



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2023 AT 4PM

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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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence.

2 Declarations of Members' Interests

3 Changes Places Toilet Scheme (Pages 3 - 10)

Purpose.

The purpose of this report is for information only and provides the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment with an update on the Changing Places Toilet Scheme in Portsmouth. The information provided will be as follows:

1. Provide the background to the Changing Places Toilet Scheme, including the funding awarded.
2. An update on the progress of the phase 1 works.
3. An update on the Phase 2 application.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

4 Graffiti Progress (Pages 11 - 14)

Purpose

To update the Portfolio Holder on the progress since funding has been made available to tackle graffiti on private buildings and other non-Portsmouth City Council owned assets.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

5 Innovate UK: Net Zero Living Programme (Pages 15 - 16)

Purpose.

To provide information on a recent successful funding application

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

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Agenda Item 3



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Title of meeting:	Cabinet for Climate Change and Environment
Subject:	Changing Places Toilet Scheme
Date of meeting:	16 th March 2023
Report by:	James Hill - Director for Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services
Author:	Meredydd Hughes - Assistant Director Building Services Kelly Nash - Corporate Performance Officer
Wards affected:	All Wards

1. Requested by

- 1.1 The report was requested by Councillor Kimberley Barrett, Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Environment.

2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is for information only and provides the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment with an update on the Changing Places Toilet Scheme in Portsmouth. The information provided will be as follows:

2.1.1 Provide the background to the Changing Places Toilet Scheme, including the funding awarded.

2.1.2 An update on the progress of the phase 1 works.

2.1.3 An update on the Phase 2 application.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) began work in 2018 with the Changing Places organisation to find ways to have more changing places toilets across the UK, and to help people with severe disabilities have access to, and be able to use, our public buildings.

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- 3.2 The joint work by MHCLG included consultations and workshops to understand the accessibility needs of everyone who uses public toilet facilities, including those with disabilities, older people, and parents with children, and how any changes proposed would affect building regulations and impact public organisations.
- 3.3 In March 2020 the government agreed to use building regulations guidance to make sure more public buildings have Changing Places toilets. A major change to statutory guidance in England, made it compulsory to include a Changing Places toilet in new, publicly accessible buildings, and at the same time they made available a £30 million grant fund to pay for Changing Places toilets in some existing and older public buildings.
- 3.4 The announcement of the Changing Places toilet grants on 4th March 2021 invited Local Authorities to apply for funding, based on need, to improve and install facilities in our buildings and communities. The prospectus was published on 29th July 2021, and Local Authorities were invited to complete an expression of interest form by 26th September 2021, to receive a share of the capital funding to install Changing Places toilets.
- 3.5 Officers within Building Services identified sites in Portsmouth where the new accessible facilities could be installed, and working with Kelly Nash, Corporate Performance Officer, ensured we were corporately engaged with a wide range of local partners, and to identify areas where the additional facilities would be best placed to meet demand.
- 3.6 Following consultation with private sector organisations that had expressed an interest in working with PCC, and costed feasibility studies undertaken by Building Services, it was determined that the following sites matched the clear specification and were located in the right place for those who need them most. This allowed PCC to bid for funding, with the assurance that the projects could be delivered within the required timeframe of funding:
- D Day Story Museum Car Park
 - Norrish, Central Library
 - Fratton Community Centre
- 3.7 Existing changing places toilets can be found at the following link, and our new facilities will be added to the list as they are completed.
<https://www.changing-places.org/find>

4. Budget and Funding

- 4.1 PCC applied for a total of £159,500 of grant funding from the Changing Places scheme in September 2021.

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4.2 On 24th March 2022 the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), formerly MHCLG, confirmed that the PCC application for funding to support the installation of Changing Places toilets at the above three identified sites was successful.

4.3 The grant award of £159,500 was match funded by £99,160 of capital money within the environment budget earmarked for public toilets - new provision across the city.

5. Progress of Phase 1 - Changing Places Fund

D Day Story Car Park

5.1 The Changing Places toilet is located in the public conveniences block of the D Day Museum car park. Work on site commenced on 31st October 2022 and was completed on 16th December 2022.

5.1.1 The new toilet was officially opened by Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment on 24th January 2023 and members of the public could access the facility from the 22nd of February 2023.

Norrish Central Library

5.2 The proposed Changing Places toilet is located on the third floor of the Norrish Central Library adjacent to the Café area. The third floor was the preferred location of all stakeholders, as community events are also held here outside of the normal library opening hours. The existing disabled toilet, cleaning cupboard and part of a small corridor will be combined into one single larger accessible facility.

