

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
SUBJECT:	PARTNERSHIP FOR URBAN SOUTH HAMPSHIRE (PUSH): REVISION TO CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
DATE OF DECISION:	4 JULY 2011
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to seek approval to revise the constitutional arrangements relating to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). These changes have already been considered by the PUSH Joint Committee and have been approved. Each of the constituent local authorities is now being asked to consider a report recommending that they support these changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the revised constitutional arrangements relating to PUSH appended to this report, be approved.
- (ii) That the Director of Corporate Services be given delegated authority to take any other action necessary in terms of any other changes or amendments to the PUSH constitution to give effect to the content of this report.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This is to ensure that the constitutional arrangements for PUSH are fit for purpose and are up to date.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. This report was shared and consulted upon with all the constituent local authorities contained in PUSH and was also considered by the PUSH Joint Committee which is constituted of all the Leaders of the all the local authorities in PUSH. All endorsed the proposals set out in this report.
4. The current partnership arrangements commenced in November 2007 with the confirmation of the Joint Committee as the decision-making body. The PUSH joint agreement introducing this and other constitutional arrangements was completed on the 15th August 2008 after it had been signed by all the participating authorities.
5. The organisational structure of PUSH has developed further over time in the light of experience in operating the partnership and evolving needs. PUSH governance arrangements were approved by the Joint Committee on 18th November 2008 and revised financial protocols have improved the governance of budget and financial management and transactions.

6. It is now appropriate to review and revise the constitutional arrangements for a number of reasons:
 - a. Isle of Wight Council has joined PUSH;
 - b. New Forest District Council has left PUSH;
 - c. the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has been created and the governance arrangements for the LEP and the inter-relationship between the LEP and PUSH need to be taken into account.
7. The PUSH Joint Committee also recommended that the right of veto to Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton (which would have been extended to the Isle of Wight) should be removed.
8. It should also be noted that the financial model contained in the joint agreement setting out the contribution to be made by each of the partner local authorities has been amended to keep the existing level of contribution for 2011/12. This will be amended and updated in the light of further work to be undertaken for the next financial year.

PUSH Joint Committee

9. The Joint Committee, constituted of all the leaders of all the local authorities constituting PUSH, endorse and support the arrangements set out in this report leading to the proposed constitutional changes. However, the constitution of PUSH requires that each of the individual local authorities gives its approval to any changes in the constitution before they can be given effect to.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

10. None

Property/Other

11. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

12. PUSH is constituted under the Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000. The joint arrangements entered into, which include the terms of reference for the Joint Committee as well as the Overview and Scrutiny Joint Committee will require amendment by virtue of this report, if it is endorsed by the City Council and all the other constituent local authorities comprising PUSH. That will be dealt with by a revised legal agreement prepared by the Director of Corporate Services on behalf of PUSH.

Other Legal Implications:

13. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

14. None.

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KEY DECISION? Yes/No No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	Revised PUSH Joint Agreement
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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