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Title of meeting:	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Greening in the City
Subject:	Update on Innovate UK: Net Zero Living Programme
Date of meeting:	6 July 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 Greening in the City.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To provide an update on progress and a timeline for the next steps of the funded project.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 On the 1st April 2023, Portsmouth City Council launched Phase 1 of the Innovate-funded project "Net Zero Living Programme". This three-month Programme is funding national place-based studies to understand local barriers and innovative solutions to decarbonisation systems.
- 3.2 This May, Portsmouth City Council, together with our partners, the University of Portsmouth and City Science Ltd held stakeholder engagement workshops aiming to gather perspectives on how social and economic factors, such as financing, governance, regulation, skills, and engagement are hindering progress to decarbonise how we power, heat, and travel around Portsmouth.
- 3.3 Three workshops were held, bringing together representatives from large employers, travel and network operators, tourist attractions, educational and training providers, and organisations that could provide or support solutions.
- 3.4 Stakeholders generated ideas that aim to overcome these barriers and are now being evaluated for their potential to deliver meaningful impact under the specific scope of this competition and also complement our city priorities. The shortlisted ideas will be developed into a proposal for Phase 2 of this Programme.
- 3.5 The project partners wish to thank the stakeholders who able to attend the workshops, including:
 - Absolar

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- BAE Systems
- Baker Trayte (Hayling Ferry)
- City of Portsmouth College
- Colas
- Condor Ferries
- His Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth
- Langstone Harbour Board
- Mary Rose Trust
- Nquiring Minds
- Portico
- Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust
- Portsmouth International Port
- Portsmouth International Portsmouth City Council
- Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks
- Solent LEP
- Solent NHS
- South West Net Zero Hub
- Stark
- Sustrans
- Turner and Townsend
- The University of Portsmouth
- Virgin Cruises
- Vivid Homes
- Zenobe

3.6 If successful in the Phase 2 competition, Innovate will support up to six places to implement their solutions by allocating further funding of up to approximately £5 million.

4. Next Steps

4.1 Preparation for the Phase 2 competition will begin in July for submission in September. The Member for Climate Change and Greening in the City is asked to note that Cabinet support will be requested, and that time will be required from numerous Portsmouth City Council officers to prepare this submission.

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Signed by (Director)

Appendices: None

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

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The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

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