



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 9 December 2015
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Seán Woodward
Warwick Payne
Guy Shepherd
Keith House
Mark Hook
Roy Perry
Tony Briggs
Edward Heron
Martin Hatley
Stephen Godfrey

Authority Represented:

Fareham BC
Southampton CC
East Hampshire DC
Eastleigh BC
Gosport BC
Hampshire CC
Havant BC
New Forest DC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC

Chief Executives:

Nick Tustian
Richard Jolley
Ian Lycett
Stuart Jarvis
David Williams
Roger Tetstall
Simon Eden
Bob Jackson
Tom Horwood

Authority Represented:

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

Co-opted Members:

Gloria Ighodaro
Bruce Voss
Ann-Marie Mountifield

Organisation Represented:

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire
Homes & Communities Agency
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Donna Jones, Councillor Simon Letts (Councillor Warwick Payne deputising), Councillor Mike Cheshire (Councillor Tony Briggs deputising) and Councillor Jonathan Bacon.

Apologies were also received from Peter Grimwood (Richard Jolley deputising), John Coughlan (Stuart Jarvis deputising), Sandy Hopkins (Tom Horwood deputising), John Metcalfe, Kevin Bourner (Bruce Voss deputising), and Gary Jeffries (Ann-Marie Mountifield deputising).

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 28th September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Theatre Royal

The Chairman was delighted to announce that following a £500,000 Capital grant from PUSH, the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth opened the PUSH funded creative workspaces and theatre stage.

The Joint Committee approved funding to support the project in June 2013. This was part of a £12 million joint project between the theatre and the University of Portsmouth.

In 2009 the University of Portsmouth and the New Theatre Royal put forward a proposal for an ambitious scheme to develop the infrastructure for the support of cultural and creative activities in Portsmouth. The proposal was summarised in the bid as:

“The capital project is the provision of state-of the art facilities for training and enterprise across a wide range of creative industries. This involves two buildings on sites very close to one another in central Portsmouth. A redevelopment at the Eldon Building (Winston Churchill Avenue), which will provide facilities for design, visual arts, architecture and creative technologies, and an extended gallery and exhibition space. New build at the New Theatre Royal (Guildhall Walk) will provide facilities for Performing Arts, including a studio theatre and new stage and backstage areas to make permanent replacements for those lost in a fire in the 1970s.”

The Chairman was therefore pleased that PUSH was in a position to support a project which will benefit local people in years to come.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. UPDATES FROM DELIVERY PANEL CHAIRMEN

There were no Updates from Delivery Panel Chairmen at this meeting.

7. PUSH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report by the PUSH Executive Director which covered matters arising which are significant and merit reporting to the Joint Committee but do not justify a full report.

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

8. PUSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Joint Committee received a report on progress to date against the revenue and capital programmes for the current financial year. It also notes the conclusion of the audit on the 2014/15 statement of accounts.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

1. NOTES the year to date spend against the capital and revenue budgets for 2015/16, as set out in the report; and
2. NOTES the certified 2014/15 Annual Return to the Audit Commission, included as Appendix 1 to the report.

9. PUSH SPATIAL REVIEW UPDATE

The Joint Committee received a report setting out the progress in preparing the PUSH Spatial Strategy to 2036 and includes a revised timetable for further work that needs to be undertaken. The 2015 Spending review, published on 25 November 2015 reflects Government's commitment to boost housing growth setting a national target of 400,000 new homes to be built by 2020 with a national budget allocation of £2 billion per annum, double that of previous Government commitments.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:-

1. NOTES the progress being made on the Spatial Strategy, including the emerging provision and distribution of housing, in line with the Government's policy to meet the need for new homes and in support of the Devolution Prospectus;
2. NOTES to progress the Spatial Strategy Review to completion in accordance with the revised timetable outlined in section 3 of this report; and
3. NOTES the proposed actions in this report as follows:
 - a. Further work on the objectively assessed land supply, rate of delivery and transport matters (as set out in paragraphs 2.9 - 2.20);
 - b. The principles for approaching this further work (as set out in paragraph 2.21).
 - c. The revised timetable for preparing and finishing the strategy (as set out in section 3).

10. SOLENT ENERGY STRATEGY

The Chairman announced that this item will be deferred until the next meeting.

11. ENERGY AND GREEN ECONOMY

The Chairman announced that this item will be deferred until the next meeting.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm and ended at 6.40pm).

(NB: The next meeting of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday 2 February 2016).