



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

*Minutes of a meeting held on 09 April 2019
in the Collingwood Room, Civic Offices, Fareham*

Members:

Councillors Cllr Paul Buckley
Cllr Alan Glass
Cllr Ray Bolton
Cllr Linda Gemmell
Cllr Bruce Tennent

Authority Represented:

Havant BC
New Forest DC
Hampshire CC
Winchester CC
Eastleigh BC

**Also in
Attendance:**

Paddy May
Jonathan Evans
Rachel Jones
Charles Freeman
Claire Upton-Brown

PUSH
Southampton CC
Natural England
Culture Creative Industries
New Forest DC

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Malcolm Johnson (East Hants DC); Councillor Daniel Fitzhenry (Southampton CC); Councillor T Davies (Fareham BC) and Councillor P Bundy (Test Valley BC).

There were no changes reported to the Committee membership.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 18 December 2019, be confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that this would be his last meeting as he is not standing for re-election this year. He thanked the Committee for their support to him as Chairman over the last two years and wished them well for the future.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Councillor Bolton and having been seconded by Councillor Glass, was resolved unanimously.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PUSH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the matters for information outlined in Part B of the report.

7. CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/2019 AND PROPOSED INTERIM REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Jonathan Evans at Southampton City Council which provided an update on progress to date against the approved revenue and capital programmes, including a forecast outturn for the current financial year. The report also sets out the proposed interim revenue budget for 2019/20 and the proposed subscription for 2019/20.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- (a) NOTES the spend for the year to date against the revised revenue and capital budgets and the forecast outturn for 2018/19, as set out in the report at tables 2 and 3;
- (b) NOTES a carry forward of up to £94,000 to 2019/20 for the following forecast revenue budget underspend in 2018/19:

Planning and Infrastructure	£50,000
Energy and Green Economy	£44,000
- (c) NOTES that the forecast underspend to be carried forward from the 2018/19 budgets into 2019/20 is provisional, and may be subject to change when the final outturn position for 2018/19 is known;
- (d) NOTES the proposed interim revenue budgets for 2019/20 as set out in the report at table 4;
- (e) NOTES that there should be a subscription as set out in paragraph 19 as a contribution towards the budget requirement; and
- (f) NOTES that we should look to review membership arrangements to take account of the new LEP boundary arrangements which could have an impact on future membership subscriptions.

8. HAMPSHIRE HOUSING DEAL

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a verbal update from Paddy May on the update which the Joint Committee received on the current state of the discussions with the Government in respect of a Hampshire Housing Deal.

The Government are looking to negotiate a number of housing deals with groups of Authorities who are able to offer increased housing delivery in return for some financial and regulatory freedoms to aid the planning and delivery of new homes and funding for associated infrastructure. The Government are keen to strike deals with Authorities that are prepared to work together at scale and which can deliver more housing.

During the discussion on this item, he explained that Hampshire County Council are looking to work with a "coalition of the willing" across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to see whether a deal can be reached with Homes England. Members asked what the role of the Borough and District Councils is, and the PUSH Co-ordinator explained that Hampshire County Council is bringing authorities together, whilst acknowledging that planning matters are a local issue. There is the potential to consider regulatory freedoms, however, the discussions at the moment are primarily in respect of unlocking funding.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the information given in this verbal update of the Hampshire Housing Deal.

9. BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE CULTURE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT THEMED PANEL 2019/20

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Charles Freeman on the progress of the Culture Creative Industries and Built Environment Theme Panel Business Plan and the proposals for the 2019/20 Business Plan.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- (a) NOTES the progress made by the Culture Creative Industries and Built Environment Themed Panel in implementing its current work programme;
- (b) NOTES the proposed panel work programme for 2019/20 as at appendix 1; and
- (c) NOTES the panel budget for the financial year 2019/20.

10. SOLENT WADERS AND BRENT GOOSE STRATEGY GUIDANCE ON OFFSETTING AND MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Rachel Jones of Natural England in respect of the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy Guidance on offsetting and mitigation requirements which has been prepared by the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy Steering Group in consultation with the local planning authorities, as referenced at Appendix 1.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy Guidance on Offsetting and Mitigation Requirements.

11. IMPLICATIONS OF THE REVISED NPPF FOR PUSH POSITION STATEMENT

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report from Claire Upton-Brown on the implications of the Revised NPPF for PUSH Position Statement

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- (a) NOTES that the Joint Committee confirmed it was happy for each local planning authority to make a choice as to whether it wishes to buy into the work to inform a Statement of Common Ground and if it does wish to be a part of this work it will make an appropriate financial contribution to reflect its share of the costs. This means that the work will not be funded through a subscription;
- (b) NOTES that each local planning authority within PUSH which only has part of its administrative area within the PUSH geography, should confirm whether it would like the whole of its administrative area included in the work; and
- (c) NOTES that the PUSH planners continue to work with the other planners within HIPOG on a Spatial Framework.

(The meeting started at 6:06pm and ended at 7:12pm)