



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE GREEN RECOVERY

WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 2.00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - SECOND FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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Membership

Councillor Kimberly Barrett (Cabinet Member)
Councillor Charlotte Gerada
Councillor Robert New
Councillor Claire Udy

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AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for absence.**
- 2 **Declarations of Members Interests**
- 3 **Greening Strategy - future review and delivery (Pages 9 - 16)**

Purpose

To make the Cabinet Member aware of:

- A proposed Greening Strategy refresh in 2022; and
- The need to identify permanent funding to resource and deliver the Greening Strategy, and enable the City Council to meet its statutory and legal obligations.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

- 4 **Carbon Strategy Refresh (Pages 17 - 20)**

Purpose

To provide information on the actions taken to update the existing climate change strategy.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

5 Carbon Budget Methodology (Pages 21 - 22)

Purpose

To provide information on the approach to developing future carbon targets to meet the 2030 net zero targets for the Council and City.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

6 Notice of Motion Update on Carbon Emissions (Pages 23 - 26)

Purpose

To set out the actions taken in response to the Action of Decarbonising Portsmouth Notice of Motion at Full Council on 9 November 2021.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

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Coronavirus Risk Assessment for the Council Chamber, Guildhall

Date: 21 October 2021(based on Government Autumn and Winter Plan and associated Guidance published September 2021)

Review date: Next time Government guidance is updated

Author: Lynda Martin, Corporate Health and Safety Manager, Portsmouth City Council

Coronavirus Risk Assessment for the Council Chamber, Guildhall

Manager's Name and Job Title completing Risk Assessment:	Lynda Martin Corporate Health and Safety Manager	Risk Assessment Dept:	Corporate Services	Date:	21 October 2021	Signature:	
		Location:	Council Chamber, Guildhall				

Hazard	Who could be harmed and how	All controls required	How controls will be checked	Confirmed all in place or further action required
Risk of exposure to Covid-19 virus - Ventilation	Staff, contractors and attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capacity for the Guildhall Council Chamber for all attendees (including members of the public) has been calculated to be maximum of 30 people to accommodate 2 m social distancing. • Improvements in ventilation permits up to an additional 30 attendees. Members of the public will be advised to follow Covid safety recommendations. If 2m social distancing cannot be maintained then face coverings should continue to be worn and should only be removed when addressing the meeting. • The actions taken to maximise ventilation in the Guildhall Council Chamber includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The removal of internal casement secondary glazing windows. ○ Large casement windows will be opened. ○ Pedestal fans - positioned in each of the wing areas and along the back wall behind the pillars, maximum speed and modulation setting. ○ High level doors and window - the double doors to the high level galleries and the gallery corridor window will be opened. 	Security staff will be available to ensure numbers are not exceeded. Staff will ensure windows are open and fans switched on.	In place
Page 6 Risk of transmission of virus - Risk mitigation	Staff, contractors and attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Guildhall takes its responsibility to help limit the risk of infection seriously and has the following measures and requirements in place, attendees should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be double vaccinated. • Have a negative Asymptomatic / lateral flow device within 48 hours of a meeting. • Wear face coverings at all times, unless exempt. • Follow Track & Trace requirements - track and trace QR posters will be displayed to allow check in. • Not attend if their result is positive attendees must and follow government guidance regarding isolation: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection. 	The Guildhall Trust and PCC Facilities Team to implement and monitor.	In place
Risk of transmission of virus - Hygiene and prevention		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash hands for 20 seconds using soap and water or hand sanitiser. • Maintain good hygiene particularly when entering or leaving. • Hand sanitiser will be located at the entrance of the building. • Hand sanitiser and wipes will be located in the meeting room. • Additional cleaning measures are in place, door handles, surfaces, etc. • No refreshments will be provided. Attendees should bring their own water bottles/drinks. • All attendees should bring and use their own pens/stationery. • Doorways marked, where possible, with entry and exit channels. 	The Guildhall Trust and PCC Facilities Team to implement and monitor.	In place

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Financial Risk	Staff, contractors and attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council meeting may need to be cancelled at short notice if the Covid-19 situation changes due to local outbreaks, local sustained community transmission, or a serious and imminent threat to public health. Contact details of all attendees held by the event manager to enable easy efficient cancellation. Technology in place to move to virtual council meeting if required and permitted by legislation. 	Financial commitments minimised wherever possible. PCC Insurance department aware of council meeting.	In place

