



Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee

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Subject: GREENPRINT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE: UPDATE ON PROGRESS

SUMMARY

At the September 2020 meeting, the Joint Committee agreed to PfSH officers working with colleagues from the business, environmental and HE sectors to prepare a '*Greenprint for South Hampshire*', articulating our shared economic, environmental and social objectives. That work has been taken forward and this report updates the Committee on its progress.

This report outlines an emerging framework for a Greenprint based on five priorities which reflect shared commitments of local authorities and other partners across South Hampshire. If the Committee are content to endorse that framework, the next step is to build wider 'ownership' amongst partners, and to identify the projects and programmes where there is scope to add value and develop a partnership approach to delivering a green recovery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is RECOMMENDED that the Joint Committee: -

- a) NOTES on the emerging framework and priorities this paper outlines, and in particular whether it reflects their understanding of South Hampshire's shared priorities;
- b) ENDORSES further work to identify key projects which will help realise the proposed priorities and the metrics by which success is measured; and
- c) AGREES to officers broadening the discussion to include a wide range of partners in building a commitment to a jointly owned public-private Greenprint for South Hampshire. That should include immediate neighbours, notably the Isle of Wight and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

Background

1. Our last report highlighted the opportunities for PFSH being at the forefront of the national debate about how we can achieve a 'recovery' from recent traumatic events which tackles economic, social and environmental challenges. South Hampshire can build on our significant regional assets, from the quality of the local environment to the skills we have in certain key sectors. It is also an opportunity to work together to address the challenges we face, and to respond to the changing expectations of the public on how we build a sustainable economy and strong, prosperous communities.
2. The Committee agreed that the framework for a so called 'green recovery' – the South Hampshire Greenprint – would be based on:
 - Five principles, or priorities, which set out shared strategic objectives;
 - Under each of these principles a set of outcomes which identify our shared aspirations; and
 - Performance measures to assess our progress towards those outcomes.
3. Importantly, this approach builds on existing policies and programmes, without adding a new suite of plans and commitments. It offers a basis on which we can work together across the region to deliver real change. The framework provides a template against which we can measure projects and programmes and identify gaps in our plans. It allows councils and others to check that their projects and programmes are delivering the best outcomes for the economy, environment and society.

Progress to date

4. We have been fortunate in taking this work forward to have the support of a Postgraduate Student from Southampton University, seconded for three months under the University's Doctoral Training Programme. Joseph Owen, who is studying for a PhD in English Literature, has quickly become familiar with this policy area and undertaken much of the work outlined below.
5. The project started with a thorough analysis of the projects, programmes and policies set out in the strategic documents produced by local authorities, the National Park and Solent LEP – from local plans to corporate strategies and strategic economic plans. The aim was to identify the shared objectives and priorities of South Hampshire organisations from which a shared Greenprint could be built.
6. The emerging 'long-list' of shared priorities covered 20 themes, ranging from creating a zero carbon economy and building digitally connected communities to sustainable job creation and enhancing biodiversity. This long-list was discussed with a small Project Steering Group, which included EBC, HCC, PCC, SCC, Solent LEP and NFNPA representatives, as well as Future South. It was also discussed at a series of one-to-one interviews with Steering Group members.
7. From those conversations five themes emerged which the Project Steering Group feel best capture PFSH members' shared priorities. Whilst they all have a green 'thread' running through them, these themes cover a range of shared economic, social and environmental aspirations:
 - Safeguard biodiversity and natural capital
 - Address significant health and skills inequalities
 - Support green infrastructure initiatives
 - Develop affordable and efficient housing

