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## Policy details

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<b>Directorate</b>	PCC Regeneration
<b>Service</b>	Planning
<b>Title of policy, service, function</b>	Pre-Submission Portsmouth Local Plan
<b>Type of policy, service, function</b>	New
<b>What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?</b>	The new local plan will form the planning policy framework in Portsmouth and has been positively prepared to guide development in the City up to 2040.
<b>Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal?</b>	yes
<b>What were the outcomes of the consultations?</b>	<p>The Local Plan has progressed through three Regulation 18 consultations.</p> <p>In Spring 2024, the Local Plan will go to pre-submission (Regulation 19 stage).</p> <p>The last round of regulation 18 assessment included a health impact assessment, the findings of which influenced the regulation 19 plan policies.</p>
<b>Has anything changed because of the consultation?</b>	yes
<b>Please provide details</b>	<p>The policies in the Reg 19 Local Plan have been informed by the feedback on the three Regulation 18 consultations. There have also been a number of All Member Local Plan Workshops in which Members provided a steer on both allocation and city-wide policies.</p> <p>The latest version of the Local Plan has been amended in several ways in regard to equality, health and wellbeing in response to the findings of the IIA.</p>

<b>Did this inform your proposal?</b>	yes
<b>Please provide details</b>	Policies within the Regulation 19 plan and its supporting evidence base have been updated following the Regulation 18 consultations and its health impact assessment. The Local Plan is moving ahead with the pre-submission Regulation 19 plan, for consultation on the matters of soundness and legal compliance only. As explained changes have been made to the document in response to this IIA.

### **Equality & diversity - will it have any positive/negative impacts on the protected characteristics?**

<b>With the above in mind and following data analysis, who is the policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?</b>	<p>All policies within the Local Plan have been assessed as part of an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA), against the nine protected characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age</li> <li>- Disability</li> <li>- Gender reassignment</li> <li>- Marriage of civil partnership</li> <li>- Pregnancy and maternity</li> <li>- Race</li> <li>- Religion or belief</li> <li>- Sex</li> <li>- Sexual orientation</li> </ul> <p>The assessment has identified and considered any possible beneficial or detrimental effects that may arise from the policies and implemented changes to the policies where necessary to avoid discrimination and negative impacts upon people with protected characteristics.</p> <p>As the development strategy for the City, the Local Plan will have an impact on all those who live and work in and visit Portsmouth, regardless of their characteristics. It is not expected that the Local Plan will have a detrimental effect on any group. The Local Plan will benefit all who live and work in and visit Portsmouth by implementing the Council's Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision.</p> <p>A full review of all the Local Plan policies and their impact on factors relating to health and equality is attached as an appendix to this assessment.</p>
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As an overview, a number of changes have been made to the Local Plan to reduce inequality in the City. The Thriving Economy chapter is one of the key sections of the plan seeking through its policies to reduce barriers to employment for economically inactive people including those with protected characteristics.

**Age:**

The Local Plan will impact all people in Portsmouth regardless of age. It is not considered at this stage that any of the policies within the Local Plan will have a disproportionate impact on the Age protected characteristic.

The provision of new homes in Portsmouth will benefit existing and future residents of all ages. The Local Plan includes specific policies to meet the needs of older adults, with regards to the provision of housing for older adults, and those with disabilities and mobility impairments.

Policy PLP8 for St James' and Langstone Campus specifically allocates for elderly persons and sheltered accommodation. This will have a positive impact on older adults in Portsmouth by providing suitable housing to meet local needs.

Housing mix policy (PLP18) sets out the housing types which should be delivered as part of any residential development to deliver a variety of homes which cater to the population of Portsmouth and provide high quality homes and create inclusive, mixed and sustainable communities. The Local Plan aims to ensure the provision of specialist housing for specific groups, including for older adults and specialist and supported housing, including for children and young people where there is need through the policy Housing for Specific Groups (PLP19).

As the population of older adults in Portsmouth is projected to increase, the number of people with disabilities is also likely to increase. These policies will benefit the growing number of vulnerable older people in Portsmouth who have higher support needs and may require specialist accommodation. It is also expected that the targeted provision may provide opportunities for downsizing and release larger family-sized accommodation to be available for families. This will also improve health and wellbeing for all by ensuring new

homes are accessible, adaptable, suitable and safe for people of all ages.

