

CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREENING THE CITY

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Greening the City held on Thursday, 6 July 2023 at 4pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Kimberly Barrett
Charlotte Gerada
Russell Simpson

- 1. Apologies for Absence.**
No apologies were received.
- 2. Declarations of Members' Interests**
No interests were declared.
- 3. Portsmouth Greening Strategy and Development Plan**
Daniel Williams, Public Health Principal (Wider Determinants) introduced the report.

Councillor Barrett noted that she was very impressed with the report and stressed the importance of reviewing this as things change very quickly. She was pleased to receive feedback from the council's amazing partners, council departments and members. She highlighted the fact that the council is focusing on certain priority areas.

Councillor Gerada agreed with the areas identified because these clearly had the greatest need. She was pleased that the report mentioned having connected green spaces which as well as being important to wildlife, also make streets more pleasant to walk down. She also noted the importance of empowering residents to improvements.

Councillor Simpson agreed and noted that bridging could be improved so that residents know how to get started on their own projects.

Daniel added that they are very keen to encourage community engagement with the greening agenda. It is hoped that the Green & Healthy City Community Fund will reopen in the near future. The door is always open to anybody in the community who wishes to discuss it.

Councillor Barrett was pleased that two new officers will be joining the team in the future and agreed that it was important to involve residents from the start.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

4. Update on Innovate UK: Net Zero Living Programme

Kristina Downey, Principal Strategy Adviser - Carbon Management introduced the report and thanked the council's partners City Science, University of Portsmouth and officers who put in a lot of time to help shape this. In response to a question, she explained that over 30 organisations had attended three workshops which were around: housing; transport and energy. Many others who could not attend asked to be kept informed.

Councillor Barrett was very pleased with the interest shown by many companies.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 4:25pm.

Councillor Kimberly Barrett
Chair