- Create sustainable jobs and construction
8. The Joint Committee were keen to see a framework which reflects the special characteristics of South Hampshire, rather than one which could apply anywhere. Work to date has suggested several of those characteristics which, when taken together capture South Hampshire's distinctiveness:
- Our renowned coastline and national parks immediately adjacent to urban areas.
 - The inter-connected mosaic of urban, suburban and rural communities which makes up our region.
 - Our excellent educational and research institutions with the capacity and expertise to contribute to delivering a green recovery.
 - A commitment to building homes, commercial buildings and places which meet the highest environmental standards.
 - A shared vision for climate resilience developed with local businesses, and innovative SMEs.
9. The Steering Group has also discussed how these themes and characteristics can be drawn together in a set of priority programmes which encompass work to protect and enhance our economy, environment and communities. Those priorities should capture the range of projects and programmes being developed or already underway across South Hampshire. That will help councils and others identify synergies and opportunities for working together, and to collaborate to shape new projects which will help achieve our green recovery.

An emerging framework

10. The Steering Group have identified five proposed priorities which they consider encapsulate the different elements of a green recovery for South Hampshire:
- i. **Net zero with nature** – providing the leadership necessary to reduce carbon emissions, taking a more integrated and holistic approach by working with nature to build a zero carbon economy and zero carbon communities.
 - ii. **Natural health service** – improving physical and mental health and wellbeing and tackling health inequalities through greater access to our world class natural environments and bringing nature into our urban communities.
 - iii. **World class blue/green environments** – protecting, restoring and improving our distinctive, high quality blue and green environments, enabling the natural capital and ecosystem services they offer us to contribute fully to a strong economy and a healthy, inclusive society.
 - iv. **Creating great places through quality in design and build** – encouraging an innovative approach to creating high quality, inclusive and sustainable places for people and nature, adopting a low-carbon, sustainable approach which will make the region an exemplar.
 - v. **Centre for excellence in green skills and jobs** – tackle local skills gaps and economic inequalities by building a future workforce which can seize the opportunities offered by innovation in key sectors of our economy, including zero carbon economy, land management and the visitor economy.

The order above is not intended to represent any ranking of priorities, all are equally important. Crucially, they are inter-dependent and, when taken together, create a unique package which draws on our local identity and strengths.

11. The table attached at **Appendix 1** illustrates how a number of South Hampshire projects already underway address one or more of these proposed priorities. The table is far from complete, and is intended to be illustrative. Recognising what we are already doing is a key starting point for building a green recovery.
12. Three strands run through these priorities: innovation to help shape new responses, turning ideas into practice and leadership to ensure all involved make a genuine commitment to the Greenprint. South Hampshire has a strong record on each of these, notably innovation in technology to help tackle current and future challenges.
13. We recommend these priorities to the Joint Committee as the basis for developing the South Hampshire Greenprint.

Next Steps

14. As a first step, members of the Joint Committee are invited to consider whether they support the Steering Group's view that the five priorities listed in para.10 above reflect what they consider should be key priorities for balancing economic, environmental and social objectives within the South Hampshire Greenprint. They are not, of course, exclusive. The Partnership or its members will have other objectives to meet local need. However, the aim of the Greenprint is to draw together those priorities which we believe will provide a focus for collaboration to deliver a green recovery for the area.
15. Subject to any comments Committee members wish to make, there are four pieces of work to develop the framework further:
 - i. Broaden the discussion of the framework to include all PfSH member authorities and other key businesses and organisations in South Hampshire. This will help gain a shared ownership of the Greenprint framework. The nature of the priorities and the cross-boundary connectivity they require suggests that dialogue should also include key immediate neighbours to PfSH such as the Isle of Wight and Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Councils.
 - ii. Identify the key outcomes for each of these priorities: the improvements to the local economy, environment or communities that we aim to achieve.
 - iii. Identify the projects in development or underway which will contribute to achieving each priority, noting that some may contribute to more than one priority.
 - iv. Identify the key performance measures we should include on a 'balanced scorecard' for the Greenprint to enable all partners to measure their contribution.

