



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 10AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Membership

Councillor Kimberly Barrett (Cabinet Member)

Councillor Charlotte Gerada

Councillor Robert New

Councillor Russell Simpson

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A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Members' Interests.

3 Warmer Homes Project Update

The report will follow.

4 Woodland Accelerator Fund (Pages 3 - 12)

Purpose.

1. To update the Cabinet member for Climate Change and the Environment on the detail of the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund including the three primary criteria of the grant: Evidence of need, commitment to planting by 2025 and a deliverability assessment.
2. To brief the Cabinet member on the outcome of the grant application funded by the Forestry Commission and the financial award made to the Council.
3. To provide an update on the recruitment progress made and detail of the two new posts that will be funded from the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Climate Change & the Environment note the report.

5 PCC Climate Events during CoP 27 (Pages 13 - 14)

Purpose

To provide information on climate change engagement and partnership events planned during this year's climate Conference of the Parties (CoP 27).

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Environment note the report.

6 Big Portsmouth Survey

This report will follow.

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Title of meeting:	Climate Change & Environment
Subject:	Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund
Date of meeting:	Thursday 24 th November 2022
Report by:	Zoe White - Public Health development manager - Green & Healthy City Coordinator
Wards affected:	All

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1. **Requested by-** the Cabinet member for Climate Change and Environment to provide detail of the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund and the progress of the council's application.

2. Information Requested

- a. To update the Cabinet member for Climate Change and the Environment on the detail of the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund including the three primary criteria of the grant: Evidence of need, commitment to planting by 2025 and a deliverability assessment.
- b. To brief the Cabinet member on the outcome of the grant application funded by the Forestry Commission and the financial award made to the Council.
- c. To provide an update on the recruitment progress made and detail of the two new posts that will be funded from the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund (WCAF) is designed to provide financial support to increase the capacity of specialist skills within local authorities, enabling them in turn to accelerate the delivery of tree planting and woodland creation commitments. The key aim of the fund is to enable more trees to be planted, particularly in winter seasons 2023/24 and 2024/25. Authorities across England have identified tree and woodland planting as a key part of their response to the climate change and biodiversity crises. A lack of capacity to develop and design planting proposals, to consult widely, apply for capital grants and organise planting have been identified as key barriers to progress.

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- 3.2 The WCAF is a revenue-only fund (funding new staff and / or consultants). It is designed to be simple and flexible. Individual authorities can apply for up to £150,000 in total – split over two financial years (this funding is based on the typical salary costs of two suitably qualified FTEs).
- 3.3 Following submission of an Expression of Interest, assessments were made against three primary criteria:
- a. evidence of need
 - b. commitment to planting by 2025
 - c. a deliverability assessment
- 3.4 Portsmouth is the most densely populated Local Authority in the Southeast. It is the UK's only island city and occupies a land area of approximately ten square miles with a population of 208,100. The city only has around 9.8% tree canopy cover, compared to an average 16% in most English towns and cities. It also has a lower proportion of canopy cover than comparable cities such as Southampton and Plymouth or compared to London boroughs. There is a clear correlation between inequality and access to green space in the city. Figures from the Office for National Statistics show that in some of the poorest areas of the city 43% of dwellings have no outdoor space, and for those that do, a median garden size of 61m².
- 3.5 Portsmouth Greening Strategy sets a clear ambition to increase green infrastructure and accelerate the planting of trees in the city. Councillors and officers are committed to this strategy and are working hard to achieve our goals with 788 standard trees planted during 2020/21 and a further 200 standard trees and 4200 whips on Housing Estates during winter 2022. Through land ownership and statutory functions, the Council holds the potential for significant greening opportunities across its estate, while also being able to influence across partnerships to create opportunities to enhance the greening of land in private ownership.
- 3.6 With additional resource there is scope to deliver:
- 2023/24 - 660 standard trees and 2900 whips on confirmed planting sites.
 - 2024/25 - 481 standards and 16188 whips on confirmed planting sites.
- Increasing overall canopy cover by 14%.
- 3.7 Planting estimates have been reached by discussing with stakeholders what would be manageable if we had the resource to engage the community, project manage, and support with funding opportunities and grant applications.

