



Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Greenprint for South Hampshire: update

SUMMARY

The Joint Committee has supported the development of a '*Greenprint for South Hampshire*', to identify and assist in delivering our shared economic, environmental and social objectives. Members have endorsed for wider discussion a framework comprising five principles.

In March the Joint Committee agreed a contribution of £20,000 from PfSH's unallocated resources to support a programme of work to develop the *Greenprint*.

This report updates Members on work underway.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:-

- a) NOTE the contents of this report;
- b) NOTE the progress on developing the Greenprint for South Hampshire; and
- c) pass any comments to the Joint Committee for their consideration.

Background

1. As members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee may recall, the *Greenprint* offers a framework for a balanced 'green recovery' across the area, comprising five principles:
 - Delivering net zero carbon with nature
 - Promoting a natural health service
 - Protecting, restoring and improving our world class blue/green environments
 - Creating great places through quality in design and build
 - Making our area a centre for excellence in green skills and jobs
2. These principles reflect PfSH members' shared strategic objectives and are a focus for collaboration to deliver a green recovery for South Hampshire. They will sit alongside the other priorities of individual local authorities, LEPs and those that others will have to meet local circumstances.
3. As the March report to Joint Committee outlined, the next step is to put flesh on the bones of the framework, broadening the discussion about *Greenprint*, identifying key outcomes and the work which supports their delivery as well as determining how to measure performance in achieving progress and communicating with a diversity of audiences.
4. A summary of progress is given below.

Greenprint Work Underway

5. The Project Steering Group, which includes representatives from PfSH councils, as well as Solent LEP and the Universities of Portsmouth and Southampton, continues to meet regularly. It has been expanded to include a colleague from Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP). It is a valuable forum for updating on the work underway in individual organisations, and facilitating sharing of ideas and collaboration. This helps ensure a consistency of approach, and gives the opportunity for others to learn from colleagues' ideas and approaches.
6. From the outset of the project we had the support of a seconded post-graduate student from Southampton University. That secondment was invaluable in helping develop the *Greenprint* model. That secondment ended in March, but the University have recently recruited a second postgraduate to assist with the project. She will be with us until the autumn.
7. The March report outlined a number of strands of activity to be pursued. Progress against these is summarised below:
 - Meetings with colleagues from PfSH and neighbour councils and other organisations to build understanding and ownership of the framework – as noted above, we have brought BCP Council into the project, and have also discussed *Greenprint* with EM3 LEP. A series of meetings with key officer groups across PfSH and Hampshire are planned to ensure a wider professional input to the project;
 - Workshops to develop each of the principles and agree key outcomes and performance measures – our seconded post-graduate student is continuing work to develop both the definitions of and outcomes for the five principles. The planned workshops will build on this, bringing in expertise from all partners. These will take place in the autumn;

- Sector based workshops to help understand the contribution each of South Hampshire's key economic sectors can make to the *Greenprint* – we are developing further the analysis of the impact of *Greenprint* priorities on the area's key sectors, with a view to holding these workshops in the autumn;
 - A data workshop to help shape the basis of the 'balanced scorecard' by which progress would be measured – we have identified a group of data professionals from local authorities and universities to take part in this workshop, which will be convened shortly;
 - Ensuring that the Greenprint model is communicated to all partners across the PFSH area and its hinterland – a small communications working group has been set up, including representatives from the New Forest National Park Authority, University of Portsmouth and Solent LEP. Work is in hand to draft a set of briefing notes targeted at different audiences. We will also be preparing a short video to introduce the *Greenprint* to a wider audience, and building a website, initially to be hosted by a partner;
 - Two other activities will be pursued later in the year once the framework is more fully developed:
 - Community-based deliberative workshops to raise public awareness of the *Greenprint*, improve understanding and garner support; and
 - Hosting an event to discuss other approaches to tackling the challenge of a green recovery, allowing for an exchange of ideas and sharing of information.
8. Other activity underway is also helping develop the *Greenprint* and ensure that the approach is integrated with other work underway across the area:
- a. Alison Barnes is working with colleagues developing the Solent Freeport, where there is an opportunity for the proposed Green Growth Institute to complement the *Greenprint* model for a green recovery;
 - b. Alison and Simon Eden have met with PFSH officers who are leading work on the Partnership's Spatial Position Statement. The two initiatives should be closely aligned, and that dialogue will continue to ensure they complement one another;
 - c. Councils and others are reviewing key documents – from economic development strategies to local plans – or developing initiatives which will help drive a green recovery – for example actions on energy arising from Hampshire County Council's 2050 Commission or EM3's work on green skills. We will compile a 'register' of this activity to ensure our approach is consistent and that we can identify opportunities for collaboration.

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Background Papers: None

Appendix: None

Reference Papers: [A Greenprint for South Hampshire: request for funding– PfSH Joint Committee, 22 March 2021](#)

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