Report to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee

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Subject: **GREENPRINT: A LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR PFSH**

Summary

At the September 2023 meeting of Joint Committee, members agreed *'to continue to take a leading role in driving forward a regional green recovery, with the chief executive group to advise on the best mechanism to achieve this'.* This report updates Joint Committee on the outcomes of the two PfSH local authority workshops commissioned to consider how the Partnership for South Hampshire can provide leadership for the Greenprint initiative.

Recommendations

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b) ENDORSES the formation of a 'Greenprint Network' of relevant officials drawn from across (but not confined to) the PfSH membership of local authorities. The purpose of the group will be to grow collaboration, share skills and knowledge, facilitate projects, encourage joint working and win resources. Leadership of the wider Greenprint initiative would be retained by the existing Greenprint Steering Group including New Forest National Park Authority and the universities of Portsmouth and Southampton. A network can fulfil a range of functions:

   i. nurture a community of practice and a monitoring function to maintain an overview (or measure) of the collective impact of delivery against the Greenprint Framework. PfSH would provide a basic secretariat function for the group and it is anticipated that the network would meet three times a year.

   ii. permanently plug PfSH local authorities into the initiative and demonstrate their continued support and leadership.

   iii. provide a conduit for the collective and regular reporting into Joint Committee - taking into consideration the range of other initiatives with shared outcomes, for example those identified in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of this report.

c) Agree that a terms of reference will be developed by the Greenprint network and then brought to the Joint Committee for approval.

Background

1.1 Greenprint provides a framework to collaborate across key themes and take a balanced approach to effective delivery. The themes derive from analysis of partners plans and strategies and present a distinctive offer for our area, which recognises good work already underway and our ambition for the future. Greenprint can enhance our reputation and assist us in seeking resources, enabling us to be a place known for sustainable growth, supporting social and economic progress whilst meeting our vision of a world class environment.

1.2 In January 2024, PfSH chief executives commissioned the Greenprint leadership team, and PfSH Coordinators, to investigate ways in which PfSH local authorities can support the Greenprint Framework. This was both in terms of implementation by local authorities, and through the provision of some form of leadership. It was agreed that the best way to do this would be through a series of cross-local authority workshops. The aim of the workshops was to introduce the concept of the Greenprint Framework to local authorities and encourage engagement with it - and also provide a steer for chief executives and Joint Committee on how PfSH might provide a leadership function to drive support for the Greenprint Framework. It may be helpful to remind members that, at the meeting of PfSH Joint Committee in September 2023, members charged chief executives with creating a mechanism by which PfSH can provide more of a leadership role over and above the support it has provided to date.

1.2 As part of the process, chief executives suggested that one workshop should examine the Greenprint initiative in more detail and describe the pilot application of the Greenprint Framework undertaken by Portsmouth City Council as an exemplar. The workshop would include a request that each local authority then undertake a light-touch assessment of their position against the Greenprint Framework. **Annex A** is a detailed analysis of the results of that exercise, and sets out the existing and ongoing activity being undertaken by PfSH member local authorities that can be measured against the Greenprint Framework. As an aside, the analysis highlights 222 workstreams across the local authorities that participated in the assessment - all of which 'score' against the Greenprint Framework.

1.3 A second workshop would then focus on an examination of the complementary activity across local authorities and the potential value of the Greenprint. The aim would be to assist PfSH chief executives in understanding how they, and Joint Committee, might best support the Greenprint work going forward. The report showed that there was much complimentary activity and opportunity to collaborate and benefit from sharing good practice.

1.4 The two workshops described took place on 23 February and 14 June. All PfSH member local authorities sent appropriate representatives to either one of, or both of the workshops.

2. PfSH Greenprint Workshop, 14 June

2.1 The outcome of the second workshop on 14 June focussed on seeking a consensus around next steps, that is, what should follow in terms of local authority engagement with Greenprint. **In summary, the group agreed strong support for the establishment of a cross-local authority network of relevant officials to facilitate collaboration and support.** The purpose of such a network would be to encourage collaboration - a local authority partnership approach, which provides agency to the implementation of the Greenprint Framework's five thematic strands[1]. This network could be drawn, initially, from those officials that attended the workshops in February and June and meet three times a year. It would also serve the purpose of providing a forum for monitoring activity and progress alongside supporting other measures mentioned in this report.

2.2 Through a 'Greenprint Network' of local authorities, and to add colour in terms of what headline functions it could undertake, officers considered:

- **Use the established PfSH governance processes as a conduit to inform our local authority leaders.** PfSH has supported Greenprint from the outset - and agreed a financial contribution to its development in March 2021. On the back of that support, the Greenprint initiative led by Alison Barnes and the universities of Portsmouth and Southampton has regularly reported into, and sought the endorsement of, PfSH Joint Committee to take its work forward. If the Greenprint initiative is to retain traction, the direction of its activity will benefit from the endorsement of local authority leaders.
- **Develop a register of ongoing cross-authority projects that support the Greenprint philosophy.** Understanding the collective sum of relevant activity across our local authorities will, in turn, help us to measure our successes. The light touch assessment in February has already made significant headway in doing this. The Greenprint initiative was never meant to *create* work, rather act as a way of focussing minds and directing efforts in a meaningful way. At a time of scarce resources within local authorities that is impeding some of what they may wish to do, the Greenprint initiative can be a way of helping to pool resources across authorities and possibly increase capacity for other things - for example, the PfSH-led purchase and development of land for the generation of nutrient mitigation credits and BNG units can also be made accessible to the public as a 'natural health service' and as a way to protect our precious blue/green environments.
- **Knit together the various other 'green' initiatives to paint a clearer picture of what's happening in the across our local authority area.** A Greenprint Network can appraise (or take part in an appraisal) to gauge the wider impact of other, 'external' projects and/or initiatives making a contribution - for example Bird Aware Solent, local nature recovery strategies, nutrient mitigation projects,

[1] Net zero with nature, natural health service, world class blue/green environments, creating great places through quality design and build and centre for excellence in green skills and jobs.

strategic flood risk management, clean air zones, the New Forest Recreation Mitigation Partnership. There's a lot going on and it is likely that legislation, well established (external) programmes of work and new initiatives will, or are already, complementing each other - perhaps more than we currently realise. There may be an argument for garnering Natural England assistance with such a measure - in order to that a true picture of the positive impact of, in particular, various mitigation schemes, is having on our local environments.

