

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	14 November 2016
Title:	PUSH Business Plan 2016/18 and the Solent Growth Forum
Reference:	7733
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That Cabinet recommends to the County Council that the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Business Plan for 2016-2018 be approved, but that the County Council reiterates its view that the targets for economic growth and related housing development are unrealistic and are not being delivered.
- 1.2. That authority is given for the County Council, as a member of PUSH, to enter into the revised legal agreement between PUSH and the Solent Growth Forum (SGF), as attached at Appendix 1 to this report, but that the County Council does not accept or agree with all of the contextual information contained in the appendices to the Joint Agreement, much of which is out of date, inaccurate or repeats unrealistic ambitions around growth and development.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The County Council is required, as a condition of its membership of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire, to formally review and ratify the PUSH business plan on each occasion it is updated. PUSH approved an updated business plan covering the period 2016-2018 at its Joint Committee on 7 June 2016.
- 2.2. At a meeting of the PUSH Joint Committee on 24 March 2015, the Joint Committee considered and approved the revised PUSH Joint Agreement between PUSH and the SGF ("the Agreement"). The County Council, as a party to the Agreement, has now been asked to sign and enter into the Agreement, as attached at Appendix 1 to this report. In order for the County Council to do so, and therefore remain a member of the Forum and PUSH, the necessary formal approval has to be obtained.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not formally reviewing and ratifying the updated PUSH Business Plan.
- 3.2. Not signing the revised PUSH / SGF legal agreement.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

14 November 2016

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor Roy Perry**