Policy PLP27 Employability and Skills supports development which provide childcare facilities within or in close proximity to employment sites, which will benefit children and young people in Portsmouth.

Overall, it is considered the Plan as a whole and its policies will have a positive impact on Age.

Disability:

The Local Plan will impact all people in Portsmouth regardless of disability (including physical and mental health related disabilities). It is not considered at this stage that any of the policies within the Local Plan will have a disproportionate impact on the Disability protected characteristic.

The Local Plan through the core Design policy (PLP1), aims to ensure development is designed to consider lifespan and that it is accessible and adaptable to the changing needs of its users.

Many of the strategic site policies in the Local Plan are focussed on supporting development in sustainable locations where key facilities and services are accessible by walking, cycling, public transport or other sustainable transport modes. The Local Plan also supports car-free or low-car development on its strategic sites and the provision of infrastructure such as walkways, bridges, and accessible off-road pedestrian and cycle routes to support safe and suitable access for all.

This will increase accessibility for all people to community services and facilities, shops, employment and recreation spaces, regardless of disability within Portsmouth.

PLP8 St James' and Langstone Campus specifically allocates for the provision of healthcare facilities, which will support health and wellbeing in Portsmouth for the treatment of physical and mental health conditions.

The Local Plan seeks to support those with disabilities and those who may become disabled in the future. As the population of older adults in Portsmouth is projected to increase, the number of people with disabilities is also likely to increase.

The Local Plan gives specific consideration to people

with disabilities through the Housing Mix policy (PLP18), which sets out the housing types which should be delivered as part of any residential development to deliver a variety of homes which cater to the population of Portsmouth and provide high quality homes and create inclusive, mixed and sustainable communities. The Housing for Specific Groups policy (PLP19) ensures that specialist and supported accommodation is provided, which includes accommodation suitable for those with disabilities and support needs, relating to both physical and mental health.

It is considered these the Local Plan will positively benefit those with Disabilities.

Gender Reassignment:

The Local Plan will impact all people in Portsmouth regardless of gender reassignment. It is not considered at this stage that any of the policies within the Local Plan will have a disproportionate impact on the Gender reassignment protected characteristic.

Many of the strategic site policies in the Local Plan, as well as the Town Centres (PLP30) and Community and Leisure Facilities (PLP52) policies support the retention and provision of community facilities, which can include healthcare services. The St James' and Langstone Campus policy (PLP8) also specifically allocates for the provision of healthcare services at the site. Policy PLP50 Infrastructure also seeks to support the delivery of appropriate, necessary and reasonable infrastructure development in Portsmouth.

The Local Plan by supporting the provision of community facilities, including access to healthcare services will continue to support individuals to explore their gender identity and access information on gender reassignment or receive or gender affirming surgery.

The Local Plan and its policies are considered to have a neutral impact on gender reassignment.

Marriage or Civil Partnerships:

The Local Plan will impact all people in Portsmouth regardless of marriage or civil partnership. It is not considered at this stage that any of the policies within the Local Plan will have a disproportionate impact on the marriage or civil partnership protected characteristic.

Many of the strategic site policies in the Local Plan, as

well as the Town Centres (PLP30) and Community and Leisure Facilities (PLP52) policies support the retention and provision of community facilities, which can include places of worship or registered venues for marriage and civil partnership ceremonies). The St James' and Langstone Campus policy (PLP8) specifically seeks to retain the Grade II Listed Chapel at the site.

The Local Plan by supporting the provision of community facilities, including places of worship and registered ceremony venues will continue to provide opportunities for marriage and civil partnership. It is therefore considered the Local Plan will have a neutral impact on marriage and civil partnership.

Pregnancy and maternity:

The Local Plan will impact all people in Portsmouth regardless of pregnancy and maternity. It is not considered at this stage that any of the policies within the Local Plan will have a disproportionate impact on the pregnancy and maternity protected characteristic.

Many of the strategic site policies in the Local Plan, as well as the Town Centres (PLP30) and Community and Leisure Facilities (PLP52) policies support the retention and provision of community facilities, which can include healthcare services. The St James' and Langstone Campus policy (PLP8) also specifically allocates for the provision of healthcare services at the site. Policy PLP50 Infrastructure also seeks to support the delivery of appropriate, necessary and reasonable infrastructure development in Portsmouth.