5.2.1 Works at the library commenced on 3rd January 2023 and are expected to be completed on the 10th of March 2023.

Fratton Community Centre

5.3 The new Changing Places toilet facility located on the ground floor of the centre is planned to commence in the summer 2023.

5.4 Appendix A shows images of a typical Changing Places toilet facility.

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6. Phase 2 Application - Changing Places Fund

6.1 In August 2022 a second round of the Changing Places Fund was launched with a deadline for the return of expressions of interest of 30th September 2022. In this second phase, there is less funding available, £6.5m against the £23.5m allocated across 191 Authorities in round one.

6.2 Round two is targeted towards areas with zero provision, and those Local Authorities identified as being in the top 50% according to the index of need. A benchmark award of £40,000 will be used in the funding body's assessment of value for money. Funding provided will be capital only, with Local Authorities expected to cover the ongoing costs of maintenance of the facilities once again.

6.3 Portsmouth has been identified as in the second highest quartile of need, and on this basis, Portsmouth City Council has submitted a second phase expression of interest to install facilities at:

- King George V Playing Fields, as part of the new pavilion development
- Exploria, within the Pyramids to address the need for facilities at the Seafront area.
- Bransbury Park, as part of the new leisure development.

6.4 On 4th February 2023 DHULC notified Portsmouth City Council that our expression of interest had been successful, and £180,00 has been allocated to support the installation of the Changing Places Toilets phase 2 at the locations detailed in 6.3 above.

6.5 Officers will bring a further update report to the Climate Change and Environment cabinet in 2024 to advise on the completion of the phase 1 changing places fund works, and progress of the phase 2 installation.

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Signed by James Hill - Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services

Appendices:

Appendix A – Photographs of a typical Changing Places facility.

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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
Changing places prospectus for round 1 published on 29th July 2021	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changing-places-toilets-programme-prospectus
Changing places prospectus for round 2 published on 21st September 2022	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changing-places-toilets-programme-round-2-prospectus/changing-places-toilets-programme-round-2-prospectus
Location of Changing Places toilets	https://www.changing-places.org/find

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APPENDIX A - Changing Places Toilet Scheme

Update for Climate Change and Environment Cabinet - 16th March 2023

Photographs of a typical Changing Places facility



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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment
Subject:	Graffiti Progress Report
Date of meeting:	16 March 2023
Report by:	James Hill - Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services
Author	Roy Goulding - Head of Community Safety
Wards affected:	All

1. Requested by Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment, Cllr Barrett

2. Purpose

To update the Portfolio Holder on the progress since funding has been made available to tackle graffiti on private buildings and other non-Portsmouth City Council owned assets.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1. The responsibility for removing graffiti is with the landowner. PCC is responsible for removing graffiti from its own land and buildings.
- 3.2. In January 2021 a budget was identified to contribute towards tackling graffiti across the city on private buildings and non-Portsmouth City Council (PCC) owned assets.
- 3.3. Members felt that action to remove graffiti by private owners needed focus particularly considering a concern about the growth in parts of the City of graffiti tagging and the blight caused in communities.
- 3.4. The process is led by the community warden team who will receive reports of graffiti across the city, undertake the investigation as to the landowner and then make contact to arrange removal of the graffiti. Once permission has been obtained the community warden team will contact the Green and Clean team who have cleaning operatives, appropriate equipment including a jet wash and

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chemicals who will then remove the graffiti. There are some areas that require painting over and the team will also carry out these works where appropriate.

- 3.5. A challenge has been and continues to be PCC obtaining permission from the landowner to remove and/or cover graffiti on private land. There are several sites where that work is still in progress. There have been over 100 sites that have had the graffiti removed and or painted over (Appendix 1).
- 3.6. The budget covers the cost of the Green and Clean operatives and materials used.
- 3.7. In addition to Green and Clean undertaking these works the community wardens will remove graffiti in some cases and have access to graffiti wipes and spray cans that they use particular in the case of utility cabinets across the city.
- 3.8. Graffiti can be a blight in the city so in addition to having a process to remove it there is work being undertaken to identify the perpetrators as to what is classed as criminal damage. Therefore, CCTV is being utilised to try and identify those responsible and there was a recent example that an individual identified for graffitiing in the Isambard Brunel car park was fined and paid a £300 fixed penalty notice. There are a number of other images and footage of individuals responsible for graffiti recorded by CCTV and we continue to try and identify them with support from our partners.
- 3.9. There is a challenge that a number of sites have had graffiti reappear since its removal and new graffiti/ taggers appearing. Therefore, there is access to a number of redeployable CCTV cameras that are being used at these sites.
- 3.10. The Community Warden and Green and Clean teams continue to tackle this issue and encourage members of the public to contact the Safe. Clean Tidy team to report any concerns by reporting on-line or calling 0800 0853840.

