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	Project tasks	Timeline	Progress	Action required
1.	<p>Portsmouth canopy cover assessment</p> <p>A detailed piece of research into tree cover across the city using satellite imagery of tree canopy coverage for Portsmouth and analysed using GIS software. The findings from that research piece detail tree cover across the city including areas of particular deficit and have been published for consultation as part of the evidence base underpinning the new Local Plan¹.</p>	Nov 2018 to Jan 2019	Completed and published - further more focused analysis has now also been completed and can update the published report at a later date.	None
2.	<p>2018/2019 tree planting</p> <p>Due to the timing of the delivery plan's approval the project began at a relatively advanced stage in the tree planting season which made tree planting within highways challenging. However, planting within Council greenspaces was more achievable, and a selection of parks were chosen across the city where improvements through new tree planting were deliverable before the end of the season.</p>	Nov 2018 to March 2019	Completed - 68 trees were planted across four parks in the city at: Kingston Rec in Fratton Ward, College Park in Copnor Ward, Milton Park in Milton Ward and Watersedge Park in Paulsgrove Ward. These trees all native species and have included species of Lime, Flowering Cherry and Field Maple.	None
3.	<p>Street tree planting 'Greening the grey' across the city</p> <p>A number of locations have been selected on Portsea Island for investigation for an initial tranche of street planting. These locations have been guided by the street tree analysis and other factors including data on deprivation, access to available green space and physical site visits. A range of physical locations have been selected, from vacant tree pits where trees have been removed and the pit since filled in; to pockets of amenity green space; road buildouts; and areas of particularly wide pavement where it is considered that there are opportunities for trees to be supported. The intention is that this exercise will be recorded in detail to serve us to inform future discussion and delivery of future plans, so that further rounds of planting can be put into place more efficiently in the future.</p>	Throughout 2019 with a view to delivery during the 2019/2020 planting season	Ongoing - a variety of sites have been selected by officers based upon visual investigations. Detailed feasibility studies of each site are being prepared to confirm which sites are deliverable and which are not (and the reasons why), before progressing to an initial consideration of sites for final feasibility and planting.	<p>A first stage appraisal is expected shortly, this should include indicative costings to progress to full feasibility and delivery. From that point, consideration will need to be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which areas of tree planting to pursue in this tranche. - Identification of funding to deliver the planting - this could come from a capital bid, neighbourhood CIL pots, charity grants. - Appropriate community engagement - particularly the streets where more intensive planting is envisaged. - Officers to agree appropriate strategy in respect of the above with Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development.

¹ <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/development-and-planning/planning/new-local-plan-evidence>

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4.	<p>Additional greenspace planting 2019/2020</p> <p>The delivery plan was intended to cover the entire year, thus whilst the street tree planting is being pursued, there is the option to carry out another round of additional tree planting to improve the quality of the city's existing greenspaces (in addition to the standard maintenance/management plans of the parks team).</p> <p>It is suggested that the locations are focused around areas of need as identified by the canopy cover research picked up in item 1. to ensure resources are best utilised.</p>	2019/20 tree planting season (October to March).	<p>Not yet commenced - Officers have been working to identify a number of green spaces in the city which could benefit from new tree planting this year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members to confirm they are happy to pursue this subject to funding being identified. - Need to identify funding to help resource this planting, e.g. capital bid, neighbourhood CIL. - Need to confirm numbers/scope of planting. - Officers to agree appropriate approach in respect to the above with Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development.
5.	<p>Trialling 'pollinator friendly corridors'</p> <p>A separate project has been identified along the Copnor Road for the trialling creation of a pollinator friendly corridor which if successful could be replicated in other parts of the city.</p> <p>The project would involve changing the management of a number of sections of the grass verges either side of the Copnor Road between John Wesley Gardens and College Park (also linking up Gatcombe Gardens in the process). Rather than the current management practice of mowing the grass short, areas would be reseeded with a mix of native wildflower seedlings at regular intervals in order to create a corridor.</p> <p>A pollinator friendly corridor would tie into several sustainability benefits for the city. The project offers the opportunity to encourage active travel through attracting additional pedestrians and cyclists through the environmental enhancements it could offer. In addition, and perhaps more importantly, it would create a length of new habitat for pollinator species and better encourage movement between several greenspaces with benefits for biodiversity in the middle of the city.</p>	A trial period of 12-24 months Commencing spring planting season 2020	<p>Not yet commenced - provisional discussions have taken place with the PFI team to identify feasibility and any implications for the Council and the PFI contract. In principle it appears feasible, though if the go ahead is received from Members, a further in depth conversation is needed with COLAS to understand how it could work in practice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need confirmation from Members that they are happy to pursue. - Need to consider how this is promoted and the scope for engagement with community that might be needed. There is a risk that if not handled properly, the wildflowers (when not in flower) could be negatively received (i.e. by looking less 'tidy' than mown grass particularly when not in flower). It is suggested that some publicity would be of benefit to overall success of trial. - Officers to agree appropriate strategy in respect to the above with Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development.
6.	<p>Social media campaign</p> <p>With support from comms we have been putting out regular social media posts across the social media channels with several objectives: First to highlight what green infrastructure the city currently benefits from and touch upon some of the multiple benefits that this infrastructure provides in support of people's health and wellbeing. Second to draw people's</p>	Initial posts ran for several months between March and June	<p>Complete but with scope to do more</p> <p>We initially ran a series of weekly posts using available imagery, stats and content to understand how this was received. We could recommence the campaign for a further period to further highlight the city's existing green</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members to confirm this campaign should be continued. - Members to confirm additional design work and photography to illustrate the content of the social media can be commissioned, subject to funding being identified.