- **Simplify the Greenprint narrative to amplify our collective impact.** Developing an 'elevator pitch', to communicate complex concepts to external (private sector) audiences. It is likely that messaging and language, that allows people to easily access the concepts of Greenprint, will help people to understand, engage and support it - including updating references to green recovery (from the pandemic) to green growth. What the development of a Greenprint for South Hampshire has done really well, is articulate what our shared green economic, environmental and social objectives should be, and neatly described them within the Framework.
- **Learn from each other and celebrate success.** Through a live inter-authority network, local authorities can learn from each other - growing a knowledge network and exemplar projects that can lead to, and inform, further work. This was an immediate benefit of the two workshops.
- **Undertake an audit of our assets.** Have we really grasped the potential of our internal technical knowledge and expertise? Do we appreciate, and are we making the most of, the relationships we have with external partners and stakeholders?
- **Address specific issues that are common across the area such as:**
    - **Measures introduced to improve air quality should cross local authority boundaries.** It makes sense for local authorities to work together. Officers wondered whether there is potential in the future for government agencies to require air quality mitigation measures to be implemented to offset new development i.e. a new nutrient neutrality 'style' requirement?
    - **Examine the link between flood prevention and green infrastructure.** Again, flood prevention measures should not respect local authority boundaries. Some flood prevention measures employ green infrastructure to protect our towns and cities. Should we be matching the issues that South Hampshire is grappling with to research opportunities - the University of Southampton has funding for 15 PhD students looking at the causes and flood risk mitigation.

- **Political leadership is vital to progressing the Greenprint initiative in a meaningful way.** The existing PfSH governance processes are a conduit for achieving this, particularly when accompanied with positive attitude that does not consider tackling environmental issues a constraint or a drain on local authority time and resources, rather a way of supporting communities and their health future.

2.3 At the workshop, officers were additionally asked to clarify what issues are collectively on their minds - as a way to draw out what emerging streams of work that are likely to require attention in the short and medium term. Officers highlighted both short term 'quick win' projects - and more aspirational projects that, due to a variety of reasons (legislation, local strategising, local or national policy, reactive response to changing circumstance), are considered worthy of note.

2.4 While not exhaustive, the list at **Annex B**, divided up into the Greenprint Framework's five thematic strands[2], shows the scope of the issues that local authority officers think are of relevance to the Greenprint agenda and will be incumbent on them to address now, or in the future. These are set out in no particular order of 'quick wins' or aspirational projects and represents a basis for future collaborative working.

3. In summary, it is apparent that there is an appetite among officers for working together more closely across local authorities - and collaborate in a way that can allow for a focussed and measurable approach to activity that is relevant beyond their respective boundaries. The Greenprint Framework's thematic proposition has helped to focus minds and a closer-knit network of officers can be a sustainable way of maintaining that. It also helps people see where we are currently spending time and resources against a 'balanced scorecard'. However, it is clear that the Greenprint initiative cannot operate in isolation, and it certainly connects with other work already underway.

3.1 There are a number very significant, local pieces of work in-train such as the development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, PfSH's own nutrient mitigation and bio-diversity net gain projects facilitated by the MHCLG Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund and the implementation of the Environment Act 2021 are a few examples - all of which 'score' against the Framework's themes and cut across any one local authority's individual initiatives. Also of note is the decision by Joint Committee members on 23 July to agree funding for a Local Nature Partnership workshop for local authority officials that will concern the implementation of requirements set out in the Environment Act 2021.

3.2 The Greenprint initiative needs to sit within the current landscape of related activity and enhance and complement existing cross-public sector collaboration concerned with specific issues (for example the Hampshire Climate Officers Group, Hampshire Planning Officers Group, Skills Forum and health related fora). Greenprint provides

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the opportunity to enhance collaboration between sectors and connect the work of local authorities with other key players in securing green growth. This is its unique contribution to differentiating our area as being at the forefront of a greener future.

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Annex B

Potential future projects and workstreams measurable as part of the Greenprint Framework

Green Skills and Jobs

Agree and definition and scope of 'green jobs' to help focus our work

Create links between local colleges and housebuilders to encourage greener construction (exemplar sites such as Fawley, Welbourne)

Facilitate a source of funding for a project of engagement with schools to demonstrate the range of skills and employment opportunities

A 'Multiversity' to increase higher education opportunities

Encourage better links between the private sector and the skills market (apprenticeships and other opportunities)

Announce and create a 'centre of excellence for green skills and jobs' - with funding, resource and intelligence

Natural Health Service

Combined, cross-authority air quality action plans to collaborate and share expertise

Mapping and realisation of green infrastructure - new country parks, new active routes

Improvements to access to green space

Improvements to the quality of parks near to communities experiencing deprivation and/or poor health

Define how preventative healthcare links to the Greenprint initiative

Link/incorporate the Greenprint initiative to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy i.e. access to nature for health and wellbeing - especially in urban areas

Create a 'green health hub' for the dissemination and sharing of information - and to build a local presence about the benefits of access to nature on health and wellbeing

Net Zero with Nature

Better provision of public transport in rural Hampshire

Facilitation of community energy generation schemes. Creation of local area energy plans

Creation of an integrated, cross stakeholder plan for South Hampshire

Creation of an agreed business case that outlines the need, to enable bids for investment.

Engagement with Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) and other utilities to raise awareness of the initiative and secure 'buy-in'

Development of a successful modal shift engagement strategy

Development of a partnership approach to planning and land use allocations around transport and greening objectives

Link/incorporate the Greenprint initiative to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. There is an opportunity to pull the strands together into one

Introduce a way of sharing best practice across local authorities by standardising audits and use of a common language

Encourage an electric vehicles community - car clubs or rental schemes so that low mileage users can access electric vehicles

Quality in Design and Build

Collectively challenge higher environmental standards within local planning policy

Develop a built and natural environment place plan and implementation strategy

Lobbying for better building standards requirements as part of government policy making

Create a local 'one-stop-shop' for domestic retrofit projects, introduction of a trusted a trusted/accessible offering for home-owner retrofit projects i.e. the social enterprise 'Lendology' model.