The Local Plan by supporting the provision of community facilities, including access to healthcare services will continue to support pregnancy and maternity care in Portsmouth.

It is therefore considered the Local Plan will have a positive impact on pregnancy and maternity.

Race:

The Local Plan will impact all people in Portsmouth regardless of race. It is not considered at this stage that any of the policies within the Local Plan will have a disproportionate impact on the race protected characteristic.

It is not considered that the Local Plan as a whole or any of its policies discriminate against any particular race or

ethnicity.

The Local Plan through the Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople policy (PLP24) aims to ensure fair and equal treatment, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic life of travellers while respecting the interests of the settled community.

In Portsmouth, there is no identified need for either permanent or transit sites for Gypsies and Travellers for the plan period to 2040. There are also no Travelling Showpeople yards in the City and no current or future (to 2040) need for plots.

It is therefore considered that the Local Plan has a positive/neutral impact on race.

Religion or belief:

The Local Plan will impact all people in Portsmouth regardless of religion or belief. It is not considered at this stage that any of the policies within the Local Plan will have a disproportionate impact on the religion or belief protected characteristic.

Many of the strategic site policies in the Local Plan, as well as the Town Centres (PLP30) and Community and Leisure Facilities (PLP52) policies support the retention and provision of community facilities, which can include places of worship. The City Centre policy (PLP6) retains the Grade II\* listed St Agatha's Church and the All Saints Church and provide new links between the two through a substantial new park. The St James' and Langstone Campus policy (PLP8) specifically seeks to retain the Grade II listed Chapel at the site.

The Local Plan is not aimed at supporting a specific religion or belief, but instead seeks to support the future development of Portsmouth as a whole. It is therefore considered that the Local Plan has a neutral impact on religion or belief.

Sex:

The Local Plan will impact all people in Portsmouth regardless of sex. It is not considered at this stage that any of the policies within the Local Plan will have a disproportionate impact on the sex protected characteristic.

The Local Plan seeks to reduce gendered violence against women and girls and support the Council's strategy for tackling violence against women & girls

	<p>strategy for tackling violence against women &amp; girls.</p> <p>This is included specifically in the policies for Design (PLP1) and the Public Realm (PLP49) to improve safety and feelings of safety in Portsmouth. It is considered that development which tackles violence against women and girls will benefit all people regardless of sex.</p> <p>Therefore, it is considered that the Local Plan has a positive impact on sex.</p> <p>Sexual orientation: The Local Plan will impact all people in Portsmouth regardless of sexual orientation. It is not considered at this stage that any of the policies within the Local Plan will have a disproportionate impact on the sexual orientation protected characteristic.</p> <p>It is considered that the Local Plan has a neutral impact on sexual orientation.</p>
<p><b>Will any of those groups be affected in a different way to others because of your policy, project, service, function, or strategy?</b></p>	<p>Some of the policies within the Local Plan will have a direct impact on particular identified groups, including those with protected characteristics. The new local plan seeks to address inequalities experienced by disadvantaged groups. However it is not considered that the policies individually or the Plan as a whole will negatively affect other groups.</p>
<p><b>If you are directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to mitigate the negative impact?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan and its policies are not considered to discriminate directly or indirectly against any group.</p>
<p><b>Who have you consulted with or are planning to consult with and what was/will be your consultation methodology?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan has progressed through three Regulation 18 consultations.</p> <p>In Spring 2024, the Local Plan will go to pre-submission (Regulation 19 stage) if approved by Full Council. The Pre-Submission Local Plan will be considered by Members at Cabinet and then Full Council. Subject to approval by Members the Pre-Submission consultation will run for six weeks focused on matters of legal compliance and soundness only.</p>



<p><b>How are you going to review the policy, service, project or strategy, how often and who will be responsible?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>
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## **Crime - Will it make our city safer?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan seeks to help overcome crime and disorder and fear of crime in Portsmouth. The Design policy (PLP1) is a core policy which seeks to ensure all development in the City is designed to reduce crime, disorder and fear of crime, so that people can feel safe and be safe in Portsmouth.</p> <p>The allocation of strategic sites in the Plan will have positive impacts for safety by bringing disused sites into use and ensure the City is welcoming to all.</p> <p>The Public Realm policy (PLP49) also seeks to improve the public realm in Portsmouth through good design to improve safety. This has a particular focus on eradicating violence against women and girls, addressing gendered violence in the City.</p>
<p><b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>