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	<p>attention to some of the city's green spaces including lesser known areas that they might want to visit. Finally the social media posts included a call for feedback on places that residents considered might benefit from tree planting in the future, which the Council can consider in the future as part of subsequent tree planting initiatives. There were about 15 different locations that were picked up through this engagement process so far - a summary has been compiled for reference at the end of this table.</p>		<p>infrastructure and inform about its benefits for the city.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officers to agree appropriate strategy in respect to the above with Cabinet Member for Culture and City Development.
7.	<p>Trees in the city resource It was previously communicated that officers should try to pull together a resource that addresses everything a local resident might want to know about trees in Portsmouth. This has led to the production of a concise resource which can be published on the website.</p>	<p>No specific deadline</p>	<p>Ongoing Some initial work from comms/design team has produced a one page resource using content we have previously pulled together. This is coming to a point where it is ready to publish online.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members to confirm they are happy with the approach taken. - It has been suggested by comms that we may want to look at refreshing the content of the wider website as much of what is in the document can be found across various pages. Members to confirm this should be pursued. This would need input from parks team as well as planning.
8.	<p>Additional opportunities for tree planting Other opportunities for greening in the city will be investigated including in schools, and underutilised car parks and parking spaces. Opportunities will also be investigated for making additional Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) to protect existing trees in key locations around the city.</p>	<p>An initial review of opportunities to be undertaken over the summer.</p>	<p>Not yet commenced - initially an exercise should be undertaken to identify all available opportunity locations, subsequently discussions will need to be had with landowners to determine feasibility and costs for new planting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members to confirm this approach should be taken.

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Summary of public engagement on social media - tree planting location suggestions

1. Corner of Albert Road and Victoria Road South: There is a screen glass sculpture however there is enough space on that road-island to include some trees/plants.
2. Isambard Brunel Road (southside pavement): there is space around the new student accommodation block (Unite Chaucer House).
3. Aston Road, Southsea: By the pavement of Aston Road.
4. Canal Walk and Sydenham Terrace alongside the railway could be used to include planting to make the area more attractive.
5. Additional planting along Devonshire Avenue— the westerly end has very few trees and could benefit environmentally, visually and also to help deaden some of the traffic noise along this route.
6. Additional trees could be planted in Fawcett Road, Lawrence Road, Albert Road, Goldsmith Avenue, Priory School, Lawson Road, Standsted Road, Britannia Road & North Heyward Road, Victoria Road North, Addison Road, Bramble Road, & Bramble Road Infant School, Wheatstone Road, Northcote Road, Wheatstone Road, Delamere Road, Talbot Road.
7. Additional Tree Planting as you enter the Eastern Road from the Motorway and then further down the road along the common on the left hand side of the road.
8. Introduce street planters which are common in London and Holland.
9. Create new "green" spaces & enhance existing "green" spaces where natural habitats can develop, especially north of Albert Road where there is a lack of Green spaces.
10. Albert Road generally.
11. Wildflower planting on the grass at the corner of Holbrook Road and Summers Road North
12. Havant Rd is a good example in Farlington with all the trees arching over the road. First Ave in Farlington could be looked at.
13. Suggest the commons first such as Southsea common & the Great Salterns Recreation Ground. Also the little unofficial path throughout Tamworth Park.
14. Kent Street modal filter has planters where two small trees could be planted.
15. Sections of Francis Avenue e.g. between Wheatstone Road and Edmund Street
16. Fawcett Road could accommodate new trees and other greening measures amongst wider public realm improvements.