



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 04 December 2018  
in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fareham*

**Members:**

**Councillors**

Seán Woodward  
Ben Dowling  
Keith House  
Stephen Philpott  
Judith Grajewski  
Michael Wilson  
Edward Heron  
Nick Adams-King  
Caroline Horrill

**Authority Represented:**

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

**Chief Executives:**

Peter Grimwood  
Laura Taylor  
Stuart Jarvis  
Nick Tustian  
Richard Crouch  
Roger Tetstall  
Sandy Hopkins  
David Williams  
Bob Jackson

**Authority Represented:**

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

**Co-opted Members:**

Paddy May  
Stuart Baker

**Organisation Represented:**

PUSH  
Solent Local Enterprise Partnership

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## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Portsmouth CC) with Ben Dowling deputising; Christopher Hammond (Southampton CC) with Jacqui Rayment deputising and David Stewart (Isle of Wight Council).

Chief Executive apologies were received from John Metcalfe (Isle of Wight Council).

## **2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the PUSH Joint Committee meeting held on 15 October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

## **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Petition**

The Chairman announced that prior to the commencement of the meeting, he had received a Petition from the Campaign for Rural England (CPRE). The Petition comprises 13,586 signatures which is calling for the support of a South Hampshire Green Belt.

The Chairman advised the meeting that given the number of signatures reflecting the level of support, when considering the Green Belt item later, the Committee would take the Petition into consideration.

### **Award**

The Chairman announced that Bird Aware Solent, the Partnership initiative that raises awareness of birds and is overseen by PUSH, had won two Awards for environmental conservation at the Royal Town Planning Institute South East annual awards.

The first award was presented in the category "Excellence in planning of the natural environment" which had been awarded in recognition of work that helps to protect iconic bird species. The Partnership also picked up the award for overall regional winner. The Chairman gave his congratulations to Bird Aware Solent.

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

## **5. DEPUTATIONS**

The Joint Committee received a deputation in relation to item 9 – Green Belt, from Dee Haas, on behalf of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

## **6. PUSH CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The Joint Committee received a report from Paddy May, PUSH Co-ordinator, which covered issues which are significant, but do not justify a full report to be brought to the attention of the Joint Committee for decision or for information.

During the discussion on this item, Members asked for a presentation on the Housing Deal to come to the next meeting.

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

## **7. PUSH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

The Joint Committee received a report on the Capital and Revenue budgets. This report provides an update on the progress to date for the current financial year 2018/19.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the spend for the year to date against the capital and revenue budgets for 2018/19, as set out in the report.

## **8. IMPLICATIONS OF THE REVISED NPPF FROM PUSH POSITION STATEMENT**

The Joint Committee received a report on the Implications of the Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) for the PUSH Position Statement.

During a debate on the item, Councillor Grajewski proposed that all Chief Executive Officers be asked to work with the PUSH Officer Group to scope the geographical footprint, with costings, and to bring a further report to the Joint Committee on the outcome of this work, incorporating that:

- a. PUSH JC asks the Chief Executive Officers to commission the Planning Officer Group working with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Planning Officers Group to prepare a further report on the scope of geographical footprint options including a whole county and cities option and the likely costs of such a piece of work;
- b. a report be brought to the next JC with scope of geographical options and the likely cost of this joint work to enable a considered decision to be made; and

- c. PUSH JC authorises additional funding through reallocation of unallocated balance sufficient to meet the cost of the additional work that will be necessary to prepare a brief and cost estimate of such work including the development of geographic footprint options.

During the debate, Members indicated that the work which will inform the Statement of Common Ground must not be delayed.

Councillor Heron stated that the boundaries do not encompass all the New Forest geography, in particular, the entire waterfront area.

The Chairman stressed that the work does need to proceed and that in terms of commissioning the work there are options which the Joint Committee will consider at the next meeting. The Chairman emphasised that those options should include the core 6 Authorities (the original geography of PUSH); the core 6 Authorities plus the entire waterside area of the New Forest; the existing PUSH boundary including the entire waterside area of the New Forest, the new Solent LEP boundary and the Hampshire-wide boundary. This will ensure that work can start moving, getting a Project Co-ordinator in place, alongside the work being carried out to look at a variety of geographies.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee:

- (a) AUTHORISES the use of unallocated balances to enable the commencement of the necessary work;
- (b) BRINGS FORWARD to the next PUSH Joint Committee the budget report proposals that would enable sufficient additional funding through re-allocation and/or subscription to meet the cost of the additional work that will be necessary; and
- (c) AUTHORISES the commission of work looking at the core 6 Authorities (the original geography of PUSH); the core 6 Authorities plus the entire waterside area of the New Forest; the existing PUSH boundary including the entire waterside area of the New Forest, the new Solent LEP boundary and the Hampshire-wide boundary

## **9. GREEN BELT**

At the request of the Chairman this item was brought forward on the agenda and took place after the Deputation at item 5.

The Joint Committee received a report which sets out the background to Green Belt, the impact of Green Belt designation and potential alternatives.

The debate continued with Councillor Grajewski also proposing an amendment to the recommendation: "That the Joint Committee agrees that the rationale and justification for an appropriate Green Belt designation be included as a core part of any joint work taken forward under the Duty to Co-operate initiative".

Following debate, and having been seconded by Councillor House, the recommendation was agreed.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee AGREES that the rationale and justification for an appropriate Green Belt designation be included as a core part of any joint work taken forward under the Duty to Co-operate initiative.

## **10. BIRD AWARE SOLENT**

The Joint Committee received a report setting out the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership 2019/20 budget request which also highlighted the main differences from the 2018/19 budget.

During discussion on this item, Members asked for more regular updates on engagement levels to come to future meetings of the Joint Committee.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES and ENDORSES THE Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's 2019/20 budget requests.

## **11. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY**

The Joint Committee received a report outlining a summary of the preparation of the South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Implementation Plan 2018 which will deliver the Green Infrastructure Strategy.

During debate on this item, Members indicated their feeling that the report was not comprehensive enough in the information it provided. A proposal was made that the Joint Committee do not agree to adopt the South Hampshire Infrastructure Implementation Plan 2018 at this meeting and that this matter be deferred for more comprehensive information to be included and the matter brought back to the Joint Committee at a date to be determined in 2019.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee DEFER this item to a date to be determined in 2019.

## **12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20**

The Joint Committee received a report appending the schedule of 2019/20 dates for the PUSH Joint Committee meetings.

RESOLVED that the Joint Committee NOTES the dates on the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2019/20, as attached to the report at appendix A.

*(The meeting started at 6:07pm and ended at 7:50pm).*