Do something to help break down the barriers to investment in efficiency measures in commercial buildings - landlords v. leaseholders

Create a conduit for sharing examples of best practice with practitioners, designers and architects

World Class Blue/Green Environments

Engagement with Southern Water and other water companies to resolves regional water quality issues

Create a 'nature project portfolio' - unlocked by a suite of resources such as business growth networks, green finance bids and corporate philanthropy

Strategic scale planning for green infrastructure and suitable alternative natural green space

Coordinated approach to mitigation planning - a network which links blue/green concerns, local authority and other public estate land to encourage a common approach

Make the most of the opportunities that become available because of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Improve the connectivity of natural habitats to improve resilience - via the delivery of lots of small projects.

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2024 Local Authority Light Touch Assessment Analysis

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Section I

1. Summary

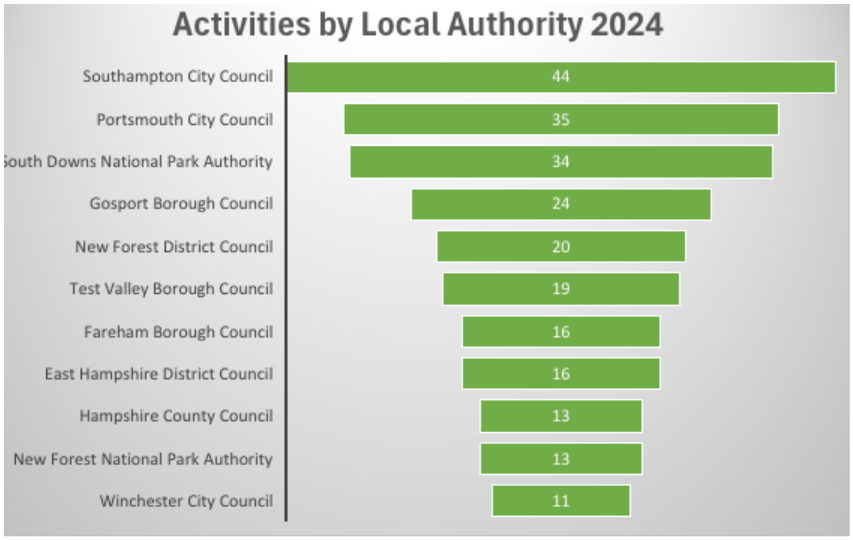
Greenprint asked all the local authorities (LAs) that participated in the February 2024 workshop to carry out a light touch assessment. They were asked to share details on the activities they are supporting or leading on and at what scale. The pro forma can be found here: https://bit.ly/greenprintLT.

Eleven (out of 13 attending) LAs responded to the Greenprint 2024 survey (response rate = 85%), providing information on 222 unique activities. Participation was thorough – out of 1110 possible data points in the responses collected only 5 were left blank, indicating that 99.5% of the survey was completed by the respondents.

This report is organised by first reviewing the quantitative data collected on the activities, primarily according to their alignment with Greenprint priorities and outcomes. Analysis on contribution, timeframes, and geographic scope is also included in this section. What follows is then a review presented by Greenprint outcomes, with a short summary for each priority highlighting key points of similarity between LA activities. The purpose of this section is to highlight opportunities for collaboration. Full details are then listed for each activity by LA within the priority. This serves as an initial repository of information and signposting to further information for any activity of interest.

1.1. Activities by Local Authority

This chart indicates how many activities each LA listed in the survey responses. Some information was provided to compare the scale of activities (in terms of geographic reach – see later table), but further information on financial, time, population and strategic investment by LA may prove useful to determine capacity and reach.