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3.9 We have applied for a further grant through the Urban Tree Challenge Fund to match fund capital costs for tree planting on four of the listed sites (see appendix A) with delivery due 2023/24 and have visited all listed sites to confirm suitability. Therefore, we are confident in our planting number assumptions.

4. Outcome

- 4.1 On 10th October 2022, DEFRA e-tendering portal sent communication to confirm that evaluation of applications was complete, and Portsmouth City Council was successful with a funding award of £147,116.00 for a fixed term two-year recruitment of two full time posts.
- 4.2 The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT) is supporting Defra and the Forestry Commission in project managing the fund. ADEPT will be chairing regular progress and reporting meetings with the first session being held on Wednesday 23rd November 2022. During this session recruitment guidance will be provided to enable the council's recruitment process to begin after 23rd November 2022.
- 4.3 Portsmouth City Council will aim to recruit two posts supporting the work of accelerating tree planting in the city. Post one: Green & Healthy City - Engagement Officer (See appendix B for full detail and Job description). Post two: Green & Healthy City Project officer - Community Engagement (see appendix C for full detail & job description).

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Signed by (Director)

Appendices:

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
Appendix A - Planting commitment	
Appendix B - Engagement officer - Role profile	
Appendix C - Project officer - Role profile	

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Name of project site		Number of trees Planting season 2023/24	Number of whips Planting season 2023/24	Number of standard trees Planting season 2024/25	Number of whips planting season 2024/25	LSOA	Site Type (Park/Open space, Street, School)
East West active travel corridor	SZ 64806 99891	16				10% most deprived - ranked 3636 of 32,844	Street
King George V Playing field	SU 65539 05042	38				30% most deprived - 8443 of 32844	Park/ open space
Great Salterns	SU 66901 01856	40				50% most deprived - 15332 out of 32844	Open space
Alexandra Park	SU 65095 03532	25				30% most deprived - 7573 of 32844	Park/open space
Arundel Court Primary School		10	200			10% most deprived - 192 of 323844	school
Highbury primary school		10	200			40% most deprived 10783 of 32844	school
Moorings way		16	200			50% most deprived 16791 out of 32844	school
Meon Primary school		10	200			50% most deprived 16619 of 32844	school
Stamshaw Infants		10	100			20% most deprived 5072 of 32844	school
Harbour School		10			100	20% most deprived 5673 of 32844	school
Portsmouth Primary school		10			200	20% most deprived 5673 of 32844	school
Cottage Grove school		10			100	30% most deprived 6960 of 32844	school
Westover school		10			200	50% most deprived 14960 of 32844	school

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Corpus Christie school		10			200	20% most deprived 6487 of 32844	school
Great Salterns field					600	50% most deprived - 15332 out of 32844	open space
Milton Park				20		30% most deprived 7772 of 32844	park
Southsea common				25		40% most deprived - 12324 of 32844	open space
Union Place				20		10% most deprived - 1444 of 32844	open space
Farlington sports field				15		30% least deprived 24651 of 32844	open space
Batons Copse					200	Not sure on location	open space
Childe Square				20		30% most deprived 9631 of 32844	street
Cosham Park				15		20% most deprived 5673 of 32844	park
Hilsea Lido moat area				10		20% most deprived 5755 of 32844	open space
City Centre North project		270				10% most deprived 192 of 32844	open space
Landport - Charles dickens community orchards		15				10% most deprived 1444 of 32844	street
Sreet Trees - Re opening tree pits		50		50		various locations across the city	street
Landport & Somerstown City planting - Estate Services Housing land		100	2000	100	2000	10% most deprived 192 of 32844	street