Recommendation

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Hampshire. That should include immediate neighbours, notably the Isle of Wight and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: A Greenprint for South Hampshire: the opportunities ahead – PfSH Joint Committee, 30 September 2020

Appendices: **Appendix 1** - Examples of existing projects which address draft priorities

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<p>Appendix: Illustrating how selected projects meet Greenprint priorities</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Priorities →</p>	<p>Net zero with nature</p> <p>Providing the leadership necessary to reduce carbon emissions, taking a more integrated and holistic approach by working with nature to build a zero carbon economy and zero carbon communities.</p>	<p>Natural health service</p> <p>Improving physical and mental health and wellbeing and tackling health inequalities through greater access to our world class natural environments and bringing nature into our urban communities.</p>	<p>World-class green/blue environments</p> <p>Protecting, restoring and improving our distinctive, high quality blue and green environments, enabling the natural capital and ecosystem services they offer us to contribute fully to a strong economy and a healthy, inclusive society.</p>	<p>Creating great places through quality in design and build</p> <p>Encouraging an innovative approach to creating high quality, inclusive and sustainable places for people and nature, adopting a low-carbon, sustainable approach which will make the region an exemplar.</p>	<p>Centre of excellence for green skills and jobs</p> <p>Tackling local skills gaps and economic inequalities by building a future workforce which can seize the opportunities offered by innovation in key sectors of our economy, including zero carbon economy, land management and the visitor economy.</p>
<p>Example Projects</p>					
<p><u>Plastic Revolution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give Plastic the Push 	✓		✓	✓	
<p><u>Technology South</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation South Greentech South Smarter Choices Low Carbon Solent Centre for Enzyme Innovation Sustainable Design Sub-Group 	✓			✓	✓
<p><u>Hampshire Retrofit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Switched On Portsmouth Coldeast Manor House Northern Wey Valley Regeneration 	✓	✓		✓	✓
<p><u>New Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fawley Waterside Welborne One Horton Heath Tipner West Romsey Future 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p><u>Mobility as a Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-scooter trials Electric bin lorry fleet Upgrading buses Park and ride expansion South East Hampshire Rapid Transit Eastleigh Cycling Strategy Bordon Garrison Green Grid & Loop Sharing and Vehicle Electrification Manual for Streets Intelligent Transport System Pompey Monsters 				✓	✓
<p><u>Local Authority Plans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greening Portsmouth Strategy Hampshire Tree Strategy 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p><u>Energy Hubs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential Chargepoint Areas Newlands Farm Solar Targeted Solar Group Buying Scheme Community Energy Network Sustainable Community Hub Energy and Water at Home Digital By Default Solent's Offshore Wind Sector 	✓	✓		✓	✓
<p><u>Sustainable Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hampshire Community Bank 	✓			✓	✓
<p><u>Natural Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Forest Landscape-scale projects Forest of Bere Team Wilder / Wilder Land and Sea Secrets of the Solent Buddy with Nature Nature Recovery Network Decarbonisation Cluster and Natural Capital Hub Natural Solutions Hub Green City Champions Urban Canopy Project 	✓	✓	✓		✓

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Tree Challenge Fund • Tree Preservation Orders • Grassland Management Plan • Green Space Map 					
<u>Value of Water</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run-of-river hydropower • Coastal Schemes (Southsea, North Portsea Island and Eastern Solent Partnership) • River Anton Enhancement Scheme • Romsey Waterways and Wetlands 	✓		✓	✓	✓
<u>National Parks and Public Health</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Woodlands • Nature's Stepping Stones • Nature Health Network • PHE Accord • Wild Play Sites • The Big Green Weekend • Cranborne Chase 	✓	✓	✓		
<u>Green Skills and Training</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gigabit Island • Woolston's Silicon Wharf • Langstone Technology Park • Dunsbury Park 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>Green Ports</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portsmouth Port net-zero • HMS Daedalus / Solent Airport • South Hampshire free port • Shore-to-Ship Power 	✓		✓	✓	
<u>Clean Air</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging Clean Air Zone • Air Quality Management Area • Let's Clear the Air 	✓	✓			