trench warfare*". The PUSH authority planners who were present said they did not recognise that description as being applicable to their authority and to be fair, not all the developers agreed with it. However, it must be of concern that this is the perception of some in the development industry, not least because it echoes comments which are made by some Government Ministers that the planning system is slow and an impediment to economic growth. The Chairman said he was pleased that the PUSH Housing and Planning Delivery Panel is proposing a 'planning charter' which would pledge a business-friendly approach to the handling of planning applications. That proposal will be considered during the preparation of the new PUSH Business Plan which is due to come to the next meeting for approval.

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest given at this meeting.

#### **5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

#### **6. UPDATES FROM DELIVERY PANEL CHAIRMEN**

The committee received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Economic Development Delivery Panel. He reported that the Panel had received a presentation regarding the creation of a Community Bank in Hampshire as they were looking for investment from PUSH. The members of the Joint Committee agreed they would be interested in receiving the presentation.

The Joint Committee received a verbal update from Sandy Hopkins, on behalf of the Chairman of the Quality Place Delivery Panel. It was reported that the Green Infrastructure Plan was still being considered. The priority areas will be resources and energy looking primarily at low carbon areas, outcomes sought, jobs and mapping projects,

#### **7. Interim EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 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. (copy of [report](#) -circulated with the agenda). An oral briefing was given on elements of the Chancellor's 2013 budget statement which are of particular relevance to PUSH.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. ENDORSES the submission of the notice of intention to terminate membership of Southern England Local Partners (SELP) in March 2014 and that a fuller report be presented to the Joint Committee later this year to enable a final decision to be made on whether to continue with SELP membership;
2. AUTHORISES the Interim Executive Director to make a financial contribution towards proposed research into infrastructure funding sources and towards freight industry engagement (up to a maximum of £10,000 for both combined);
3. RESOLVES that PUSH should input a sub-regional view of transport priorities into the deliberations of the Solent Local Transport Body (LTB) and AUTHORISES the Interim PUSH Executive Director to formulate that input in consultation with the PUSH Planning Officers Group; and
4. NOTES the matters for information, contained in Part B of the report.

#### **8. FOLLOW UP REPORT ON THE SOLENT GREEN DEAL SCHEME**

The Joint Committee received a report from Alex Parmley, Corporate Director, Eastleigh Borough Council and PUSH Lead for Sustainability giving an update on the Solent Green Deal Scheme (*copy of [report](#) and [Appendix A](#) circulated with agenda*)

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTE the progress in developing the Solent Green Deal Scheme and confirm PUSH's support for implementation of the scheme.

#### **9. PROPOSAL TO COMMISSION A STRATEGIC HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT**

The Joint Committee received a report from the PUSH Interim Executive Director, on the proposal to commission a Strategic Housing Market Assessment and its recommendations (*copy of report [S:\Democracy\Council & Committees\Meetings - Other\2012-2013\PUSH\\_JC\130326\reports-public\pjc-130326-item 9.doc](#) circulated with agenda*).

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee COMMISSION a Strategic Housing Market Assessment for South Hampshire.

#### **10. PUSH CAPITAL AND REVENUE PROGRAMME**

The Joint Committee received a report on the Capital & Revenue budgets and expenditure to date for 2012/2013 and considered the interim budget for 2013/14 as set out in the report (pjc-130326-item 10) circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. APPROVE the revised capital and revenue budgets for 2012/13 and to NOTE the spend for the year to date and the forecast outturn for the year, as set out in the report.
2. APPROVE the proposed interim capital and revenue budgets for 2013/14 as set out in the report.
3. APPROVE a carry forward of £207,000 to 2013/14 for the following forecast revenue budget underspends in 2012/13:
  - Economic Development: £95,000
  - Sustainability & Community Infrastructure: £57,000
  - Quality Places: £6,000
  - External Funding & Resources: £49,000
4. APPROVE a total carry forward to 2013/14 of £770,000 for the following forecast capital budget underspends in 2012/13:
  - HCA Sites & Regeneration: £50,000
  - Eastleigh Creative Hub: £60,000
  - Portsmouth Creative Industries: £500,000
  - Creative Apprenticeship Programme – Artwork: £16,000
  - Progressive Studios – ASPACE: £50,000
  - Portsmouth City Council ARTches: £40,000
  - Programme and Information Manager: £54,000
5. NOTE that the forecast underspends to be carried forward from the 2012/13 budgets into 2013/14 are provisional, and may be subject to change when the final outturn position for 2012/13 is known.

## **11. CENTRE FOR CITIES REPORT**

The Joint Committee received a report from the PUSH Interim Executive Director, which set out a proposed PUSH response to the Centre for Cities recommendations copy of report ( pjc-130326-item 11) circulated with agenda.

The Joint Committee RESOLVED:

1. To ENDORSE the draft proposed PUSH response to the Centre for Cities' recommendations attached to the report;
2. DELEGATE authority to the Interim PUSH Executive Director in consultation with the Chairman to fine tune and approve the final response.

**12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/14**

A report by the Committee Services Officer, Fareham Borough Council was considered by the Joint Committee to determine its schedule of meeting dates for the municipal year 2013/14 (report- pjc-130326-item 12 was circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED to APPROVE the dates for its meetings for the municipal year 2013/14

*(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7.10pm).*

*(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013).*