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Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This risk assessment is a live document and will be updated as new information becomes available. All managers should feel free to adapt the measures contained within this risk assessment when assessing the risks for their own department's work activities/ premises.
Further information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further government information on support during the coronavirus pandemic can be found here HSE guidance, on working safely during the coronavirus pandemic can be found here Staff wellbeing advice during the coronavirus pandemic can be found here

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Agenda Item 3



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Title of meeting: Climate Change & the Green Recovery Portfolio Decision Meeting

Subject: Greening Strategy - Future Review and Delivery

Date of meeting: 9 February 2022

Report by: Bethan Mose, Public Health Principal - Wider Determinants

Wards affected: All

1. Requested by Director of Public Health.

2. Purpose

To make the Cabinet Member aware of:

- A proposed Greening Strategy refresh in 2022; and
- The need to identify permanent funding to resource and deliver the Greening Strategy, and enable the City Council to meet its statutory and legal obligations.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 The Greening Portsmouth Strategy document was considered and adopted by Cabinet in March 2020¹ and supports other programmes of work in the city, including the Climate Action Plan, Clean Air Zone, Air Quality Strategy, Local Transport Plan 4, emerging Local Plan and the Portsmouth Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.2 It sets a clear ambition to increase the amount of green infrastructure, tree canopy cover and the number of planting opportunities contributing to the Portsmouth City Council objective to be carbon neutral by 2030. Emphasis is placed on increasing tree canopy cover whilst also recognising the importance of other forms of greening, advocating a mix of greening schemes appropriate to the urban environment.
- 3.3 The City Council (PCC) recognises the need to accelerate the planting of trees in the city, as well as enhancing lower-level planting (hedges and shrubbery) and creating green walls or green roofs. To double canopy coverage in the city, we need to add 360 new trees in parks and open spaces, and 120 new street trees (in addition to replacements) every year for the next 25 years.
- 3.4 Since its adoption, resource has been allocated to focus on the delivery of the Strategy through the Public Health Transformation Fund. The early part of 2021 saw

¹ Item 8, [Agenda for Cabinet on Tuesday, 10th March, 2020, 12.00 pm Portsmouth City Council](#)

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the appointment of a new Green and Healthy City Co-ordinator; a fixed-term role to oversee delivery of specific projects, liaise between services delivering greening as part of their core functions, act as a point of contact for collaboration and lead bids for external funding. The role sits in the Public Health team to ensure strong alignment with health and wellbeing priorities, particularly health inequalities.

- 3.5 The Green and Healthy City Coordinator role is pivotal in supporting this through coordination and oversight at the strategic level of all the greening activities being delivered by multiple PCC services. The role also offers the capacity for PCC to
- seek and deliver external funding opportunities
 - monitor and evaluate greening schemes, and
 - ensuring an established PCC point of contact for greening.
- 3.6 The role has already proved invaluable with regards to liaising with voluntary groups and grassroot activities for community greening, whilst also successfully bidding for Trees for Cities funding which is now being delivered as a collective effort across several PCC teams. The wider progress made since appointment was clearly articulated in the Strategy update to Cabinet² in October 2021.
- 3.7 A detailed work programme for the next 6-12 months is in place for the Green and Healthy City Coordinator, and included in Appendix A. This includes:
- developing a broader understanding and evidence base for greening to tackle health inequalities and improve health outcomes
 - continuing to look for external funding opportunities
 - strengthening the communications plan and commence publicity, timed to coincide with planting regimes and seasonal maintenance
 - developing Guiding Principles for greening the City and a step-by-step guide for community groups to use when seeking approval and funding to undertake greening on PCC-owned land.
 - Updating the Tree Charter and working towards [Tree Cities of the World](#)
 - Mapping of all new green infrastructure 2019 onwards and explore development of an interactive online asset map,
- 3.8 As we approach the two-year anniversary of the adoption of the Greening Strategy, it is sensible to take stock and review against a changing policy landscape at both the national and local level, to ensure it aligns with policy developments since its adoption in 2020. In particular, the Strategy needs to be cognisant of:
- Environment Act 2021³, the emerging provisions of which are summarised in Appendix B.
 - Portsmouth Local Plan⁴, which set out in its Autumn 2021 Regulation 18 consultation a clear policy direction for greening and health.

