



***Item 8(1)***

# **Report to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **18 December 2018**

Report of: **Paddy May, PUSH Coordinator**

Subject: **PUSH Coordinator's Report**

## **SUMMARY**

The Coordinator's report provides an opportunity for issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report in their own right, to be brought to the attention of the Joint Committee for decision or for information. The report is divided into Parts A and B accordingly. Joint Committee asked for a presentation on the Housing Deal to come to the next meeting. This report went to the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 Joint Committee.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the matters for Information outlined in Part B of the report.

## **PART A: MATTERS FOR DECISION**

There are no items for decision to report.

## **PART B: MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

### **1) Update from Planning and Infrastructure**

#### Water Management

The Water Quality Working Group (WQWG) has now been established and has held its first meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The WQWG enables key stakeholders (including local authorities, water companies, Natural England and the Environment Agency) to work together to find out how we can enable the proposed housing growth across the PUSH region without exacerbating and hopefully improving, the water quality of the designated sites; Special Area of Conservation and Special Protection Area along the Hampshire Rivers and Solent coastline. This work is key to enable local authorities and developers to answer the requirements of the Habitats Directive and Water Framework Directive when preparing their applications/local plans.

#### Hampshire Housing Deal

The local authorities have been working with the LEPs to explore whether there could be one or more Housing Deals for the Hampshire area. MHCLG have stated that any housing deal would have to involve increasing housing numbers by about 20% over the agreed housing need figures and that they would be prepared to consider deals with a "coalition of the willing". The work on this housing deal is ongoing.

#### Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy

Work has taken place to develop a Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy which includes the guidance on mitigation and off-setting requirements. The Strategy has been developed and it will be an item for a future Joint Committee meeting.

### **2) Update from Energy and Green Economy**

The Solent LEP Energy Strategy is now scheduled to be discussed at the December Solent LEP Board meeting. The assessment of whether the energy storage projects that PUSH agreed in principle to fund, subject to compatibility with the LEP strategy will be actioned after this.

### 3) Update from Culture, Creative Industries and the Built Environment

#### Solent Design Awards

The PUSH Design Practitioner Group have decided to continue the design awards in 2019. This time however the judging process will be delivered in-house. The nomination process will open in January and the Awards will be announced in July.

#### Creative Network South

- **Apprenticeships** - On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October Southampton City College hosted a Creative, Cultural and Digital Industries Employer Networking Event. The event forms part of the joint Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Artsworld arts council initiative to promote apprenticeships and work-based learning in the digital and creative sectors. The event was attended by over 50 employers and training providers. At the event a range of innovative models for sharing apprentices between SMEs and facilitating levy transfers were discussed.
- **Studio Provider Network** - The CNS studio providers network continues to meet three times a year, meetings are facilitated by Portsmouth City Council. The Network includes 14 organisations providing affordable space for around 200 artists and makers.
- **Research Network** - The CNS research network brings together practitioners and researchers drawn from the four south Hampshire Universities to share research and develop collaborative projects. Solent University have agreed to coordinate the work of this network over the coming year.
- **Events** - Over the next six months CNS will be supporting Venture fest South and a Programme of events to promote culture and the creative economy in Portsmouth which will be coordinated by Portsmouth City Council. CNS continues to work with partners in Southampton to support creative growth Southampton, which is an initiative to deliver networking opportunities, training and one to one mentoring to micro creative businesses in the city.

#### CONCLUSION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the matters for Information outlined in Part B of the report.

**Background Papers:** None

**Reference Papers:** None

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