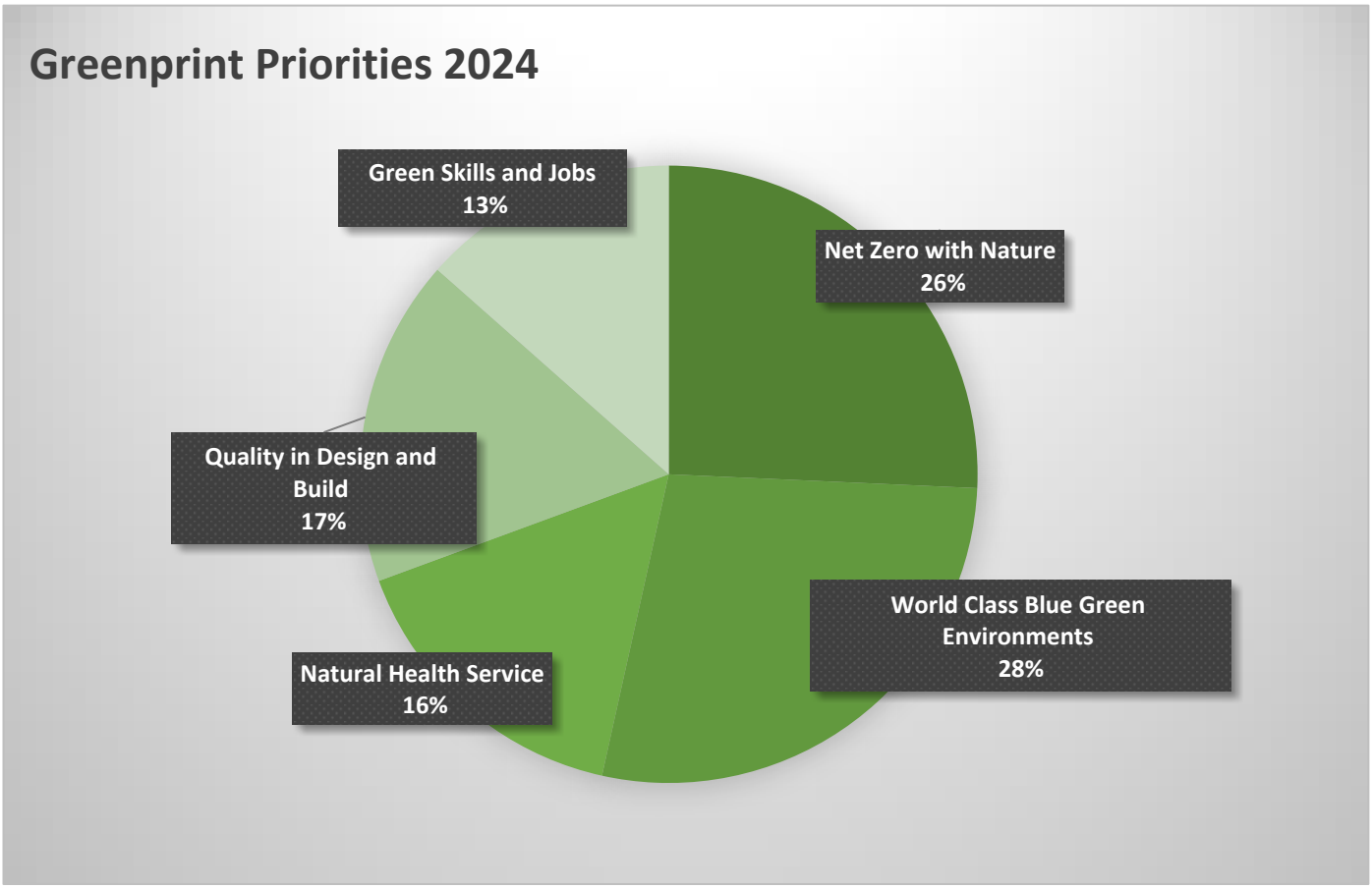


2. Analysis

The following charts illustrate an overview of key quantifiable results from the survey. This data may provide a useful baseline for the scope of Greenprint as the work progresses over the years.

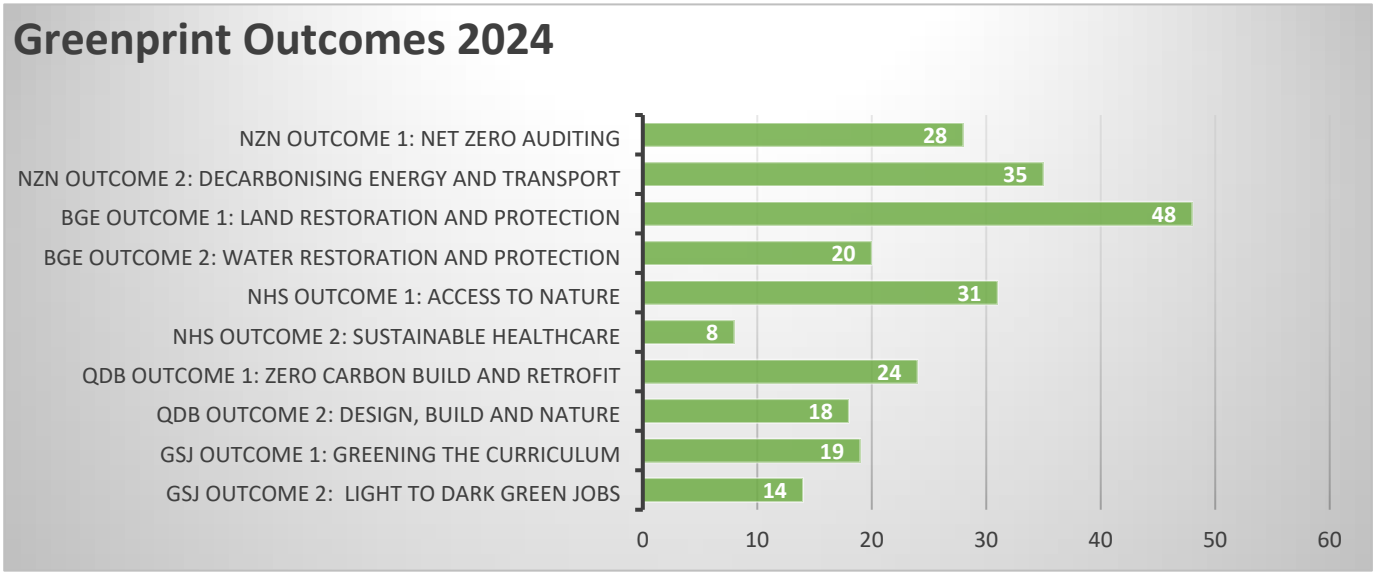
2.1. Greenprint Priorities

This chart shows the proportion of the total recorded activities undertaken organised by Greenprint Priorities. Over half the activities reported were listed within the priorities of Net Zero with Nature (26%) and World Class Blue Green Environments (28%). The remaining three priorities account for similar numbers of activities spread between them: Natural Health Service (16%), Quality in Design and Build (17%), and Green Skills and Jobs (13%).



2.2. Greenprint Outcomes

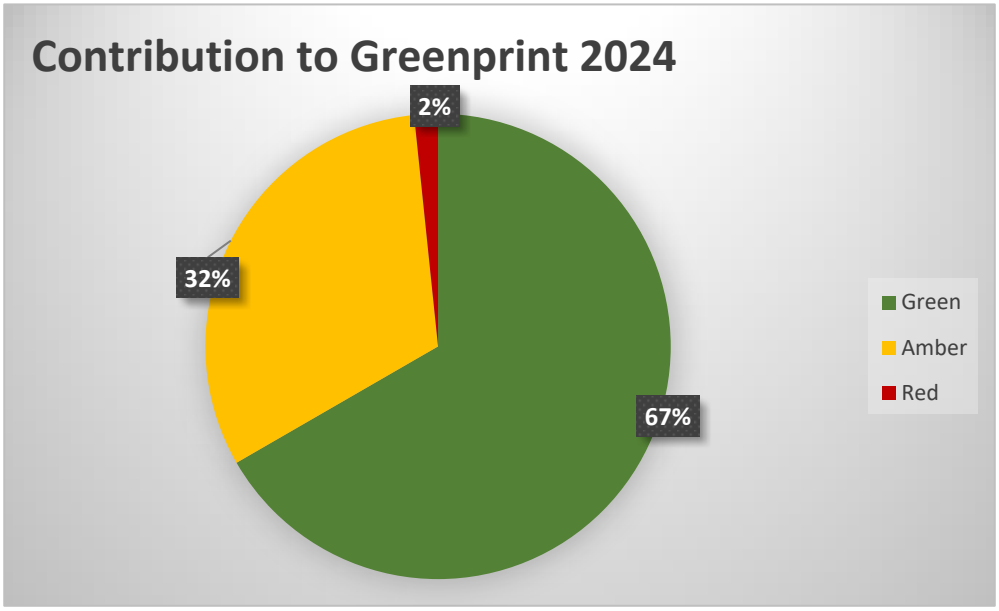
The following chart shows the number of LA activities quantified by Greenprint Outcomes, noting that each priority has two distinct outcomes. Most activities are concentrated in Land Restoration and Protection (48), Decarbonising Energy and Transport (35), Access to Nature (31), Net Zero Auditing (28), and Zero Carbon Build and Retrofit (24). It was also noted that the priorities of Natural Health Service and World Class Blue Green Environments had the most disparity between outcomes within each of these priorities. In other words, activities in these priorities are distributed unevenly. In Natural Health Service, there are nearly four times as many activities for Access to Nature (31), as there are for Sustainable Healthcare (8). In World Class Blue Green Environments, activities are more than twice as numerous for Land Restoration and Protection (48) compared to Water Restoration and Protection (20).



