

Title of meeting: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 27th September 2022

Subject: Climate Change Strategy

Report by: Kristina Downey, Principal Strategy Advisor- Climate Change

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to describe the contents of the revised Climate Change Strategy for Portsmouth City Council.

2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that the Cabinet approves and adopts the Climate Change Strategy for Portsmouth City Council.

3. Background

3.1. In 2019, Portsmouth City Council last published their Climate Emergency Strategy. Since then, numerous independent external reviews have taken place and the revised Strategy has been developed so that it reflects current best practice.

3.2. Further reviews and input have been sought from technical specialists, senior leaders and Councillors from Portsmouth City Council, as well as from the Portsmouth Climate Action Board.

4. Key points from the Climate Change Strategy

4.1. The Climate Change Strategy is an overarching document detailing climate change in Portsmouth, our strategic priority areas, our guiding principles that support our approach, and our responsibilities for delivery.

4.2. The Climate Change Strategy will be implemented by forthcoming annual Carbon Action Plans that will support our 2030 net zero carbon ambitions. The Carbon Action Plans will detail the actions we will take to reduce emissions both within our operations and in Portsmouth. Action planning will be dynamic but will include maximising climate benefits through existing plans such as the Bus Service Improvement Plan, the draft Local Plan, existing contracts as well as developing new support for residents and businesses.

5. Reasons for recommendations

5.1. The Climate Change Strategy has been revised to reflect current best practice and provides the basis and direction for developing climate change actions within the city.

6. Integrated impact assessment

6.1. No new targets or commitments arise from the Climate Change Strategy. However, an IIA would be produced for each Carbon Action Plan which will support the annual implementation of the Strategy.

7. Legal implications

7.1. There are no legal implications directly arising from the recommendation. Any financial commitment identified in the subsequent Carbon Action Plans will be brought back to members for consideration.

8. Director of Finance's comments

8.1. There are no financial implications directly arising from the recommendation. Any financial commitment identified in the subsequent Carbon Action Plans will be brought back to members for consideration.

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Signed by: Paddy May, Corporate Strategy Manager

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Climate Change Strategy

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

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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