



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 6 June 2013
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillor	Seán Woodward
Councillor	Hugh Mason
Councillor	Simon Letts
Councillor	Cllr David Airey
Councillor	Mark Hook
Councillor	Tony Briggs
Councillor	Martin Hatley
Councillor	Rob Humby

Authority Represented:

Fareham BC
Portsmouth CC
Southampton CC
Eastleigh BC
Gosport BC
Havant BC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC

Chief Executives:

Bernie Topham
Peter Grimwood
Ian Lycett
Stuart Jarvis
Sandy Hopkins
David Williams
Dawn Baxendale
Roger Tetstall
Steve Tilbury

Authority Represented:

Eastleigh BC
Fareham BC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Havant BC & East Hampshire DC
Portsmouth CC
Southampton CC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC

Co-opted Members

Stuart Roberts
Anne Marie Mountifield

Organisation Represented:

PUSH Interim Executive Director
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

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1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor Seán Woodward from Fareham Borough Council be elected Chairman for the 2013/14 municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson from Portsmouth City Council be appointed Vice-Chairman for the 2013/14 municipal year

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson of Portsmouth City Council (Councillor Hugh Mason deputising), Councillor Richard Millard of East Hampshire District Council, Councillor Keith House of Eastleigh Borough Council (Councillor David Airey deputising), Councillor Keith Mans of Hampshire County Council and Councillor Keith Wood of Winchester City Council (Councillor Rob Humby deputising).

Apologies were also received from Simon Eden, Chief Executive of Winchester City Council (Steve Tilbury deputising), Kevin Bournier of the Housing and Communities Agency, James Humphrys of the Environment Agency and Russell Kew of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (Anne Marie Mountfield deputising).

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 26 March 2013 ([pjc-130326](#)) be confirmed as a correct record.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman was delighted to announce that PUSH has concluded a stewardship agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency in respect of the land assets within South Hampshire which were transferred to the Agency on the demise of SEEDA. Those land assets are the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus, Tipner in Portsmouth, Gosport Business Centre, and land at Harts Farm Way in Havant. As part of the Stewardship Agreement, the HCA in conjunction with PUSH will draw up a Delivery Plan covering arrangements for the development and disposal of the sites over the coming ten years. This formal Agreement takes the PUSH partnership with the HCA to a new level. It commits PUSH to working alongside each other; making best use of the expertise and resources of each partner. Most importantly, it will ensure that decisions about some of the biggest development sites are made at local level in a way which most benefits South Hampshire. There will be a formal signing ceremony next week.

The Chairman then handed over to Anne Marie Mountifield to give a brief update on Solent LEP. A meeting was held on 17th May 2013, at which the EU Structure Investment Funds 2014/20 and Single Local Growth Fund were discussed. Confirmation was received regarding additional regional growth funding of £7M (SME) and £13M (Solent Futures to support defence sector).

The Chairman then announced that he was delighted that the Isle of Wight Council had applied to join PUSH. Their membership will further strengthen PUSH and enable closer working with the Island on matters of mutual interest. There are some formalities to complete before the Council can participate in Joint Committees and other PUSH meetings, including the existing PUSH authorities formally agreeing the necessary minor changes to the PUSH Joint Agreement. The Chairman requested that the PUSH Interim Executive Director and the Chief Executives Group give thought to an appropriate new name for PUSH, in order to reflect the Island's membership. The Chairman then welcomed Ian Stephens, the Isle of Wight Council Leader who was in attendance, and as a welcoming gesture it was agreed that he be given co-opted status for this meeting so that he could take part in the discussions.

The Chairman advised that he had written to New Forrest District Council inviting them to rejoin PUSH. A reply had been received from the Leader of NFDC informing that the invite would be discussed and a response would be imminent.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hugh Mason declared an interest in Item 10 on the agenda; he is a Director of a Credit Union.

7. DEPUTATIONS

A deputation was given by Mr Geoff Brown on Item 10 on the agenda (Proposed Hampshire Community Bank).

8. PROPOSED HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY BANK

The Joint Committee received a presentation on a proposal to establish a Community Bank in Hampshire, by Prof. Richard A. Werner, D.Phil. (Oxon), Chairman, Local First CIC, Winchester (copy of presentation [attached](#)).

9. UPDATES FROM DELIVERY PANEL CHAIRMEN

The Joint Committee received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Economic Development Delivery Panel. (Tony Briggs)

The Joint Committee received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Sustainability and Community Infrastructure Delivery Panel (SCIDPAN). It was reported that SCIDPAN remains active and well attended, and continues to enjoy the regular attendance of the senior representatives of PUSH partner organisations eg, Natural England, Environment Agency, H & IOWNT, Portsmouth and Southern Water Companies. The presentations for the recent programmed meeting for the 4th June have been postponed until 5 August. At

the August meeting, the Portsmouth and Southern Water Companies will be giving their postponed joint presentation on their Water Resource Management Plans – this will include the Havant Thicket Reservoir proposals. Also at the August meeting, Debbie Tann, Chief Exec of the H&IOWNT, will be giving a briefing on the LNP (Local Nature Partnership) and Seamus Meyer, Portsmouth CC will present work on the Horsey Island project.

10. SOLENT LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY

RESOLVED that Councillor Tony Briggs of Havant Borough Council be elected as the PUSH representative on the Solent Local Transport Body.

11. 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).

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

1. **APPROVES** the appointment of Councillor Trevor Cartwright (Fareham Borough Council) and Councillor Matt Tucker (Southampton City Council) as the local authority representatives on the Employment and Skills Board; and
2. **NOTES** the matters for information, contained in Part B of the report.

12. PUSH GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND 2013/14 BUSINESS PLAN

The Joint Committee received the PUSH Business Plan for 2013/14. (copy of [report](#) -circulated with the agenda).

RESOLVED that the PUSH Business Plan for 2013/14 be amended to include the Isle of Wight.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee **APPROVES** the 2013/14 PUSH Business Plan.

13. PUSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report on the Capital and Revenue financial outturn for 2013/14 (copy of [report](#) circulated with the agenda) and were asked to considered the Capital and Revenue Budget for 2013/14

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

1. **NOTES** the outturn for the financial year 2012/13.
2. **APPROVES** the revised capital and revenue budgets for 2013/14 as set out in the report, including the proposed level of contributions from partner authorities.

14. APPROVAL OF PUSH ACCOUNTS 2012/13

The final PUSH accounts for financial year 2012/13 (copy [attached](#)) were presented to the Joint Committee and duly agreed. The accounts were signed by the PUSH Interim Executive Director and the PUSH Chairman.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 7.20pm).

(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Monday 23rd September 2013).