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Signed by James Hill - Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services

Appendices: 1. Graffiti removal/painted over

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Title of document	Location

Appendix 1 - Private Sector Graffiti removal locations.

Devonshire Avenue	Cardiff Road	Bevis Road
Oxford Road	Stirling Street	Good Companion pub
Chaucer House	Cornwallis Crescent	Moorings way
Commercial Road	Highland Road	Phoenix blinds, Milton Road
Toby Street	Devonshire Avenue	Rowans Hospice, Fratton Road
Belmont Street	Shore Avenue	Toby Street
Burrfields Road	Fitzherbert Road	Harcourt Road
Highland Road	White Hart Road	Guildford Road
Milton Barn	St Marys Road	Wimbledon Park Centre
Kings Road	Cottage Grove	Nancy Court
Grosvenor Street	Stanley Avenue	London Road
Cornwallis Crescent	Algiers Road	Memorial Square
Bradford Road	Portsmouth Academy	Somerstown Fire Station
Litchfield Road	Palmerston Road	Winston Churchill Avenue
Charlotte Street	Locksway Road	Greetham Street Halls of residence
Tonbridge Street	Winston Churchill Avenue	Speakers Corner, Southsea x 2
Blackfriars Road	Esso garage North End	Crasswell Street x 2
Albert Road	North End Avenue	Spice Island Inn
Gatcombe Park	Stamshaw School	Harbour School
Mile End Road	Manners Road	Havant Street
Tangiers Road	Fawcett Road	Gunwharf
Henderson Road	Alexandra Park athletics track, Sea Defence wall	Boxalls Bathroom Centre
Richmond Place	Manners Road	Collingwood Road
Jack Cockerill Way	Big Yellow elf storage, Rodney Road	Napier Road
Norway Road	Palmerston Road	Trafalgar Place,
Scott Road	Coburg Street	Rowans Hospice, Fratton
Waterloo Street	Tesco Crasswell Street	St Andrews Road
London Road	Slindon Road Post Office	Goldsmith Avenue
Stanley Street	St Marys Road	
Stamshaw Road	Hayling Avenue	
Fawcett Road	Asda Petrol Station	
Byerley Road	Kingston Road Esso station	
Charles Dickens Street	Manners Road	
Ethel Road		
Brookfield Road		
Alver Road		

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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment
Subject:	Innovate UK: Net Zero Living Programme
Date of meeting:	16 th March 2023
Report by:	Kristina Downey: Principal Strategy Advisor- Climate Change
Wards affected:	No specific impact on individual wards

1. Requested by

1.1 Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment.

2. Purpose

2.1 To provide information on a recent successful funding application.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 In October 2022, Portsmouth City Council led a funding application to Innovate UKs Net Zero Living Programme¹ and in January 2023 were notified of a successful application.
- 3.2 Innovate UK are the central governments innovation agency that supports organisations to develop new products, services, and processes. The Net Zero Living programme is a designed to help places accelerate their transition to being carbon net zero.
- 3.3 Portsmouth, and 30 other places in the UK, have been successful in reaching Phase 1 of this programme that funds studies to understand local barriers and solutions to decarbonisation our power, heat, transport, and product systems.
- 3.4 The barriers and solutions will focus open the social and economic factors, such as financing, governance, regulation, skills, and engagement. These will be established on a city-wide level by engaging with Portsmouth's major service providers, tourist attractions, large employers, and residents.
- 3.5 Phase 1 will be delivered by Portsmouth City Council and the University of Portsmouth, supported by City Science Ltd.
- 3.6 The £75,000 allocated to Portsmouth will fund this engagement study from April to June 2023, and then allow us to submit solutions to Phase 2 of this programme. Up to 6 places will be funded in Phase 2, and if Portsmouth is successful, up to £5 million will be further allocated from Innovate to implement these solutions.
- 3.7 Barriers and solutions will be developed, but could look at decarbonising transport, housing retrofit, and future energy planning.

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/news/projects-to-develop-local-net-zero-innovations/>

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- 3.8 This project process and outputs support the priorities of the new Climate Change Strategy which is underpinned by the city's net zero carbon targets. By engaging with city partners, the project will develop solutions that come from a broad range of sectors and furthers the city's ambition to collaborate on common goals. It builds upon the work that is part of the Civic Partnership Agreement as well as the newly developed Green Partnership Charter.
- 3.9 Portsmouth City Council wishes to thank the University of Portsmouth, Gunwharf Quays, and Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust for their letters of support towards this application.

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Signed by
Paddy May
Corporate Strategy Manager

Appendices: None

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