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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment
Subject:	Innovate UK: Net Zero Living Programme
Date of meeting:	16 th March 2023
Report by:	Kristina Downey: Principal Strategy Advisor- Climate Change
Wards affected:	No specific impact on individual wards

1. Requested by

1.1 Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment.

2. Purpose

2.1 To provide information on a recent successful funding application.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 In October 2022, Portsmouth City Council led a funding application to Innovate UKs Net Zero Living Programme¹ and in January 2023 were notified of a successful application.
- 3.2 Innovate UK are the central governments innovation agency that supports organisations to develop new products, services, and processes. The Net Zero Living programme is a designed to help places accelerate their transition to being carbon net zero.
- 3.3 Portsmouth, and 30 other places in the UK, have been successful in reaching Phase 1 of this programme that funds studies to understand local barriers and solutions to decarbonisation our power, heat, transport, and product systems.
- 3.4 The barriers and solutions will focus open the social and economic factors, such as financing, governance, regulation, skills, and engagement. These will be established on a city-wide level by engaging with Portsmouth's major service providers, tourist attractions, large employers, and residents.
- 3.5 Phase 1 will be delivered by Portsmouth City Council and the University of Portsmouth, supported by City Science Ltd.
- 3.6 The £75,000 allocated to Portsmouth will fund this engagement study from April to June 2023, and then allow us to submit solutions to Phase 2 of this programme. Up to 6 places will be funded in Phase 2, and if Portsmouth is successful, up to £5 million will be further allocated from Innovate to implement these solutions.
- 3.7 Barriers and solutions will be developed, but could look at decarbonising transport, housing retrofit, and future energy planning.

¹ <https://www.ukri.org/news/projects-to-develop-local-net-zero-innovations/>

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- 3.8 This project process and outputs support the priorities of the new Climate Change Strategy which is underpinned by the city's net zero carbon targets. By engaging with city partners, the project will develop solutions that come from a broad range of sectors and furthers the city's ambition to collaborate on common goals. It builds upon the work that is part of the Civic Partnership Agreement as well as the newly developed Green Partnership Charter.
- 3.9 Portsmouth City Council wishes to thank the University of Portsmouth, Gunwharf Quays, and Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust for their letters of support towards this application.

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Signed by
Paddy May
Corporate Strategy Manager

Appendices: None

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