



Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: A Greenprint for South Hampshire - A Proposed Framework
Summary of the report being presented to PfSH Joint Committee, 25 January 2021

SUMMARY

Joint Committee agreed the recommendations put to it in the report '[A Green Print for South Hampshire](#)' on 30 September. The report promoted the idea of a common approach to creating '*a more prosperous, fair, resilient and environmentally aware society as we emerge from the Covid-19 crisis*'. The report considered that PfSH had a significant role to play in promoting the ideas it set out, and that it lead (given its role coordinating activity across local authorities) on developing further a set of initiatives appended to it.

Following internal discussions as a consequence of Joint Committee's decision, it has been agreed that Alison Barnes, Chief Executive of New Forest National Park Authority will lead PfSH's work supporting the Greenprint. A report will be presented to Joint Committee outlining progress on this work.

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:-
NOTE the progress made on the South Hampshire Greenprint framework.

BACKGROUND

Following on from the presentation of the report 'A Greenprint for South Hampshire' to PfSH Joint Committee, the partnership of Green Halo, Future South and Southern Policy Centre has together taken further steps to develop and refine a Greenprint - setting an approach to delivering a green recovery for the region.

This has been achieved through a detailed analysis of key policy documents produced by organisations across South Hampshire. In addition, there has been consultation with key stakeholders about a detailed framework that reflects South Hampshire priorities and the unique characteristics of our area. Conversations have been held with councils, LEPs and other partners to gain a more accurate understanding of the distinctive qualities of the region and shared economic, social and environmental priorities.

These discussions have also looked at opportunities for synergies between authorities and sought to identify flagship projects that illustrate South Hampshire's Greenprint potential. The aim is to propose an attractive and unified Greenprint framework consisting of essential shared priorities that underpin our ambitions for a green future. Importantly, the emerging framework builds on policies and programmes already being planned and delivered across the region.

The report to Joint Committee will outline the focus of the work on five key areas:

- Safeguarding biodiversity and natural capital
- Addressing significant health and skills inequalities
- Supporting green infrastructure initiatives
- Developing affordable and efficient housing
- Creating sustainable jobs and construction

Progress has been aided by the involvement of University of Southampton, which has provided a policy consultant from its postgraduate department on a three-month placement. The independent researcher analysed key documents provided by local authorities and enterprise partnerships to understand the commonalities, intersections and shared aspirations of relevant stakeholders. This established a longlist of policy themes that have been condensed and synthesised into the five key environmental priorities for the region list above. Findings and recommendations have been presented at project steering groups, with further workshops planned for early 2021.

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ENQUIRIES:

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