2.3. Contribution to Greenprint

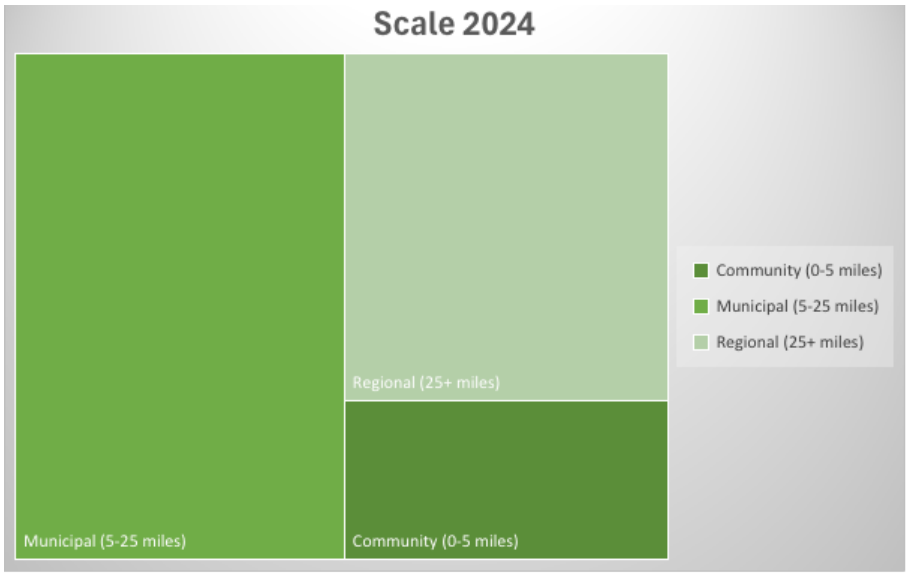
Respondents were asked to classify the contribution of each activity to Greenprint as Green, Amber or Red. It was noted that this category caused some confusion for respondents and therefore responses may be subjectively assigned. It was understood that activities already making a significant direct contribution to the Greenprint outcome are green, whereas amber denotes an expectation of either contributing indirectly now or likely to directly contribute within two years. Activities that are likely to contribute indirectly within two years or have the potential to contribute to the outcome but with some significant changes that are as yet unavailable or unidentified were defined as Red.

Around two thirds of all activities listed are Green and therefore directly contributing to the Greenprint outcomes. These results are slightly skewed by Portsmouth, where all their activities are reported as Amber due to lack of clarity in the categorisation. The Red activities amount to four in total, and each corresponds to a different outcome across four priorities, thus eliminating a concern that a particular outcome or priority may be overrepresented here.



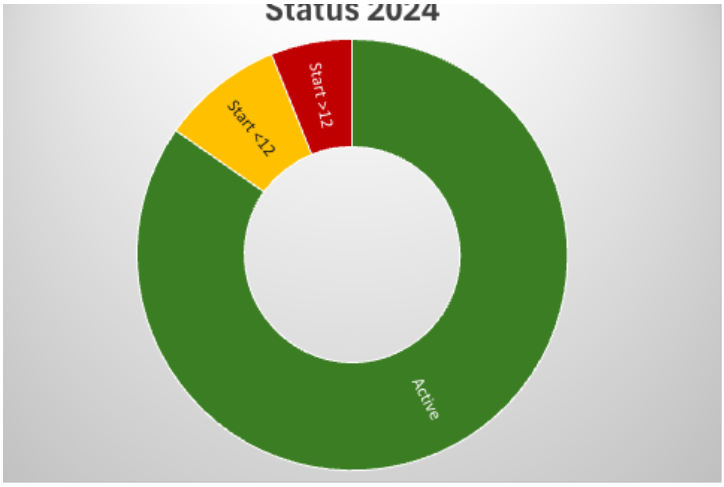
2.4. Scale

This chart provides a proportional summary of the geographic scale of LA activities. Half of all activities (50%) were registered as municipal (5-25 miles), whilst 34% of all activities were listed as regional (25+ miles), and the remaining 16% of activities taking place within the community (0-5 miles).



2.5. Status

This chart shows whether the activity is current (85%) or scheduled to start within the next 12 months (9%) or later (6%).



Section II

3. Net Zero with Nature

All respondents indicated activities for NZN Outcome 1: Net Zero Auditing, directly included in almost all cases as part of the LA climate action/emergency plan or strategy. There appear to be multiple approaches to reaching setting and reaching net zero targets. **Hampshire County Council** has two targets in place: (1) to be carbon neutral by 2050 and (2) to be prepared for the climate impacts of a two-degree temperature rise. Several LAs have declared a climate emergency **(New Forest District Council, Portsmouth City Council,** and **Test Valley Borough Council**). **South Downs National Park Authority** and **Southampton City Council** mentioned the provision of audits for towns/parishes and businesses, respectively. The **New Forest National Park Authority** has evidenced-based targets, whilst **Portsmouth City Council** is working on metrics to underpin the decarbonisation pathway analysis for both organisational and city targets**.** The **New Forest District Council** is seemingly taking a different approach by working on a case-by-case basis rather than setting overall targets. Some helpful clarification for this outcome could be distinguishing between net zero for the LA itself and net zero for the constituency.