² Item 8 [Agenda for Cabinet on Tuesday, 5th October, 2021, 11.00 am Portsmouth City Council](#)

³ [Environment Act 2021 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

⁴ [Portsmouth Local Plan 2038](#)

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- Portsmouth Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-30⁵, currently under review and public consultation.
- 3.9 The capacity currently exists to refresh the Greening Strategy if it is scoped and undertaken by the Green and Healthy City Co-ordinator, with support from the established cross-directorate PCC Virtual Green Team.
- 3.10 Delivering the Greening Strategy, and the nature of greening itself, operates on multiple time scales. Whilst the workstream is gathering momentum and delivering excellent opportunities on the ground, the Coordinator role is fixed-term to 2023; the Public Health Transformation Fund is a time-limited resource, with no further funds available. In recognition of the cross-cutting, corporate nature of the role and agenda, future funding needs to be identified.
- 3.11 The Cabinet Member is invited to consider and advise on the following:
- i. A refresh of the Greening Strategy to be undertaken in 2022; and
 - ii. Exploring options for a permanent coordinator resource - funded corporately - in order to secure longer term delivery of the Greening Strategy and enable the City Council to meet its statutory and legal obligations.

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Signed by Helen Atkinson, Director of Public Health

⁵ [Health and Wellbeing Strategy \(portsmouth.gov.uk\)](https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

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Appendices:

Appendix A: Work Programme

Appendix B: Environment Act 2021

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Portsmouth Greening Strategy 2020	Greening Portsmouth Strategy appendix.pdf
Environment Act 2021	Environment Act 2021 (legislation.gov.uk)
Portsmouth Local Plan Reg 18	Portsmouth Local Plan 2038
Portsmouth Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-30	Health and Wellbeing Strategy (portsmouth.gov.uk)

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APPENDIX A: WORK PROGRAMME

Greening Portsmouth Strategy Theme				
Greening the Public Realm	Greening Private Space	Grassroots Engagement	Policy Approach	Comms Plan & Funding Opportunities
<p>Partnership working</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilder Portsmouth through HIOW Wildlife Trust • Supporting HIOW Wildlife Trust and UoP application for built environment research fellowship funding for creative greening in the city centre. • Woodland Trust providing advice and support; particular interest in working with planning on National Model Design Code pilot. • Tree Council - Community Orchards, Pocket Parks and community engagement for tree planting • Climate Action Board, supporting community interest through wasted space campaign and signposting for project development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape Architects setting up meeting with Head of major tree planting projects to link with Network Rail £1million tree fund for 2022 	<p>Urban Tree Challenge Fund - this is a capital bid for £83,000 to plant trees near schools and healthcare centres and in areas with fewer trees and higher social deprivation. Outcome due September 2021; if successful, will support areas to improve health and wellbeing and help connect people to the outdoors.</p>	<p>Greening and Health Literature Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to support emerging Health and Wellbeing Strategy; and - to provide stronger business case for future projects and funding bids <p>Greening and Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - informed by above and previous work undertaken by planning - supports objectives of emerging Health and Wellbeing Strategy - supports objectives and provides evidence base for Local Plan 	<p>Develop robust Comms Plan and online presence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further House Talk article planned - aimed at PCC employees to share their greening and gardening at home. - #GreeningPortsmouth - Next In The Know - promote tips webpage and share some of the photographs of people's gardens (and then encourage more) <p>PCC social media focus on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rewilding, biodiversity and pollination - Sharing projects and successes - Providing advice and support from Wilder Portsmouth campaign