## **Housing - will it provide good quality homes?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan seeks to deliver new homes to meet the needs of the City’s growing population over the plan period of 2020-2040. The plan identifies that 13,603 net additional homes during the Plan period will be provided.</p> <p>The Local Plan aims to deliver the first objective of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision so that all our residents and communities live in good homes where they feel safe, feel like they belong, and can thrive. A number of policies within the Local Plan directly and positively impact on increasing the provision of good quality homes in Portsmouth.</p> <p>The Design Policy (PLP1) is a core policy for the Local Plan, which seeks to ensure all types of development in Portsmouth are of high quality.</p> <p>Within Chapter 6 'Homes' of the Local Plan, there are several policies which will have a positive impact on the provision of good quality homes. The Housing Target policy (PLP16) is about delivering good homes to meet the needs of the city's growing population. The Affordable Homes policy (PLP17) aims to deliver affordable housing to meet need. The Housing Mix (PLP18) policy aims to provide a mix of housing for different groups to meet local housing need, including for family homes, accessible and adaptable homes. Policy PLP19 Housing for Specific Groups also seeks to support specialist housing to meet local housing need and create inclusive and healthy communities.</p> <p>The Space Standards Policy (PLP22) will assist the provision of safe and high-quality living standards and environments, with homes designed to meet current and future housing needs and support good physical and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>The estate renewal policy (PLP23) seeks to improve the quality of existing Portsmouth City Council owned housing stock to create healthier and safer homes that are of high quality and sustainable design.</p>
<p><b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>

## Health - will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan aims to achieve the first objective of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision for a healthy and happy City, to do everything we can to enhance wellbeing for everyone in our city by offering the education, care and support that every individual needs for their physical and mental health.</p> <p>Many of the strategic site policies seek to promote active travel and prioritise sustainable transport, to encourage physical activity and reduce poor air quality in the City. Improving access to existing and new green open spaces will increase the ability of everyone in Portsmouth to access the health benefits from places for leisure, recreation and play. Green infrastructure and green open spaces on the doorstep of homes and workplaces will provide spaces for physical and social activities, provide equitable access to nature and its benefits, as well as improve biodiversity, creating healthy and happy communities in Portsmouth.</p> <p>The housing policies in the Local Plan seek to support the provision of high quality, sustainable and suitable housing to accommodate the needs of everyone in Portsmouth. The residential density policy (PLP21) aims to focus housing in sustainable locations, with appropriate density development to support health and wellbeing, encourage active travel, increase social connectivity and support accessibility to local employment, services and facilities.</p> <p>The Green Infrastructure policy (PLP38) seeks to positively contribute towards the provision of green infrastructure and enhancement of the green grid in the City. The green grid is made up of open spaces, local green space and green corridors that link areas of green space within the City, providing access to green spaces and corridors for people and nature to enjoy.</p>
<p><b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>

