

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE GREEN RECOVERY**

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery held on Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 2pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

### **Present**

Councillor Kimberly Barrett (in the Chair)  
Charlotte Gerada  
Robert New

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

#### **2. Declaration of Members' Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **3. Portsmouth City Council membership of UK100**

Kelly Nash, Corporate Performance Manager introduced the report and in response to a question explained that there will be a number of framework protocols in place to monitor the council's progress.

**The report was noted.**

#### **4. Portsmouth Climate Festival**

Kelly Nash introduced the report and in response to questions explained that:

The aspiration is to hold this festival annually. The council will consider how the reach could be improved, how to plan and promote the event a little sooner and encourage the events to be held in a more diverse range of locations.

**The report was noted.**

#### **5. Portsmouth carbon maturity assessment**

Kelly Nash introduced the report and in response to questions, she and Andrew Waggott Energy Services Team Leader clarified the following points:

The motion that was passed recently at Full Council focussed on the audit of emissions and this is an audit of the strategic development looking at strengths and weakness that the council can play to. The audit of emissions is quantification of the actual sources and what we need to do drive those down. These are complementary with the audit of emissions feeding into this assessment. An action plan for things agreed in the motion will come to a future meeting.

Regarding the gaps highlighted in the motion in terms of the council's citywide leadership role, this has been played through with colleagues on the Climate Action Board. The way that board operates is currently being reviewed.

The council is looking to join up with large organisations, anchor institutions and employers to identify actions that are required.

Shaping Portsmouth is supporting the council with how it can work more effectively with small and medium sized enterprises.

It is hoped that the Portsmouth Climate Festival can be a centre piece of the council's engagement strategy.

The council plays an active part in regional groupings that have a climate element to them and a big part in the development of the green print for the area.

Portsmouth City Council secured approximately £70 million for domestic energy retrofit in the private sector in Portsmouth and a consortium which is largely based around here, West Sussex and South Hampshire authorities.

The council is trying to set the agenda working with a consortium of 20 local authorities on that work.

There is no statutory duty to put energy efficiency measures into private homes but it is something that we've identified as being a strength of ours. And we're trying to build on that strength.

The Climate Emergency Strategy will be reviewed in February.

#### Action

Information on how carbon considerations were being built into the Local Plan, particularly around requirements on developers to build to particular standards would be sent to members.

**The report was noted.**

## **6. Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme**

Andrew Waggott introduced the report and in response to questions, explained that:

The report states that an estimated 50 jobs would be supported through the delivery of the funding. This includes anyone associated with the project but does not necessarily mean that 50 jobs were created.

The scheme was extended in September because there are not enough people working in the area.

It is likely that there will be more opportunities to continue this work.

The council has a significant amount of data regarding electricity and gas consumption and carries out regular visits of its properties and so has built up a list of possible future projects. The funding has strict criteria regarding the type of projects that can be carried out.

**The report was noted.**

**7. Approach to Estate Decarbonisation**

Andrew Waggott introduced the report and in response to questions, he and Kelly Nash explained that:

Electric vehicle charging points have been installed in the carpark at Lakeside at the tenants' request.

Councillor New will email the Leader with some opportunities for reducing the carbon emissions at Lakeside.

**The report was noted.**

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Councillor Kimberly Barrett  
Chair