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Greening the Public Realm	Greening Portsmouth Strategy Theme			Comms Plan & Funding Opportunities
	Greening Private Space	Grassroots Engagement	Policy Approach	
<p>South East Hampshire Rapid Transit - working with Transport to identify greening opportunities within the 9 SEHRT schemes across the city.</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 14</p>	<p>QA Hospital Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biodiversity and Greening Strategy and associated projects - PCC support led by Landscape Architects 	<p>Develop a step-by-step guide for community groups to use when seeking approval and funding to undertake greening on PCC-owned land.</p>	<p>Local Plan Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing to link into the emerging Local Plan and relevant policy making - Linking to PCC's Local Design Code as part of the national pilot programme. 	<p>Other funding opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) - DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs) - Forestry Commission - Network rail tree fund - Trees for Cities – (National Lottery and DEFRA) - Local Authority treescape fund
<p>Church Street & Southampton Road</p>	<p>Proposals for St James's hospital site - 100 trees and wilding areas - support to Solent NHS with advice and design for green infrastructure of their site. Links to wider development proposals for St James's which also have a strong focus on greening.</p>		<p>Regen, Development, Housing, Estate Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tipner/Lennox Point design and masterplanning - Horatia and Leamington design and masterplanning - Buckland Environmental Improvements 	<p>Explore a return to the Portsmouth in Bloom competition.</p>
<p>Parks & Open Spaces and Estate Services supporting biodiversity and rewilding initiatives by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - protecting and enhancing biodiversity 			<p>Update Tree Charter and work towards Tree Cities of the World: About - Tree Cities of the World</p>	

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Greening Portsmouth Strategy Theme				
Greening the Public Realm	Greening Private Space	Grassroots Engagement	Policy Approach	Comms Plan & Funding Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - specific management plans - designation of areas subject to differing maintenance regimes <p>Trialling areas that will be left to naturalise or where regular mowing is relaxed.</p>				
<p>Superzone pilot - place based approach to tackle the environmental drivers of obesity, bringing together work across PCC services into four multidisciplinary workstreams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active places Healthy food environment Cleaner air Community safety <p>Greening options being explored as part of cleaner air and community safety workstreams.</p>			<p>Explore links with PCC's Leisure and Physical Activity Strategy for outdoor opportunities.</p>	

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APPENDIX B: Environment Act 2021

Legislation that will protect and enhance our environment for future generations has now passed into UK law.

Through the Act, Government sets an ambition to clean up the country's air, restore natural habitats, increase biodiversity, reduce waste and make better use of our resources. It will halt the decline in species by 2030, require new developments to improve or create habitats for nature, and tackle deforestation overseas.

The inclusion of a legally-binding 2030 species abundance target has the potential to boost efforts to reverse the decline in wildlife and will put the UK on the path towards protecting 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030. The new requirement for planning applications to provide Biodiversity Net Gain will encourage developers to put nature at the heart of their work, whilst Local Nature Recovery Strategies will create the framework for a national system of interconnected sites for nature.

These changes will be driven by new legally binding environmental targets, and enforced by a new, independent Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) which will hold government and public bodies to account on their environmental obligations.

Further information

The Environment Act sets out to deliver:

- Long-term targets to improve air quality, biodiversity, water, and waste reduction and resource efficiency
- A target on ambient PM^{2.5} concentrations, the most harmful pollutant to human health
- A target to halt the decline of nature by 2030
- Environmental Improvement Plans, including interim targets
- A cycle of environmental monitoring and reporting
- Environmental Principles embedded in domestic policy making
- Office for Environmental Protection to uphold environmental law

It is not yet clear what the new duties will look like nor what financial implications might be where Local Authorities are required to implement.



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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery
Subject:	Carbon Strategy Refresh
Date of meeting:	9 th February 2022
Report by:	Kristina Downey, Principal Strategy Adviser- Carbon Management
Wards affected:	n/a

1. Requested by

Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To provide information on the actions taken to update the existing climate change strategy.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 In 2020, Portsmouth City Council last published their Climate Emergency Strategy. Since then, then independent external reviews have been undertaken and a revised edition is being prepared to reflect best-practice.
- 3.2 Due to the near-term targets committed to by Portsmouth City Council, annual revisions of parts of the Strategy are recommended. This will enable better action planning and monitoring of results. Therefore, the revised Strategy will be designed to be multitiered to support a faster process of publication.
- 3.3 The over-arching part of the Strategy will be high-level but in an accessible language, detailing climate change in Portsmouth, our role, principles and approach to climate change mitigation and adaptation. This part of the Strategy will therefore not require frequent update.
- 3.4 The over-arching part of the Strategy will then be supported by separate carbon reduction strategies for both the Council on an organisational level and Portsmouth on a city level. These supporting sub-Strategies will include the methodology and results of the latest carbon inventory, and details of the proposed actions to reduce carbon emissions. Each of these will be updated annually.