## Income deprivation and poverty - will it consider income deprivation and reduce poverty?

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>The new Local Plan aspires to deliver the second and third objectives of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision so that Portsmouth is a City with a thriving economy and of lifelong learning.</p> <p>The Plan aims to deliver on the Portsmouth Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy to 'make Portsmouth Britain's premier waterfront technology and innovation city – a great place to invest, learn, live, work and visit and the most attractive place for starting, growing or relocating a business.'</p> <p>The Employment Target policy (PLP25) sets out employment land provision in order to provide 7,000 new homes in the City The Employability and Skills policy (PLP27) aims to raise local skill levels and aspirations, diversify the skills of the workforce. It will address barriers to employment for those who are economically inactive and those with protected characteristics, and support equitable access to local jobs.</p> <p>The Housing Target policy (PLP16) seeks to deliver new housing provision in Portsmouth, equating to 13,603 net additional homes during the Plan period of 2020-2040 with a net annual provision of approximately 680 homes . This includes the delivery of housing through houses in multiple occupation (HMOs), which plays a key part in meeting the needs of those who require a more affordable housing option.</p> <p>There is a notable need for affordable housing in Portsmouth, making the provision of affordable homes a key and pressing issue for the future. The Affordable Homes policy (PLP17) seeks to ensure that major development proposals make on-site provision for a minimum of 30% of the total residential dwellings as affordable homes. This aims to maximise the provision of affordable housing in Portsmouth wherever possible and to support those who cannot afford to rent or secure a property on the open market in the City.</p>
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<p><b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>
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## **Carbon emissions - will it reduce carbon emissions?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>Policies within the new Local Plan aim to deliver on the fifth strategic objective of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision and make Portsmouth a green City. This will positively impact the local and wider environment by ensuring that Portsmouth is carbon neutral, uses renewable energy and actively works to address climate change.</p> <p>The Local Plan includes a chapter on addressing the climate emergency in Portsmouth, which follows on from the City Council declaring a climate change emergency in March 2019.</p> <p>The Local Plan includes seven policies relating to the climate emergency, which seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and reduce energy consumption in Portsmouth.</p> <p>The core policy Climate Emergency (PLP2) will ensure that all new development meets the objectives set out by the City Council's Climate Change Declaration and Climate Change Strategy. This will support development in Portsmouth which minimises energy use and waste, maximises renewable and low carbon energy sources, encourages recycling and the reuse of existing buildings, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>In December 2023 the Government issued a Written Ministerial Statement preventing local energy efficiency standards for buildings that go beyond current or planned buildings regulation. This has prevented the City Council from including ambitious targets for energy efficiency in its Local Plan in line with its Climate Change Strategy. The Council is disappointed by this decision and encourages the Government to bring in the necessary changes to the energy efficiency building regulations at the earliest possible opportunity.</p>
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	<p>Sustainable Construction and Onsite Renewable Energy policy (PLP33) seeks to reduce energy consumption to reduce the City's carbon emissions and the negative impact of construction on the environment. This sets out how new development should be built in a sustainable way minimising environmental and carbon impacts. The Renewable Energy policy (PLP34) relates to the provision of new renewable energy infrastructure in Portsmouth. It aims to encourage sustainable energy generation within the City to contribute to the City's Climate Emergency Declaration and the aim of carbon neutrality by 2030.</p>
<p><b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>

**Energy use - will it reduce energy use?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>Policies within the new Local Plan aim to deliver on the fifth strategic objective of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision and make Portsmouth a green City. This will positively impact the local and wider environment by ensuring that Portsmouth is carbon neutral, uses renewable energy and actively works to address climate change.</p> <p>In December 2023 the Government issued a Written Ministerial Statement preventing local energy efficiency standards for buildings that go beyond current or planned buildings regulation. This has prevented the City Council from including ambitious targets for energy efficiency in its Local Plan in line with its Climate Change Strategy. The Council is disappointed by this decision and encourages the Government to bring in the necessary changes to the energy efficiency building regulations at the earliest possible opportunity.</p> <p>Several policies seek to reduce energy use, water consumption, and waste.</p> <p>The Sustainable Construction and Onsite Renewable Energy (PLP33) policy seeks to reduce energy use by encouraging sustainable and efficient resource use and improving water efficiency.</p> <p>The Renewable Energy policy (PLP34) aims to encourage sustainable energy generation to contribute to the City's Climate Emergency Declaration and the aim of carbon neutrality by 2030. Encouraging Portsmouth's transition towards renewable and low-carbon energy sources will reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by fossil fuels, benefitting everyone in Portsmouth and the environment.</p>
<p><b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>

**Climate change mitigation and flooding - will it proactively mitigate against a changing climate and flooding?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>Policies within the new Local Plan aim to deliver on the fifth strategic objective of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision and make Portsmouth a green City. This will positively impact the local and wider environment by ensuring that Portsmouth is carbon neutral, uses renewable energy and actively works to address climate change.</p> <p>In December 2023 the Government issued a Written Ministerial Statement preventing local energy efficiency standards for buildings that go beyond current or planned buildings regulation. This has prevented the City Council from including ambitious targets for energy efficiency in its Local Plan in line with its Climate Change Strategy. The Council is disappointed by this decision and encourages the Government to bring in the necessary changes to the energy efficiency building regulations at the earliest possible opportunity.</p> <p>Several policies within the Local Plan seek to build resistance to impacts of climate change including sea level rise and flood risk. Policies for Flooding (PLP31) and Sustainable Drainage Systems (PLP32) aim to mitigate the impact of flood risk, implement flood management and reduce vulnerability to surface water flooding. Policy PLP31 does not allow basement dwellings in the City, which reduces the risk to life from flooding.</p> <p>The Sustainable Construction and Onsite Renewable Energy (PLP33) policy seeks to ensure all future development in Portsmouth is adaptable and resilient to climate change, to address rising temperatures and overheating during the lifetime of development.</p>
<p><b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>

**Natural environment - will it ensure public spaces are greener, more sustainable and well-maintained?**



**Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?**

Policies within the new Local Plan aim to deliver on the fifth strategic objective of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision and make Portsmouth a green City which protects and enhances both our land and maritime environment for future generations.

