



**Item 2**

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

***Minutes of a meeting held on 26 June 2019  
in the Vannes/Pulheim Rooms, Civic Offices, Fareham***

**Members:**

**Councillors** Cllr Alan Glass  
Cllr Ray Bolton  
Cllr Bruce Tennent  
Cllr Steven Galton

**Authority Represented:**

New Forest DC  
Hampshire CC  
Eastleigh BC  
Southampton CC

**Also in  
Attendance:**

Paddy May

PUSH

## **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that Councillor Alan Glass from New Forest District Council be elected as Chairman for the 2019/20 municipal year.

## **2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that Councillor Bruce Tennent from Eastleigh Borough Council be elected as Vice-Chairman for the 2019/20 municipal year.

## **3. 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) with Councillor Steven Galton deputising; Councillor Tom Davies (Fareham BC) and Councillor Phil Bundy from Test Valley Borough Council.

The Chairman advised the meeting that both Winchester City Council and Havant Borough Council are yet to appoint Members for this Committee for this municipal year and, as such, there were no changes reported to the Committee membership at this time.

## **4. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the PUSH Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 09 April 2019, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

## **6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

## **7. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

## **8. PUSH COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

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

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES: -

- a) that the Joint Committee endorsed the Bird Aware Partnership's proposal to enter into a 5-year SLA with Hampshire County Council (HCC) for the continued provision of Rangers to support the work of the Partnership and the delivery of the Strategy;
- b) the matters for Information outlined in Part B of this report; and
- c) that the Joint Committee agreed that the Chairman of Joint Committee writes on behalf of PUSH to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to outline how we balance the need for housing and the need to protect the environment and to request consideration of respite from the Housing Delivery Test until this is resolved.

## **9. CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/2019 AND PROPOSED INTERIM REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an overview from the PUSH Coordinator, Paddy May in respect of this report which provided a summary of the outturn against the budget for the financial year 2018/19.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES: -

- a) the outturn for the financial year 2018/19 as outlined at table 2;
- b) that the Joint Committee approved the Statement of Accounts for the 2018/19 financial year and the Annual Governance Statement (Appendix 1); and
- c) the proposed capital and revenue budgets for 2019/20 as set out in the report at tables 4 & 5 was approved by the Joint Committee.

## **10. REVIEW OF PUSH BUSINESS PLAN**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an overview on the report of the Review of PUSH and the draft Business Plan 2019/20 which included the discussions by the Joint Committee on this item.

Members were asked to note that the Joint Committee had requested the Overview and Scrutiny's comments on the proposal at option three in paragraph 21 of the report.

During discussion on this item members debated the overall scrutiny by the Committee with Councillor Ray Bolton indicating that he felt a stronger attendance at the meeting would assist with the effectiveness of scrutiny. Councillor Bruce Tennent indicated that pre-scrutiny by the Committee would engage a more pro-active scrutiny role by the Committee which all members agreed on. Members also discussed the merits of holding the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings during the day.

During discussion on this item, Members felt that it would be beneficial that the Committee as a whole, or majority, should consider how scrutiny looks in the future before considering the implementation of option three and Councillor Ray Bolton

proposed that a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee takes place in August with as many members attending as possible to discuss this to enable the Committee to report back to the Joint Committee. Having been seconded by Councillor Alan Glass, it was resolved that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meets in August 2019 to discuss this in more detail.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -

- a) AGREES that the Committee will meet in August 2019, with as many members in attendance as possible, to consider the proposed changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at point 21 of the report, specifically the implementation of option 3;
- b) NOTES the Joint Committees comments and recommendations within the report along with the preliminary guidance on the responses to consultation, the summary of benefits of PUSH membership and issues highlighted for consideration with a view to their adoption through a governance review; and
- c) NOTES that the Joint Committee approved the Business Plan for 2019/20 at section 2 of the report, subject to the following amendments –
  - i. addition of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) methodology within paragraph 29
  - ii. addition is made in respect of paragraph 36, to include the New Forest Mitigation work
  - iii. reference to Climate Change

with a view to developing a 5-year Business Plan, taking account of the outcome of the Governance Review, for the period 2020/21 – 2024/25.

## **11. SOUTH HAMPSHIRE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2019**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received an overview of the report on the implementation of the Green Infrastructure Plan 2019.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee NOTES that the Joint Committee adopted the South Hampshire Green Infrastructure Implementation Plan 2019, subject to any final changes recommended by the Joint Committee, further project clarification detail from PUSH partners and non-substantive improvements including formatting for publication.

*(The meeting started at 6:09pm and ended at 7:33pm)*