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Sub-Strategy 1: Portsmouth City Council

- 3.5 It is intended that the Council's Strategy will be in two versions. The first is intended to be an internal document that will be highly detailed to provide assurance of data and reporting quality. The second is intended to be a summary for public consumption in a more accessible format.
- 3.6 In between publications, the Council's strategy will be supported by a 'live' tracker of carbon mitigation opportunities that will be investigated for their feasibility, carbon reduction potential, costs and co-benefits (with particular emphasis on cross-cutting issues in Portsmouth such as air quality and socio-economic inequalities). This tracker is intended to aid opportunity identification, funding support, and accountability.
- 3.7 It is intended that by the end of Q1 2022, a Council carbon inventory will be available for the financial year 2020/2021, with an associated strategy for 2022/23. From April 2022, work will begin on collating the 2021/2022 carbon inventory and developing the associated action plan.
- 3.8 It is likely that some data from the Council's inventory may be limited due to absence of data collection mechanisms (such as details of staff commuting) or of limited quality due to the age of the data (such as types and area of green space owned by the Council).

Sub-Strategy 2: Portsmouth City

- 3.9 The development of the Portsmouth City carbon reduction strategy will be led by the Climate Action Board, through support and engagement with key partners and stakeholders including Portsmouth City Council.
- 3.10 Discussions are underway as to the form and content of this Strategy, but it may have similar aspects to that of the Councils.

Other Strategies

- 3.11 Whilst climate change mitigation is intended to be addressed, it is noted that climate change resilience and adaptation does not yet have a holistic strategy that describes the climate change risks and potential impacts to both Portsmouth City Council operations and the wider city.
- 3.11 It is therefore intended, that a further Climate Change Adaptation Strategy is developed and regularly updated to reflect resilience-building activities. It is expected that this Strategy will aid risk or opportunity identification, funding support and accountability.

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Signed by
Paddy May
Corporate Strategy Manager

Appendices:

No appendices

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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery
Subject:	Carbon Budget Methodology
Date of meeting:	9 th February 2022
Report by:	Kristina Downey, Principal Strategy Advisor-Carbon Management
Wards affected:	n/a

1. Requested by

Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To provide information on the approach to developing future carbon targets to meet the 2030 net zero targets for the Council and city.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 Significant year-on-year reductions in carbon emissions will be required to meet the 2030 net zero targets.
- 3.2 To develop future estimates of carbon emissions, we will use the most recent carbon inventory, and apply projected changes to the carbon intensity of the national electricity grid, future electricity demand, housing and population changes to determine a 'business-as-usual' baseline of projected emissions.
- 3.3 The 'business-as-usual' estimates represents the likely emissions if we did not take any action to reduce carbon. We will then use this to determine the impact of any carbon reduction initiatives that we implement.
- 3.4 The evaluation of carbon reduction initiatives will be formally documented in a consistent manner against factors such as financial cost per volume of carbon saved, and any socio-economic or environmental co-benefits of the initiative. This process will aid accountability and help to identify priority initiatives that help address inequalities in Portsmouth.

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- 3.5 This approach to evaluating and prioritising carbon reduction initiatives is inline with the national Net Zero Strategy that states local authority actions should be on a 'placed-based approach', and the Council's stated aims and priorities.
- 3.6 Our projected 'glide-path' to net zero will be published yearly within the Council and city-level carbon reduction strategies to include any changes to national policies and strategies, and to include new or revised carbon reduction initiatives.
- 3.7 There is expected to be a projected emissions 'gap' at 2030, which we will use to engage, increase ambition and develop further initiatives to reduce the gap closer to zero.

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Signed by
Paddy May
Corporate Strategy Manager

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - None

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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery
Subject:	Response to Motion on Decarbonising Portsmouth, November 2020.
Date of meeting:	9 th February 2022
Report by:	Kelly Nash, Corporate Performance Manager
Wards affected:	n/a

1. Requested by

Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To set out the actions taken in response to the Action of Decarbonising Portsmouth Notice of Motion at Full Council on 9th November 2021.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 On 9th November, a Motion was carried at Full Council on the topic of decarbonising Portsmouth. The full motion is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 As a result of this, a number of actions will now be taken, as set out below.
- 3.3 **Action 1. To identify and allocate the necessary funding for a full carbon audit from an appropriately qualified and experienced external organisation to provide a baseline of carbon emissions across the city to be completed by April 2022:** In order to look at carbon emissions for the whole city, Portsmouth City Council is using the SCATTER cities tool to establish a position. This is a tool that has been funded by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and developed in collaboration with Nottingham City Council, GMCA, the Antithesis Group and the Tyndall Centre. This tool uses available data to generate local authority level data about carbon emissions and key sources to enable development of plans. The tool generates a Greenhouse Gas Emissions inventory following the Global Protocol for city-wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions for local areas. This will provide a baseline for us to be able to track against and also provide comparative data.

