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Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green

Recovery

Subject: Portsmouth City Council membership of UK100

Date of meeting: 24th November 2021

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 provide information about Portsmouth City Council's membership of UK100.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 UK100 is a network of highly ambitious local government leaders, which seeks to devise and implement plans for the transition to clean energy that are ambitious, cost effective and take the public and business with them.
- 3.2 It supports decision-makers in UK towns, cities and counties in their transition to Net Zero. It is the only network for UK local leaders focused solely on climate, clean energy and clean air policy.
- 3.3 The most ambitious the <u>Net Zero Local Leadership Club</u> are doing everything within their power to get their communities to Net Zero as soon as possible, and by 2045 at the latest.
- 3.4 To accelerate the transition to this Net Zero society, UK100 brings together local authorities across the country to share knowledge, collaborate, and petition the UK government with their collective power.
- 3.5 Portsmouth City Council was approached to join the network and has done so enthusiastically. Through this membership, the council will have access to networks of leaders across the country to share knowledge and expertise, but also come together as a powerful force to advocate for the changes that need to be seen locally.

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- 3.6 The full pledge that has been signed by Portsmouth City Council to ensure that it plays a full part as a member of the network is attached as Appendix 1. This means that the council will:
 - Act sooner than required by the Government's requirements to make substantial progress in the next decade
 - that as a network we will lobby for greater powers and funding to go further faster
 - that the council will do everything it can in its power and influence to make reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and
 - that the council will work with communities to build consensus around solutions.
- 3.7 As an early piece of work, the council is already seeking to engage with UK100 on their recently launched Local Power in Action programme, to support work on consensus building locally.

Signed by Corporate Strategy Manager	

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - UK100 membership pledge

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