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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery
Subject:	Portsmouth Carbon Maturity Assessment
Date of meeting:	24 th November 2021
Report by:	Kelly Nash, Corporate Performance Manager
Wards affected:	n/a

1. Requested by

1.1 Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery

2. Purpose

2.1 To provide information about the recent Carbon Maturity Assessment carried out for Portsmouth City Council by City Sciences and set out how this information will be used to inform further developments.

3. Information Requested

3.1 In the lead up to COP26, Portsmouth City Council worked with City Sciences to complete a Carbon Maturity Assessment to look at the current strengths and weaknesses in our current climate strategy, and identify focus areas for our next revision.

3.2 The City Sciences model is the first independent audit for local authorities to help classify where they sit on a spectrum of preparedness for the climate emergency - 'carbon maturity' - to quantify the actions they are taking and to help prioritise what they should be doing next. The process was developed following on from research by the DecarboN8 network (<https://decarbon8.org.uk/>) which identified a diversity of responses across local authorities to the challenge of decarbonisation. The aim is to help us take stock, identify areas for improvement or enhanced scope, benchmark against other authorities, clarify and address barriers and prioritise next steps.

3.3 Repeated annually, the framework will enable demonstration of continued progress and momentum.

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3.4 The full report is attached at Appendix 1, but summary findings are:

- Overall, Portsmouth City Council is performing well and has a comprehensive range of programmes and activities addressing areas of Net Zero.
- Portsmouth City Council is performing particularly well (60%) at Level 2, due to the presence of a comprehensive strategy that covers the majority of key areas.
- At Level 4, Portsmouth is performing ahead of the peer group with respect to approaches to procurement and internal business cases.

3.5 The Carbon Maturity Assessment has identified 7 potential areas for improvement which are summarised in the recommendations section. The key recommendation is that strategies and plans are supported by quantified pathways broken down by sector and emissions sources. Improved quantification is expected to support management, prioritisation, coordination and monitoring of activities across sectors and departments while also supporting funding bids and business cases.

3.6 These recommendations will form the basis of the full review of Portsmouth City Council's climate strategy which will now be undertaken and presented back to Cabinet in February 2022.

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Signed by the Corporate Strategy Manager

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Portsmouth Carbon Maturity Model report

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