

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	27 September 2010
Title:	Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Business Plan 2010-12
Reference:	2011
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. The decision: **(PROPOSED)**

- a) That it be recommended to the County Council that the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Business Plan 2010-12 be approved, but noting that:
- (i) the Council's approval of the plan does not signify approval of all the targets or aspirations it contains, some of which need to be updated in the pending full Business Plan to be published in 2011;
 - (ii) specifically, the Council's approval of the Plan does not signify approval of the Partnership's aspiration to become a Local Enterprise Partnership, but instead leaves open the possibility of continuing to work in partnership with the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire under a Hampshire-wide or 'South Central' Local Enterprise Partnership; and
 - (iii) the Council expects that the revised Business Plan to be published in 2011 will appropriately reflect the scale of Government spending reductions and policy changes affecting both the Partnership and its partners; and
- b) That, given the Cabinet's decision of 26 July 2010 to review spending across all areas of business following severe cuts in Government spending already announced and to follow in the Comprehensive Spending Review, and the possible establishment of a Local Enterprise Partnership, that notice be given to the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (as required by the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire constitution) that the Council's funding commitment is not confirmed beyond 31 March 2011 and will be subject to a formal decision before that date as part of the Council's 2011/12 budget process.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. The County Council is a member of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH). PUSH's constitution requires that its Business Plan is separately approved by each member authority; and also that notice of any change to funding commitments be given six months in advance of the financial year.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to bring forward the Business Plan for approval. This would conflict with the County Council's responsibilities as a member of PUSH.

3.2. To recommend that Cabinet do not approve the Business Plan. While the report notes some concerns, the Plan is fundamentally as the member authorities have agreed in discussion during the year.

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 Standards Committee: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

27 September 2010

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor T K Thornber CBE**