With respect to NZN Outcome 2: Decarbonising Energy and Transport, this is another area where all LAs reported activities. **East Hampshire District Council, Gosport Borough Council, Southampton**

City Council, Test Valley Borough Council, and **Winchester City Council** are all working on the expansion of EV charging points. Activities to promote cycling are underway in **East Hampshire District Council, Gosport Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, New Forest National Park Authority** and **Test Valley Borough Council.** Public transport initiatives, especially for bus networks, were reported for **East Hampshire District Council, Fareham Borough Council,** and **Gosport Borough Council.** Active Travel plans were mentioned by **New Forest District Council**, **New Forest National Park Authority, Southampton City Council, Test Valley Borough Council** and **Winchester City Council.** A plan to switch 95% of LA vehicles to electric power was noted by **Test Valley Borough Council.**

3.1. NZN Outcome 1: Net Zero Auditing

East Hampshire District Council

Net Zero Target for own operations 2035

Greening enhancements to council offices - 165KWP Solar PV, 9 batteries and 6 EV chargers

Fareham Borough Council

Fareham Borough Council Climate Change Action Plan - http://planningpdf.fareham.gov.uk/PDF/about_the_council/protecting_the_environment/FBCClimateChangeActionPlan.pdf

Gosport Borough Council

Greenhouse gas emissions data – the Borough adopted a Climate Change Strategy in 2022, part of which includes collecting data on GHG emissions. https://www.gosport.gov.uk/ghg-emissions

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire County Council Climate Change Strategy – there is a net-zero plan in place with ambitious, evidence-based targets. Hampshire County Council has two targets in place. One, to be carbon neutral by 2050 and two, to be prepared for the climate impacts of a two degree temperature rise. To achieve this, we will focus on key areas where carbon emissions are highest and aim to reduce them as much as possible. These areas are transport, residential, buildings and infrastructure, energy generation and distribution, waste and circular economy, the natural environment, businesses and green economy. We know that there are co-benefits to addressing these areas, such as: reduced air pollution which lead to improved health outcomes, economic growth and other social benefits.

New Forest District Council

NFDC Climate Change and Nature Emergency Strategy, Action Plan and Annual Report – strategic direction has been set and reported upon since the NFDC declaration of a Climate Change and Nature Emergency in October 2021. The adopted strategy identifies four key programmes of work, namely Carbon Reduction, Climate Adaptation, Nature Recovery and Programme Management, each of which highlight three internal and three external priority areas for action. The accompanying action plan details activities that are to be undertaken to meet the emergency objectives; this

includes actions to reach net zero carbon (CO2e) emissions. Targets are not identified as projects are developed and evaluated on a case by case basis.

New Forest National Park Authority

Net Zero with Nature Programme and Audit - there is a net-zero plan in place with ambitious, evidence-based targets. Accreditation is used to help measure success. The approach focuses on reduction rather than carbon offsetting and is facilitated through partnerships and knowledge transfer.

• Consumption-based emissions baseline for the NF NP area produced in partnership with other UK National Parks.

• Baseline developed by world-leading experts Small World Consulting.

• The report also proposed a potential pathway to net-zero for the NP, involving reduction in emissions from sectors such as energy use, food & drink, other consumables (not food & drink), travel to and from the NP and land-use as well as increases in sequestration resulting from changes to land-use.

• Proposed pathway suggests net-zero for the New Forest could be achieved by early 2040s if followed.

• Acknowledged limitations of the model, e.g. does not include emissions from through-traffic on major trunk roads; assumptions made about household energy sources within the rural environment; most emissions reductions proposed across all sectors depend upon systemic changes within global supply chains of both goods and energy; more evidence needed regarding the potential land-based sequestration required as part of the pathway such as incomplete peatland mapping and under-representation of local land-use needs such as back-up grazing for commoning stock animals.

• NF NPA has declared an ambition to be 'net zero with nature' by 2050. The Protected Landscapes Targets & Outcomes Framework (Jan 2024) states the target to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions in Protected Landscapes to net zero by 2050 relative to 1990 levels.

• This baseline and pathway report provides us with a starting point on that journey.

• Success measurement regarding the Targets & Outcomes Framework target is being developed in partnership with the family of National Parks through 2024.

• The target is for the National Park rather than for National Park Authority. NF NPA has a leadership and convening role to influence, such as through partnerships and showcasing action, and support the New Forest community through this transition. Public bodies, through the Levelling Up & Regeneration Act 2023 must further the purposes of the National Park and so will be key partners on this journey.

Portsmouth City Council

Provide environmental training to staff across all departments - we will develop training for staff in due course - now have funding/support programme to develop an organisation capacity building programme that will begin within the next 9 months.

Climate emergency declarations need to be underpinned by metrics and targets: we have broad all scopes net zero by 2030 targets, but we'll aim to add other related targets to supplement this. About to start costed decarbonisation pathway analysis for both organisational and city targets, will start within the next few months and will detail these metrics.

Develop an ambitious Net Zero plan which includes elements of nature.

Offset responsibly whilst working towards Net Zero.

Join a regional working group for Net Zero with Nature.

Where possible, substitute petrol powered tools to electric powered ones.

Southampton City Council

Southampton City Council Climate Change Strategy - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/our-green-city/

Corporate Assets Decarbonisation Programme - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/news/article/southampton-council-reducing-emissions-building-portfolio/

Local Area Energy Plan

Net Zero 360 for employers – helping employers identify their carbon footprint and develop a net zero plan.

Energy Audit for employer premises – for those that attend the Net Zero 360 an offer of a free energy audit of their premises.

South Downs National Park Authority

National Parks race to net zero

Meeting a 2030 'Net-Zero' target for the National Park Authority - Agenda Item 12 Report NPA19/20-29 Appendix 5 Meeting a 2030 'Net-Zero' target for the National Park Authority Objective Potential Actions Lead Partner/Partnership Resources Target Date Sustainable Solutions Group Identify 'quick wins and opportunities' through a staff survey. Undertake a carbon audit in line with other UK NPA by June 2020; Undertake a full sustainability audit by September 2020. SDNPA SMT, Sustainable Solutions Group All Staff 2019-2020: Improve our sustainable performance and become carbon neutral as an organisation by 2025; Set targets for carbon reduction and monitor progress; Develop a strategy for sustainability for the SDNPA; Produce an annual action plan to address issues of highest priority; Oversee all activity to deliver the action plan. SDNPA SMT, Sustainable Solutions Group, All Staff 2025 Working with other National Parks – Climate Change & Energy Group Objective Potential Actions Lead Partner/Partnership Resources Target Date Joint Delivery Plan NPAs to establish themselves as:- Leaders in meeting the challenge presented by Climate Change. Lead a rapid change in effort to tackle the climate emergency. Demonstrate how rapid response and transition to low-carbon living can be achieved. Work collectively towards becoming 'Net Zero' National Parks by 2040. Achieve 'Net Zero' as National Parks Authorities by 2030. Promote the principle of achieving 'Net Zero with Nature'. National Parks England, SDNPA, UK National Parks and protected landscapes network. National Parks England have issued a revised statement (2019) which set NPA wide targets for achieving Net Zero. Along with the SDNPA and Climate Change & Energy Group they have update their Climate Change Delivery Plan. This sets out planned actions for the NPAs collectively and is a step up in terms of delivery. The SDNPA currently assist with convening the Climate Change and Energy Group, which is covered by existing staff time/resource. This will need to be extended to cover the additional activity of the group. 2020-2025 Joint Advocacy Use NPE to advocate for policy change in Government to provide us with the tools locally to deliver net zero.