The Local Plan includes a chapter on Greening the City in order to address the nature emergency declared by the Council in December 2021. The Local Plan sits alongside City Council strategies and initiatives and sets out the approach to meeting the commitments set by the nature emergency declaration.

Several policies within the Local Plan seek to positively contribute towards enhancing green infrastructure in the City and protecting green spaces. The Biodiversity Net Gain policy (PLP40) will ensure developments deliver improvements in biodiversity. The Trees and Hedgerows policy (PLP41) will impact positively on the natural environment in Portsmouth by protecting and increasing tree cover in Portsmouth, protecting habitats and encouraging biodiversity.

The Green Infrastructure policy (PLP38) seeks to increase and enhance green infrastructure in Portsmouth, to create green spaces and green corridors which benefit people, plants and animals. Policies for Open Space (PLP45) and Local Green Spaces (PLP46) also seek to protect and enhance green spaces in the City.

The Biodiversity policy (PLP39) will positively benefit biodiversity in Portsmouth by supporting development protecting green open spaces and conserving and enhancing biodiversity. It also sets out the approach for the protection of designated sites within Portsmouth. It will support the creation and improvement of wildlife habitats and support the protection and recovery of local species.

The Local Plan also seeks to protect the biodiversity of the Solent from eutrophication through the Nutrient Neutrality policy (PLP44), which will protect internationally important habitats.

The Solent Waders and Brent Geese (PLP42) and Recreational Disturbance (PLP43) policies will also positively impact upon species conservation and support biodiversity in Portsmouth by protecting habitats and mitigating the impact of residential development and

	recreational disturbance on protected species.
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

## **Air quality - will it improve air quality?**

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	<p>Policies within the new Local Plan aim to deliver on the fifth strategic objective of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision and make Portsmouth a green City with excellent air quality because of our green spaces and sustainable transport.</p> <p>The Air Quality and Pollution policy (PLP35) aims to help implement the Local Air Quality Plan and improve the City's air quality.</p> <p>The Local Plan will positively impact on air quality by reducing vehicle traffic and reliance on private vehicles in Portsmouth. It supports well-designed and appropriately located development to improve connectivity and improve infrastructure across the City for active and sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>Many of the strategic site policies seek to promote active travel and prioritise sustainable transport by supporting car-free or low-car development, reducing poor air quality in the City. The Movement and Transport policy (PLP47) which seeks to prioritise walking, cycling, and public and shared transport, will reduce emissions from private vehicles and improve air quality.</p>
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

**Transport - will it make transport more sustainable and safer for the whole community?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>Policies within the Local Plan seek to deliver on the sixth strategic objective of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision so that Portsmouth is a city with easy travel. The Plan aims to ensure that fewer journeys are made by car because we have excellent public transport connections between bus, train, cycling and walking routes, making it easier and more enjoyable to be out and about. We encourage and support more walking and cycling, and we make it easy for people to travel regionally, nationally and internationally for work and pleasure.</p> <p>Many of the strategic site policies aim to deliver car-free or low-car developments to promote active travel and uptake of sustainable transport, and to minimise car dependency.</p> <p>The Local Plan seeks to deliver the objectives of the Local Transport Plan 4 to create an environment that encourages people in Portsmouth to travel sustainably within a safe, convenient, affordable to use, and efficient transport network.</p> <p>The impact of the Movement and Transport policy (PLP47) which seeks to prioritise walking, cycling, and public and shared transport will positively impact health and wellbeing. It will reduce travel inequality and improve accessibility by ensuring that future development in Portsmouth accommodates the needs of people with disabilities by all modes of transport.</p>
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**Waste management - will it increase recycling and reduce the production of waste?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>A policy in the Local Plan chapter 8 on the Climate Emergency seeks to minimise the use of resources. Through the Sustainable Construction and Onsite Renewable Energy policy (PLP33), the Local Plan will reduce construction waste and energy use to encourage efficient resource use.</p>
<p><b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will be monitored regularly over the plan period against set targets and indicators, as set out in Chapter 12: Monitoring of the Plan. A full list of the targets and indicators is set out in Table 12.1. The monitoring indicators have been applied to policies in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>

