



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 29 January 2013  
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

**Members  
Present:**

**Authority Represented:**

Councillor	Seán Woodward (Chairman)	Fareham BC
Councillor	Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Vice-Chairman)	Portsmouth CC
Councillor	David Newberry	East Hampshire DC
Councillor	Mark Hook	Gosport BC
Councillor	Mel Kendal	Hampshire CC
Councillor	Mike Cheshire	Havant BC
Councillor	Ron Humby	Winchester CC

**Chief Executives Present:**

**Authority Represented:**

Bernie Topham	Eastleigh BC
Peter Grimwood	Fareham BC
Ian Lycett	Gosport BC
Stuart Jarvis	Hampshire CC
David Williams	Portsmouth CC
Roger Tetstall	Test Valley BC
Simon Eden	Winchester CC

**Co-opted Members:**

**Organisation Represented:**

Stuart Roberts	PUSH Interim Executive Director
James Humphrys	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 David Newberry deputising**), Councillor Ray Ellis of Hampshire County Council (**Councillor Mel Kendal deputising**), Councillor Tony Briggs of Havant Borough Council (**Councillor Mike Cheshire deputising**), Councillor Keith Wood of Winchester County Council (**Councillor Ron Humby deputising**), Councillor Keith House of Eastleigh Borough Council, Councillor Simon Letts of Southampton City Council and Councillor Martin Hatley of Test Valley Borough Council.

Apologies were also received from Sandy Hopkins, Chief Executive of Havant Borough Council and East Hampshire District Council, Alistair Neil, Chief Executive of Southampton City Council and Russell Kew of Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.

The Chairman announced that Councillor Richard Williams will be attending future meetings as the representative for Southampton City Council.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 4 December 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

The following was reported as a matter arising in respect of minute 9(7):-

In accordance with the resolution of the last meeting, capital funding has been allocated to four projects: Eastleigh Creative Hub; Progression Studios; ARTches project; Creative Apprenticeships Programme. All four will assist economic growth - the first two by creating incubation space for emerging businesses; the third by creating studio space for creative firms; while the fourth by facilitating apprenticeships.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

**SOLENT LEP UPDATE**

The Chairman reported back to the committee on the recent activities of the Local Enterprise Partnership and was pleased to report that the LEP is now moving up a gear. Last month the Solent LEP published its business plan which sets out its priorities and how those will be pursued. A delivery panel or sub-board is being established for each of the various programmes, and additional staff are being recruited to take forward the LEP's work. The business plan is a concise and easy to read document, and can be seen on the LEP website.

An update was given by the Chairman on the LEP Board meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January on the Isle of Wight, as follows:-

- RGF - Bridging the Gap - good progress is being and there is no shortage of applicants. The LEP intends to work with Universities in order to look at ways of giving support the start-up businesses.
- Enterprise Zone - good progress is being made.
- Financial Up-date - The LEP now has significant funds (capital and revenue) and will be making some appointments to assist with the management of their funding streams.
- The LEP are exploring an arrangement with the Hampshire Alliance as a route to better engagement with businesses.

The Chairman reported that due to the postponement of 18 January Chief Executives meeting because of snow, there were not yet any PUSH Review proposals for consideration and thus the Leaders workshop originally planned for immediately after this meeting had been cancelled. He announced that the workshop would be held instead on the close of the next Joint Committee meeting on 26 March 2013.

The Chairman announced that this year marks the tenth anniversary of PUSH. In those ten years there has been substantial political and economic change, but PUSH has endured because it has always sought to secure consensus and sought to set aside any political differences in the interests of securing a better future for the people and businesses of South Hampshire. When the Partnership was established back in 2003, its focus was on raising South Hampshire's profile with politicians and investors at national level, and on achieving faster economic growth. Now the wheel has now turned full circle, with focus once again returning to policy and strategy consequent on 'delivery' shifting to the Solent LEP and also potentially to a City Deal. The PUSH Review workshop in March will explore what that means, but whatever the conclusions, it would be appropriate to mark PUSH's tenth birthday in some way later in the year.

#### **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 Simon Eden, on behalf of the Chairman of the Quality Place Delivery Panel.

He reminded the committee that at their last meeting they voted to provide £6k to support a joint project with English Heritage to look at re-use of historic buildings around Portsmouth Harbour. The match funding from the other

partners is now in place and Gosport has agreed to host the post leading this work. A meeting will be held soon to discuss details.

The committee was also advised that another project which PUSH has consistently supported for the past four years – the New Theatre Royal at Portsmouth – now has funding in place to take their work forward. The project will be formally launched on 20 February. The New Theatre Royal has expressed their gratitude for financial support from PUSH.

## **7. Interim EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Joint Committee received a report by the Interim PUSH Executive Director which gave an additional method for PUSH business to be reported to the Joint Committee. The report covered issues which were significant but did not justify a full report. (copy of report - [pjc-290113-item 7](#) circulated with the agenda)

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTE the matters for information contained in part B of the report.

## **8. PUSH CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING**

The Joint Committee received a report from Gloria Ighodaro, PUSH Programme and Information Manager, giving an update on the Capital & Revenue budgets and expenditure to date for 2012/2013 (copy of report [pjc-290113-item 8](#) circulated with agenda)

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. NOTE the spend for the year to date and the forecast outturn for the year as set out in the report.
2. APPROVE the budgetary provision of £125,000 made this financial year to the Solent LEP as agreed at the June Joint Committee to be carried forward into the next financial year 2013/14.

## **9. PUSH RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION DRAFT TRANSPORT DELIVERY PLAN**

The Joint Committee received a report from Stuart Roberts, PUSH Interim Executive Director, which sets out a proposed PUSH response to Transport for South Hampshire's (TfSH) Draft Transport Delivery Plan (copy of report [pjc-290113-item 9](#) circulated with agenda).

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee ENDORSE the proposed response to the draft Transport Delivery Plan subject to 2 amendments, as below:-

- (i) that the phraseology be strengthened in respect of the draft TDP not including regeneration-related schemes at Gosport Waterfront and in association with integrating Waterlooville Town Centre with the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area;

- (ii) that in considering the case for lobbying for overhead electrification of the Southampton-Salisbury-Basingstoke route, the benefits and disbenefits of such a scheme should be considered.

Roger Tetstall asked that the PUSH response should request the involvement of Test Valley Borough Council in any study which may be set up in respect of point 2 above, as additional freight trains on that route could have adverse environmental impacts in the Borough notably through Romsey town.

*(The meeting started at 6:07pm and ended at 6.55pm).*

*(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday 26 March 2013).*