

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date:</b>	24 September 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Updates on the PUSH and TfSH Business Plans (2011 – 2013)
<b>Reference:</b>	4287
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decisions:

- a) That the Cabinet recommends to the County Council that the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Business Plan be supported for 2012/13, but that the County Council makes clear its continuing concerns about the level and credibility of the proposed housing and commercial floorspace targets expected to be adopted in the final South Hampshire Spatial Strategy, and affirms that the regeneration of the two cities should take priority in the PUSH Business Plan.
- b) That the Cabinet recommends to the County Council that the mid-term review of the 2011-13 Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) Business Plan be approved.
- c) That the Cabinet recommends to the County Council that it endorses the Isle of Wight Council as a full member of TfSH.
- d) That the County Council as a contributor to PUSH requests a copy of the PUSH budget and its financing arrangements.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The operation of PUSH requires that all member authorities approve the Business Plan on an annual basis. Not to approve the Business Plan would effectively entail resigning from PUSH.
- 2.2. The TfSH Joint Committee similarly asks that its members approve the Business Plan on a regular basis.
- 2.3. Expansion of the TfSH area to include the Isle of Wight will provide consistency between the TfSH and Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Boundaries. Emerging central government advice on the establishment of Local Transport Bodies makes it clear that the area of new Local Transport Bodies must be coterminous with that of Local Enterprise Partnerships.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1. To approve the PUSH Business Plan without commenting on the County Council's long-standing concerns about unrealistic forecasts for growth and development in South Hampshire. Rejected because the Council continues to have these concerns.
- 3.2. Not to approve the business plans. This was rejected for the reasons outlined in paragraph 2.1 and 2.2.
- 3.3. Not to accept the Isle of Wight Council as a full member of TfSH would result in TfSH having a geography different to both the Solent LEP and that required of Local Transport Bodies.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

**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:**

<b>Approved by:</b>  -----	<b>Date:</b>  <b>24 September 2012</b>
<b>Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor T K Thornber, CBE</b>	