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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Green Recovery
Subject:	Working with anchor institutions on carbon reduction
Date of meeting:	17 th March 2022
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 on recent work with anchor institutions in the city on carbon reduction.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 On 31st January, Portsmouth City Council hosted a meeting with key organisations and employers in the city to discuss the climate emergency and carbon reduction measures. Organisations represented were:

- Portsmouth Hospitals Trust
- University of Portsmouth
- BAE Systems
- Airbus
- Portsmouth Football Club
- Royal Navy
- Net Zero Training
- KBM Marine.

- 3.2 Organisations shared priorities which they have identified and actions that they are taking in pursuit of the carbon reduction. In particular, we heard about some of the actions that are being taken in the Naval Base, work being undertaken around energy reduction and new opportunities around retrofit and the developing skills agenda.

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3.3 There were some significant issues that we collectively agreed that we can start to move forward:

- There is clear potential to look at models for funding energy projects, including solar PV deployment
- There is an opportunity to think about how some of the expertise based in Portsmouth, across both private and public sectors can be applied more widely across the region
- We could consider how we mobilise as a city to jointly bid for funds (and develop clear asks to government around what funding or support would help)
- As large organisations all looking to procure goods, we should think about how we develop a set of common principles and practices around responsible procurement
- As large employers, we have opportunities to engage our workforces in the climate agenda (and in many cases, those employees will be residents of the city too) - we should think how we can share expertise and experiences on this issue.
- There is a collective conversation that we could be having about electric vehicles, to ensure that we are all pulling together in the same strategic direction.
- There are huge issues arising from power requirements of some of the organisations present, but equally huge opportunities to work together to develop solutions - this is something we are keen to progress.

3.4 It was agreed that in the coming weeks and months, further work would be undertaken to scope actions in relation to these themes and develop a work programme, and PCC undertook to facilitate some of this work. Reports will return to portfolio meetings as actions are developed.

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Signed by
Paddy May
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Appendices:
No appendices

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