**Culture and heritage - will it promote, protect and enhance our culture and heritage?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan seeks to deliver on the second strategic objective of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision for a City rich in culture and creativity which will help drive Portsmouth's thriving economy.</p> <p>Policies within the Local Plan aim to preserve, conserve and enhance the City's historic environment, listed buildings, conservation areas, and scheduled monuments and archaeological heritage assets, through the Historic Environment (PLP53); Listed Buildings (PLP54); Conservation Areas (PLP55); and Archaeology (PLP56) policies.</p> <p>The Local Plan also seeks to deliver on the objectives of the Council's Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy and its Tourism and Visitor Economy Strategy, to support and grow Portsmouth's cultural and creative and visitor economy.</p> <p>This will make Portsmouth a City that people wish to visit, and improve access for all people to its rich culture and heritage.</p>
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**Employment and opportunities - will it promote the development of a skilled workforce?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>The Portsmouth Local Plan aims to deliver on the second and third strategic objectives of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision to make Portsmouth a City with a thriving economy and encourage lifelong learning. It will seek to build strong partnerships between employers and people to develop an excellent skills base and offer brilliant career opportunities to young people, students and adults.</p> <p>The Local Plan's Employment Target policy (PLP25) makes provision for 138,429m2 of new employment floorspace and aims to provide 7,000 new jobs over the plan period.</p> <p>The Employability and Skills policy (PLP27) will address barriers to employment for economically inactive people and barriers to work relating to equality. It will support development which raises local skills levels and increases employability for local people, to tackle skills shortages, reduce unemployment and create further opportunities for training.</p>
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**Economy - will it encourage businesses to invest in the city, support sustainable growth and regeneration?**

<p><b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b></p>	<p>The Portsmouth Local Plan aims to deliver on the second and third strategic objectives of the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision to make Portsmouth a City with a thriving economy and encourage lifelong learning. It will also seek to deliver on the objectives of the Portsmouth Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy to make Portsmouth Britain's premier waterfront technology and innovation city.</p> <p>Several strategic site policies will support employment and the growth of industries in Portsmouth, for example, through the allocation of marine employment floorspace at Tipner West and Horsea Island East (PLP3), and new office floorspace in the City Centre (PLP5) and Lakeside (PLP6).</p> <p>The Employability and Skills policy (PLP27) will also positively impact the local economy by addressing barriers to employment and providing employment opportunities for local people.</p> <p>The Local Plan seeks to ensure the vitality and viability of Portsmouth's Town Centres (PLP28) and support centres as the primary areas of economic growth and employment. The Plan also seeks to improve and diversify the local economy by supporting the growth of culture, creativity and tourism in Portsmouth through the Cultural and Visitor Economy policy (PLP30).</p>
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## Social value

<p><b>Please explain how your policy, service, function, project or strategy delivers Social Value</b></p>	<p>The Local Plan will deliver social value by achieving the Portsmouth 2040 Vision through both the Plan's site allocations and its City-wide policies.</p> <p>The Vision states that: 'In 2040 Portsmouth will be an island city with an incredible waterfront, a rich cultural heritage and a strong maritime history. With a naval base, international port and strong local links across the south, we are the centre of culture and enterprise for our area. In 2040 we are very proud of Portsmouth, how we behave towards each other and how it feels to live here.'</p> <p>Each Local Plan policy achieves one or more of the six strategic objectives, which are key to achieving the Imagine Portsmouth 2040 Vision.</p> <p>The Local Plan, as the statutory development plan for Portsmouth which guides future development in the City until 2040 aims to create a lasting and positive impact by helping to shape a resilient future for Portsmouth's local and regional communities, businesses and environment.</p>
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## Involvement

<p><b>Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?</b></p>	<p>Planning Policy Officers</p>
<p><b>Name of the person completing this form</b></p>	<p>Polly Murray</p>
<p><b>Date of completion</b></p>	<p>2024-02-12</p>