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- 3.4 Action 2. Develop and agree a framework for measuring changes in carbon emissions across the city including full carbon audits of all planned projects, programmes and developments to inform decision making and contribute to forecasting and planning to be completed by February 2022; and Action 3. Agree key indicators to inform regular and formal reporting of changes in carbon emissions after consultation with leading local authorities and other experts by February 2022:** This work is underway and the methodology for this framework will be presented to the Climate Change and Green Recovery decision meeting on 9th February 2022. This will include consideration of how changes will be captured and reported in the future.
- 3.5 Action 4. Apply the information gathered to provide a detailed action plan showing how Portsmouth will achieve net zero carbon emissions across the city by 2030. To be overseen by the Climate Action Board and the Cabinet with the plan being completed by July 2022 for submission to Full Council by way of update:** The Climate Action Board is currently in a process of considering how it will be working in the future and Portsmouth City Council is linking with them closely on this. As part of these considerations, discussions are underway about the development of a plan in partnership.

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Signed by
Paddy May
Corporate Strategy Manager

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Motion carried at Council, 9th November 2021

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Appendix 1 - Motion carried by Council, 9th November 2021

On 19 March 2019 Portsmouth City Council agreed to declare a climate emergency for Portsmouth to accelerate our progress to achieving net zero carbon emissions as a city by 2030.

Specifically the following actions were agreed:-

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency' then ask partners to sign up including local business, schools and community groups.
2. Pledge to achieve net zero carbon emissions in Portsmouth by 2030, considering, both production and consumption of emissions according to the Standard provided by the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol
3. Require the Leader of the Council to report back to the Council within six months with an action plan, detailing how the Council will work with partners across the City and with central government to ensure that Portsmouth's net carbon emissions (Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions as defined by the GHG Protocol) are reduced to zero by 2030.
4. Provide an annual report on Portsmouth GHG emissions, what is working and what is more challenging and progress towards achieving net zero-carbon emissions.
Whilst a number of actions have been taken and some work has been done to green the city, particularly to reduce the carbon footprint of the city council itself, it is apparent that far too little has been done to achieve the rapid step changes that are needed in response to the global crisis we all face.

In particular, two years have passed without any progress in establishing the baseline measurement of carbon generation across the city so that the impact of new projects, programmes and developments (positive and negative) can be accurately assessed and so that we can measure the overall progress of the Portsmouth area to zero carbon by 2030. As in all other programmes for change, measurement is of key importance. If we cannot measure we cannot manage.

The enquiries we have made about progress with developing a clear framework for measuring carbon levels across Portsmouth reveal a few obstacles including the Covid pandemic. Whilst the affect of Covid on deployment and workloads is understood surely the urgent nature of the climate crisis should have seen the necessary resources found and deployed.

During November 2021, COP26 is taking place in Glasgow. While global leaders congregate to discuss strategies and plans to achieve a net zero carbon future, the summit presents an opportunity for local authorities and political leaders to reflect on what more can be done on climate change.

Full Council therefore calls upon the Cabinet to take immediate action as follows:

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1. To identify and allocate the necessary funding for a full carbon audit from an appropriately qualified and experienced external organisation to provide a baseline of carbon emissions across the city to be completed by April 2022.
2. Develop and agree a framework for measuring changes in carbon emissions across the city including full carbon audits of all planned projects, programmes and developments to inform decision making and contribute to forecasting and planning to be completed by February 2022.
3. Agree key indicators to inform regular and formal reporting of changes in carbon emissions after consultation with leading local authorities and other experts by February 2022.
4. Apply the information gathered to provide a detailed action plan showing how Portsmouth will achieve net zero carbon emissions across the city by 2030. To be overseen by the Climate Action Board and the Cabinet with the plan being completed by July 2022 for submission to Full Council by way of update.