Net Zero with Nature proposal – work with National Park Partnerships to secure funding for the Net Zero with Nature proposal.

Establish carbon targets for all National Parks

Town and parish councils' audits – work with town and parish councils to audit their own buildings / operations to identify opportunities for improved performance. SDNPA, Worthing Climate Action Network, South East Climate Alliance, Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC), Greater Brighton Energy Group, Community Land Trusts and Transition Town Groups.

Community transitions to 'Net Zero' - help support communities that are ready and willing to make a fast transition to 'Net Zero'. Use these communities as exemplars for others to learn from and follow.

Working with a small number of pilot communities to establish the CO2 emissions of their own operations. Establish action plans to improve energy performance.

Test Valley Borough Council

The Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) is updated annually and identifies and monitors action that the Council can take to make a difference to climate change objectives, including carbon neutrality, through mitigation and adaptation. It includes targets and monitoring of the Councils own greenhouse gas emissions, linked to: Our corporate action; Our property and energy; Smarter working and use of technology; Housing, development and infrastructure; Transport, travel and plant; Supporting businesses and communities; Our natural environment

See also:
https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/environmentandsustainability/climate-emergency-action-plan

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Winchester City Council

Carbon Neutrality Action Plan - annual since 2020 https://www.winchester.gov.uk/climate-change-and-energy/carbon-neutrality-action-plan

3.2. NZN Outcome 2: Decarbonising Energy and Transport

East Hampshire District Council

Green Loop Wayfinding - Wayfinding project on Green Loop project. Encouraging usage of the Green Loop infrastructure

Free Green Loop cycle hire - Free cycle hire, trial E-bikes and cycling for East Hampshire residents

EV infrastructure – increasing EV infrastructure in the district

Improving public transport provision in Whitehill & Bordon – lead HCC but working in collaboration with Whitehill & Bordon Stakeholders

Fareham Borough Council

Hook Recreation Ground Solar PV Scheme - https://moderngov.fareham.gov.uk/documents/s37201/Renewable%20Energy%20Scheme%20Report.pdf

Welborne - Ambient Heat Network (p16) https://moderngov.fareham.gov.uk/documents/s37208/Building%20Welborne%20Beautiful%20March%202024_Digital.pdf

Hampshire Local Transport Plan (2011 - 2031) https://documents.hants.gov.uk/transport/FBCTransportStatementDecember2013.pdf

Gosport Borough Council

Development of a Gosport Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) - Gosport has developed two LCWIPs in partnership with HCC and Sustrans. One of the LCWIPs is shared with Fareham Borough Council and looks to reduce traffic out of the peninsular, while the other is Gosport-focused, and includes ideas for a new of sustainable transport improvements. https://documents.hants.gov.uk/transport/Gosport-LCWIP-report.pdf

Policies within the Gosport Borough Local Plan - Policies within both the existing and emerging local plans require developments to prioritise sustainable and active travel, where possible. The emerging local plan will also support the installation of electric vehicle charging points.

Electric vehicle charge points - The Council has installed EV charge points within Walpole Park and are considering other sites across the Borough.

Construction of new bus interchange - In partnership with Hampshire County Council, GBC is currently constructing a new bus interchange to replace the existing tired one. It is hoped that the new interchange will help encourage more residents to use buses. https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportschemes/tcfgosportinterchangeimprovements

Extension of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - In partnership with HCC and the bus companies, the council is looking to extend the service and dedicated routes for the BRT, which provides a rapid bus link to the surrounding peninsular.

Hampshire County Council

Local Transport Plan - The new Local Transport Plan (LTP4) aims to reduce transport-related carbon emissions to net zero (neutrality) by 2050 with these key success factors:

• carbon emissions associated with the use of all transport modes (including the generation of energy to power them) virtually reduced to zero

• any remaining carbon emissions are offset by fully sustainable planting or carbon capture

• fewer vehicles, with higher levels of usage (to make the most efficient use of road space, and energy required to produce and run each vehicle)

• less travel overall

Healthy Streets Framework - The County Council is also embedding a new Healthy Streets Framework. To this end, over 100 staff who look after or improve our streets and spaces have been trained in how to apply the Framework. In practice, this will mean that as we or others make changes or maintain our roads, the framework can be used to help ensure the streets and spaces are easier to use by a range of users, and that a better balance is made that widens the choices people can make about what type of transport they feel comfortable using. The priority for Transport will be to work with partners to develop a more holistic approach for communities and places that ultimately reduces the need to travel, increases the uptake of walking, cycling and public transport, alongside supporting and promoting the electrification agenda.

Decarbonisation of Hampshire's built estate - the progressive decarbonisation of heat and power related carbon emissions from HCC's built estate, through extensive fabric improvements and a transition to fossil-fuel free heating, supported by on site PV installations, over the next 25 years, subject to government funding. The progressive decarbonisation of the embodied carbon emissions from HCC's construction activity in relation to its own built estate, through low-carbon design, procurement and delivery. The progressive adaptation of the built estate to improve its resilience to the impacts of climate change, in particular the risks of overheating, flooding and drought, to ensure the ongoing safety of buildings, the health of their users and the quality of HCC's services in schools, care home, offices and other public-facing assets - over the next 25 years, subject to government funding.

New Forest District Council

NFDC is a district council, and as such does not deliver, operate or regulate the transport network in the district, or indeed the energy network. It does however, support and work with partners to deliver sustainable transport and energy schemes, and can encourage improvements through its powers as a planning authority.

Active/Sustainable Travel programmes - Delivering and supporting a range of active/sustainable travel programmes in partnership with local/regional organisations e.g HCC, NFNPA

New Forest Community Energy - Creation of New Forest Community Energy in 2023 to support renewable energy generation and funding.

