



Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 17 September 2020

Report of: David Hutchinson, Future South

Subject: A GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE, THE OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

Summary of the report being presented to PfSH Joint Committee, 30 September

SUMMARY

PfSH has been approached by the partnership of [Green Halo Partnership](#), [Future South](#) and [Southern Policy Centre](#) with a request to present their report 'A Greenprint for South Hampshire' to Joint Committee. The report sets out a framework that could guide the inclusions of projects to achieve a Greenprint for South Hampshire. The ambition is to shape a green future. Councils, LEPs and businesses across the region have developed or are developing plans and strategies to support the 'green' or 'zero-carbon' economy. Economic and environmental initiatives, from Future South to the Green Halo Partnership are bringing people and partners together to find ways of building an economy that operates within environmental limits.

The report is set in the context of a recent survey conducted by You Gov for the not-for-profit advocacy group [Positive Money](#) found that 82% of members of the public questioned wanted the Government to prioritise the health and wellbeing of citizens over economic growth as they shape recovery post Covid-19. In the same survey 61% of respondents wanted improved social and environmental outcomes to be the Government's priority.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report and consider any comments to be passed to the Joint Committee for consideration.
- b) NOTE that Joint Committee will be asked to consider its engagement with the initiatives set out in the report 'A Greenprint for South Hampshire'

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

1. Their report will state that there is an opportunity to shape a future which achieves a better balance between nature, business and our communities. It is clear that many people want and hope for that balance post lockdown. However, if that is to be achieved, there will need to be a clear and consistent understanding of what we are trying to achieve and how best to realise it.
2. The report will set out a framework of opportunities to build on the things already happening across South Hampshire to re-shape an economy and environment that helps communities thrive. To do that, the report will state that we need to ensure that local authorities, businesses, local enterprise partnerships and others should work together to design and implement programmes that achieve economic, environmental and social improvements.
3. Building on discussions with its colleagues, including the debate at the Hampshire 2050 Commission, the joint report will include a framework that could guide the inclusions of projects to achieve a Greenprint for South Hampshire.
4. Joint Committee will be asked for PfSH's support on four fronts:
 - Help to prepare a 'Prospectus' for green recovery in South Hampshire, articulating shared aims and objectives. It should be a bold statement of ambition which we can use to secure government and other support their initiative
 - Assistance with developing the draft framework further, working with key organisations to review principles, outcomes and performance measures, ensuring they accord with shared priorities and will shape a recovery which both builds on our natural strengths and addresses common challenges
 - Bringing together senior leaders from our councils, LEPs, HEIs and the business, environmental and community sector to gain agreement to a common approach to a green recovery
 - Reviewing key plans and policies – from local plans to low carbon strategies – to identify common themes where collaboration can help build a green recovery
4. This work will be undertaken by the Green Halo Partnership and Future South, with support from the Southern Policy Centre. A financial contribution to facilitate these next steps would be required.
5. PfSH is considered a key partner in light support it can offer in terms of offering the political leadership needed for successful collaboration in securing a greenprint across South Hampshire.

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ENQUIRIES:

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