



Partnership for Urban South Hampshire

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Dear Mr Stevenson

Simplifying Business Support – PUSH Consultation Response

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Simplifying Business Support Consultation.

I am pleased to enclose comments on behalf of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH), a partnership of eleven local authorities across South Hampshire working together in an effort to map out the future of the sub-region for the next twenty years.

PUSH is committed to the Business Support Simplification Programme and has embedded it as a major activity in the PUSH Business Plan under the Sub-group on Enterprise, Innovation and Business Support. In recognising the importance and need for simplifying business support in our sub-region, PUSH would like to invite South Hampshire to be a pilot area. As part of the consultation process, PUSH will undertake a wider consultation with the business community as its next step and will inform BERR accordingly. PUSH is committed in working with BERR to achieve the objectives of the simplification process and welcomes support from BERR that will help PUSH effectively deliver it across the sub-region.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tim Levenson at Southampton City Council (Tel: 023 8083 2550 or e-mail: tim.levenson@southampton.gov.uk) who is the Chairman of the PUSH Enterprise, Innovation and Business Support Sub-group if you have any queries or seek further clarification.

Yours sincerely

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