



Minutes of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Overview and Scrutiny Committee

*Minutes of a meeting held on 18 December 2018
in the Collingwood Room, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors

Paul Buckley
Dan Fitzhenry
Phil Bundy
Linda Gemmell

Authority represented:

Havant BC
Southampton CC
Test Valley BC
Winchester CC

**Also in
attendance:**

Paddy May
Jonathan Evans
Claire Upton-Brown

PUSH Coordinator
Southampton CC
Portsmouth CC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHANGES IN OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Allan Glass (New Forest DC); Councillor Malcolm Johnson (East Hants DC); Councillor Bruce Tennent (Eastleigh BC); Councillor Tom Davies (Fareham BC); Councillor Ian Ward (Isle of Wight Council); and Councillor Ray Bolton (Hampshire County Council).

2. New Members have been appointed to the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee as follows:

Councillor Tom Davies – Fareham BC and Councillor Judith Smyth – Portsmouth City Council.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 June 2018, be confirmed as a correct record.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman indicated his concern at the reduction in number of Committee members in attendance, which may be due to many factors. The Chairman requested that options be investigated with a view to securing as much attendance as possible at future meetings of the Committee.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

7. ITEMS CONSIDERED AT THE PUSH JOINT COMMITTEE – 15 OCTOBER 2018

7(1) PUSH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from the PUSH coordinator on matter that are significant, but did not justify a full report in its own right.

During this item, discussions incorporated Bird Aware, which led to an update on agenda item 8(5) – Bird Aware, the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership Strategy 2019/20 Budget Request.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

1. NOTES the Bird Aware 2017/2018 Annual Report (attached as Appendix 1); and

2. NOTES the matters for information outlined in Part B of the report.

In considering the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership Strategy 2019/20 Budget Request, it was RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTED the Joint Committee had noted and endorsed the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership's 2019/20 Budget Request.

7(2) CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/2019

Originally at Item 8(2) on the agenda, at the agreement of the Chairman, this item was brought forward on the agenda and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report providing an update on the Capital and Revenue Budget 2018/19.

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

7(3) AIR QUALITY STUDY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report and presentation on the Air Quality Impact Assessment.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

1. NOTES the PUSH Air Quality Impact Assessment as part of the collective evidence base to inform future Local Plans and deliver the development proposed in the PUSH Spatial Position Statement;
2. NOTES that air quality is a strategic issue and continued collaborative working amongst PUSH authorities will be needed;
3. NOTES that the PUSH Air Quality Impact Assessment provides a strategic baseline for the purpose of informing future planning policies. It does not necessarily support other local authority functions or regulatory regimes concerning air quality. This includes the Local Air Quality Management regime (Environment Act 1995 Part IV) and duties placed upon authorities to support the UK Plan for Reducing Roadside Nitrogen Dioxide; and
4. NOTES the approach of PUSH authorities continuing to work together to address the issue of air quality. It is NOTED that this work is best undertaken by the Planning Officers Group or a working group attached to that group and requires input from officers working in Environmental Health and Public Health to ensure that the wider perspective is taken into account

7(4) NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

At the agreement of the Chairman, agenda item 8(3) was heard alongside this item.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received both reports on the revised NPPF.

In considering the report which was taken to the Joint Committee on the 15 October 2018, it was RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

1. NOTES that the Joint Committee resolved that the PUSH Authorities should work together, under the Duty to Cooperate, to seek to produce a Statement of Common Ground; and
2. NOTES that the Joint Committee resolved to give authority for the PUSH Authorities to explore the production of an Infrastructure Investment Plan.

In considering the report which was taken to the Joint Committee on the 04 December 2018, it was RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

1. NOTES that the Joint Committee authorises the use of unallocated balances to enable the commencement of the necessary work;
2. NOTES the agreement to bring forward to the next PUSH Joint Committee, the budget report proposals that would enable sufficient funding through re-allocation and/or subscription to meet the cost of the additional work that will be necessary; and
3. NOTES that the Joint Committee authorises the commission of work looking at the core 6 Authorities and (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.

7(5) THE LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (LEP) REVIEW

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report summarising the main elements of the Government's (HMG) Strengthening Local Enterprise Partnerships paper which was published in July 2018. This also reports on the geography proposal submitted by the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (Solent LEP).

In considering this report which was taken to the Joint Committee on the 15 October 2018, it was RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

1. NOTES the contents of the "Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships" paper, as shown in section A of the report; and
2. NOTES the geography proposal submitted by the Solent LEP, as shown in section B of the report.

8. ITEMS CONSIDERED AT THE PUSH JOINT COMMITTEE - 04 DECEMBER 2018

8(1) PUSH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

At the agreement of the Chairman, this item was considered alongside Minute Item 7(1).

8(2) GREEN BELT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report setting out the consideration of the Green Belt designation.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES that the Joint Committee AGREED 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.

8(3) IMPLICATIONS OF THE REVISED NPPF FOR PUSH POSITION STATEMENT

At the agreement of the Chairman this item was heard alongside Minute item 7(4)

8(4) BIRD AWARE SOLENT

At the agreement of the Chairman, this item was considered at Minute Item 7(1).

8(5) GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report on the South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Implementation Plan 2018.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES that the Joint Committee agreed to defer this item to a date to be determined in to 2019.

8(6) MEETING SCHEDULE 2019/2020

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report from the Head of Democratic Services at Fareham Borough Council which outlined the schedule of meetings for both the Joint Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2019/2020.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the dates on the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2019/2020.

(The meeting started at 6:10pm and ended at 7:43pm)