



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 28 March 2018
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Seán Woodward
Stephen Philpott
Judith Grajewski
Simon Letts
Caroline Horrill

Authority Represented:

Fareham BC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Southampton CC
Winchester CC

Chief Executives:

Natalie Wigman
Richard Jolley
David Williams
Roger Tetstall
John Metcalfe
Richard Crouch
Bob Jackson

Authority Represented:

Eastleigh BC
Fareham BC
Portsmouth CC and Gosport BC
Test Valley BC
Isle of Wight
Southampton CC
New Forest DC

Co-opted Members:

Paddy May

Stuart Baker

Organisation Represented:

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire
(PUSH)
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

Also in attendance:

Jonathan Evans (Item 7)
Natalie Wigman (Item 8)
Jason Light (Item 8)
Richard Werner (Item 9)
David Bibby (Item 10)
Allison Potts (Item 10)
Charlotte Lines (Item 10)

Southampton CC
Eastleigh BC
Eastleigh BC
Local First
Test Valley BC
Natural England
Environment Agency

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Donna Jones, Portsmouth CC;
Cllr Guy Shepherd, East Hants DC;
Cllr David Stewart, Isle of Wight;
Cllr Edward Heron, New Forest DC;
Cllr Keith House, Eastleigh BC;
Cllr Nick Adams-King, Test Valley BC;
Cllr Mike Cheshire, Havant BC;
Peter Grimwood, Fareham BC – Richard Jolley deputising;
James Hassett, Havant BC & East Hants DC;
Stuart Jarvis, Hampshire CC
Nick Tustian, Eastleigh BC
Laura Taylor, Winchester CC

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 05 December 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confidential Appendix – Item 10

The Chairman advised Members that they had been provided with a confidential appendix as part of Item 10 on the agenda and that no discussion should take place in respect of that document.

Business Support Investment Panel

The Chairman advised the Committee that Councillor Edward Rees of Havant Borough Council, who was the PUSH representative on the Solent LEP's Business Support Investment Panel, had stood down.

The Business Support Investment Panel is a key part of the Solent LEP structure, which meets up to six times per year to consider and make recommendations on applications for funding support to the Solent Growth Fund by Solent businesses. The various strands of the Solent Growth Fund support start-up or growth and enable the creation of new or safeguarding of existing jobs in the area.

In February, authorities were asked if any Councillors from their authority would be interested in taking up this role in Councillor Rees's place.

The Chairman advised the Committee that one nomination had been received from Councillor Derek Pretty of Eastleigh Borough Council. Councillor Pretty is a retired local businessman and is the Cabinet Portfolio holder for Business and Skills.

The Chairman, with agreement from the Committee, confirmed that Councillor Derek Pretty will replace Councillor Rees as the PUSH Representative on the Solent LEP's Business Support Investment Panel.

NPPF

The Chairman announced that the Government had recently published their revised National Planning Policy Framework which is now open for consultation. He explained that it incorporates policy proposals previously consulted on in the Housing White Paper and the Planning for the right homes in the right places consultation, both of which PUSH have considered and responded to. This consultation seeks views on these additional policy proposals and PUSH will be responding to this before the 10th May deadline.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PUSH Co-ordinator report

The Joint Committee received a report written and presented by the PUSH co-ordinator, Paddy May, that covered issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report to be brought to the attention of the Joint Committee for decision or for information.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the matters for information outlined in Part B of this report.

7. PUSH Budget Report

The Joint Committee received a report, written by Mel Creighton, Chief Financial Officer, presented by Jonathan Evans, which provided an update on the progress to against the approved revenue and capital programmes and the proposed interim, revenue budget for 2018/19.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. NOTES the spend for the year to date against the revenue and capital budgets and the forecast outturn for 2017/18, as set out in the report at tables 2 & 3;
2. APPROVES a carry forward of £94,000 to 2018/19 for the following forecast revenue budget underspends in 2017/18:
 - Planning & Infrastructure: £50,000
 - Energy & Green Economy: £44,000
3. NOTES that the forecast underspend to be carried forward from the 2017/18 budgets into 2018/19 is provisional, and may be subject to

change when the final outturn position for 2017/18 is known; and

4. APPROVES the proposed interim revenue budget for 2018/19, as set out in the report at table 4.

8. Proposal for Innovative Energy Projects

The Joint Committee received a report, written and presented by Natalie Wigman, seeking the views of the Joint Committee to whether two projects should be supported using the £44k which previously had been allocated to support energy feasibility across the PUSH region but has now been superseded by the LEP work.

The Joint Committee agreed that approval be given subject to the work being compatible with the LEPs Energy Strategy.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. NOTES and CONSIDERS the potential projects and their benefits;
2. APPROVES, subject to the compatibility with the LEP's Energy Strategy, that £30,000 of the £44,000 funding allocation is to be carried forward to support these new work streams; and
3. APPROVES that this amount is to be split between the two projects so that feasibility be carried out to assess the business case to deliver schemes.

9. Hampshire Community Bank

The Joint Committee received a presentation from Professor Richard Werner from Local First updating them on the Hampshire Community Bank.

The Chairman thanked Professor Werner for his presentation.

10. Integrated Water Management Study (IWMS)

The Joint Committee received a presentation from David Bibby, Alison Potts and Charlotte Lines on the updated Integrated Water Management Study.

The Joint Committee discussed in detail the action plan within the report and agreed that more evidence to support the actions was required for a decision to be made. It was therefore proposed that the item be deferred until the 05 June PUSH Joint Committee meeting.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee defer this item until the 05 June Joint Committee Meeting.

(The meeting started at 6pm and ended at 7.19pm).

(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday 05 June 2018).