WCAF - Recruitment, Post One	
1. Details of new post: Grading: Band 7/8	Job Title: Green & Healthy City - Engagement Officer
	Service: Public Health - Wider determinants team
2. Brief description of role: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a clear process for grassroots community engagement, aiming to provide a pathway for communities to undertake local tree planting projects and how to access potential funding and grant opportunities to support this. Creating a community volunteer base and 'Friends of Trees' group to support with watering, care, and education, providing legacy support for our tree care and tree planting ambitions Support local community engagement to deliver greening in areas of the city that experience higher levels of health inequalities and poor health outcomes. Foster understanding of health benefits of a green city. Deliver community engagement at the City Centre North redevelopment 'meanwhile use' site which has the potential to be used as and Discovery Forest, biodiversity education and learning space for university students and open access community space for planting and volunteers. Open and close the community site, keep the site clean and safe, support community groups with nature-based engagement Supporting wider council projects with community engagement to promote tree planting, green space, and health benefits Engagement role to enable delivery of school greening projects, tree planting on school sites to provide shade and shelter in playgrounds, connect children with nature, creating clean air zones and edible schools through fruiting trees and hedges. Collaborating with stakeholders - Hampshire & IOW wildlife trust, Portsmouth climate action, Charles Dickens community orchards, community centres, community gardens and community groups to promote Portsmouth as a green and healthy city and seek out tree planting opportunities. Develop a volunteer network Promoting the health benefits of nature-based engagement Delivering programmes of nature-based engagement and inclusion through social prescribing 	

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WCAF - Post 2	
1. Details of new post: Grading: Band 9/10	Job Title: Green & Healthy City Project officer - Community Engagement
	Service: Public Health
2. Brief description of role: <p>Project officer - community engagement project officer in the public health team, supporting the delivery of PCC's greening strategy.</p> <p>Engaging with PCC's strategic stakeholders including business, residents, neighbouring authorities, local community and interest groups.</p> <p>Developing and delivering the approach to stakeholder engagement for green projects and programmes ensuring we are reaching and coordinating our stakeholders as we work towards our objective of delivering the green strategy.</p> <p>Supporting the Green and Healthy City Coordinator to deliver ambitious tree planting plans, make funding applications and deliver reporting outcomes.</p> <p>Updating the Tree Charter and work towards retaining 'Tree Cities of the World' status.</p> <p>Collaborating with landowners such as the Port, Her Majesty's Naval base, local hospitals, business centres and private landowners and influencing strategic development.</p> <p>Connecting with community groups, delivering engagement, and supporting groups to deliver green projects.</p> <p>Continue the work on the green asset register, building a database that is publicly accessible sharing our tree planting successes and where to find new and additional green spaces in the city.</p> <p>Working with planning & transport teams to maximise planting opportunities and deliver community engagement on projects across directorates.</p> <p>Looking for new planting sites and project opportunities and ensuring that effective community engagement has taken place</p> <p>Responding to community land enquiries and potential planting opportunities</p> <p>Develop briefing notes for relevant committee meetings, boards, and external meetings</p>	

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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment
Subject:	PCC Climate Events during CoP 27
Date of meeting:	24 th November 2022
Report by:	Kristina Downey: Principal Strategy Advisor- Carbon and Climate
Wards affected:	No specific impact on individual wards

1. Requested by

- 1.1 Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To provide information on climate change engagement and partnership events planned during this year's climate Conference of the Parties (CoP 27).

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 In September 2022, PCCs Cabinet approved and adopted a new Climate Change Strategy. The Strategy details the strategic priority areas for PCCs work within Portsmouth, which includes 'Engagement and Partnerships'. This area is noted as being critical to the successful development and implementation of future climate change actions.
- 3.2 During this years CoP, two events are planned that aim to build upon our commitments to climate change engagement and partnerships in Portsmouth.
- 3.3 The first event, planned for 16th November 2022 is an educational engagement event targeted at secondary school-aged students in Portsmouth. To be held within the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, the students will be guided through a world climate simulation game called C-ROADS. The game is interactive and invites attendees to act as climate negotiators from different types of countries. The game partially mirrors those negotiations being undertaken as part of the CoP and the commitments of the Paris Agreement. The game is both educational, helps build empathy for countries needs, and addresses climate anxiety by demonstrating the effect of what can be done.
- 3.4 The second event, planned for 18th November 2022 is a partnership event, targeted at organisations within that have notable potential for influencing Portsmouth's carbon emissions. These are organisations that have large estates, significant employers or with significant community outreach. This event will allow

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organisations to showcase their carbon reduction progress and planned future work, and re-focus climate-based collaboration in the city.

3.5 These planned events during CoP 27 build upon the previous engagement and partnerships events delivered by PCC as part of the 2021 Climate Festival.

3.6 A report detailing the outcomes of these events will be provided to the next Climate Change and Environment portfolio meeting.

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Signed by (Corporate Strategy Manager)

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

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