Local Plan / Planning Framework - NFDC as the Planning Authority enacts the Local Plan and ensures that development within the District aligns with local and national planning policies. Many of these policies directly support active/sustainable travel and renewable energy generation e.g. Climate Change SPD (2024)

New Forest National Park Authority

Active Travel planning - We play a supporting role as well as a leading role in active travel. We support the production of walking and cycling and wheeling infrastructure plans. We lead on recreation management across the National park which includes encouraging active travel. We are working with Active Travel England in 2024/25 to carry out feasibility studies on parts of the proposed network to then be in a position to seek further funding for infrastructure improvements. We also work with Hampshire County Council and Wiltshire Council on right of way improvement and promotion of routes to both encourage walking and cycling from villages and transport hubs as opposed to locations dependent on vehicular access. We develop and improve accessible routes e.g. improving surfaces, removing barriers e.g. swapping stiles for gates.

Portsmouth City Council

Focus planning for transport and development around low carbon public transport, cycling and walking.

A Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) was adopted in October 2021, and actions will be carried out/considered which would support cycling and walking.

Southampton City Council

EV Strategy - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-democracy/have-your-say/consultation-on-a-draft-electric-vehicle-charging-strategy/

My Journey inc RIDES, Beryl Bikes, Breeze app - https://myjourneysouthampton.com/

Transport Projects inc. TCF, active travel infrastructure improvements - https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/

LTP4 - long term strategy https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/connected-southampton-2040/

Preparing new Local Plan, known as Southampton City Vision, which includes energy policies to set standards for new development and transport policies to encourage active travel and public transport use in new development - Documents related to the Southampton City Vision including the Draft Plan with Options can be found at: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/cityvision/documentslibrary/ Amber contribution as the policies in the emerging City Vision gain more weight in planning decisions as the various stages of plan preparation are progressed. They will obtain full weight when the City Vision is adopted although that is a few years away due to the nature of the plan preparation process e.g. evidence gathering, policy writing, public consultation, examination by Secretary of State

South Downs National Park Authority

Build and promote off road cycle infrastructure and electric public transport networks.

Reduced carbon travel - Working with our sector partners to encourage provision of facilities, opportunities and incentives to allow for reduced carbon travel. Work alongside local Highways Authorities to develop sustainable travel schemes and deliver the best 'low-carbon' options for connecting into the National Park.

Test Valley Borough Council

Electric vehicle charging installed at Council car parks in Andover and Romsey - Installation of EV charging in council car parks, with part funding through grant from the Office of Low Emission Vehicles https://testvalley.gov.uk/transportparkingandstreets/car-parks/electric-vehicle-charging Maps provided and locations of EV charging available in Borough, through an App

Council fleet vehicles switched to electric vehicles reduce carbon emissions by up to 95%.

Hampshire County Council - Preparation of LCWIP cycling and walking investment plans for Southern Test Valley (Romsey area) and Northern Test Valley (Andover area) to support cycling and walking (active travel) infrastructure and delivery of enhancements.

Health Walks in the Borough, to encourage healthy lifestyles, cycling and walking – range of walks and links to cycling and walking provisions also promoted through the Council website.

https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/communityandleisure/cyclingwalking/health-walks-step-healthier-future/

Winchester City Council

Decarbonising our Park & Ride vehicles - https://www.winchester.gov.uk/news/2024/mar/park-ride-switch-to-low-carbon-fuel-will-improve-air-quality-and-reduce-emissions

EV strategy - Building on the EV charge point roll out on the council estate, there is need to develop a strategic approach to interventions that support transition to elective vehicles

Active Travel - community and business – a programme of support to business on workplace travel planning and to support local community transport/active travel groups

4. World Class Blue Green Environments

For BGE Outcome 1: Land Restoration and Protection every LA reported activities and for several it is seemingly an area of intense focus. There are numerous rewilding and habitat restoration initiatives across multiple LAs (**East Hampshire District Council, Gosport Borough Council, New Forest National Park Authority, Southampton City Council,** and **South Downs National Park Authority.** Activities directly supporting the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) are seen in **Gosport Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Test Valley Borough Council** and **Winchester City Council.** Almost all LAs have linked Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) projects to this outcome. In terms of approaches, land purchases were a noted priority by **Gosport Borough Council. Southampton City Council** has an apparently unique endeavour amongst LAs under this outcome to become a National Park City.

With respect to BGE Outcome 2: Water Restoration and Protection, Nutrient Neutrality was a primary focus for several LAs (**Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council** and **Southampton City Council**). The **New Forest National Park Authority** is actively engaged with communities and stakeholders to plan actions for freshwater and coastal habitats and species. **Hampshire County Council** and **South Downs National Park Authority** have flood risk management activities in progress. **New Forest District Council, New Forest National Park Authority, Portsmouth City Council** and **Southampton City Council** all have initiatives related to water quality.

4.1. BGE Outcome 1: Land Restoration and Protection

East Hampshire District Council

SAMM - procuring SAMM - S106 requirement. Protection of heathland. Currently working with Heathlands Reunited. This is out for procurement for next phase.

Liss Railway Project - improving habitats along Liss Railway

Development of Biodiversity Action Plan

Fareham Borough Council

Biodiversity Net Gain projects on Council owned land - https://moderngov.fareham.gov.uk/documents/s35083/Biodiversity%20Net%20Gain%20projects%20on%20council%20owned%20land.pdf

Gosport Borough Council

Create wildflower meadows and rewilded areas - Target within the Borough's Climate Change Action Plan https://www.gosport.gov.uk/media/2995/Climate-Change-Action-Plan/pdf/Climate_Change_Action_Plan_Public_20220310.pdf?m=1647518229727

Include policies in Local Plan requiring developments provide new green infrastructure, increased canopy cover and at least 10% Biodiversity Net Gain - Currently being developed within the emerging Gosport Borough Local Plan 2040.

Integrating the Alver Marshes into the Alver Valley Country Park - The Council has recently bought the former gun club site within the Alver Valley and will be integrating it into the Country Park. This will include decontamination, biodiversity improvements and access enhancements.

Surveying sites within the Borough for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) - GBC have commissioned PfSH and HBIC to survey sites within the Borough for the potential for BNG, with the aim of creating BNG units for Council use or sale.

Supporting the development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy - The Council is currently participating in the development of the LNRS, for which HCC and the Wildlife Trust are the leading bodies. It is hoped that the LNRS will help deliver significant habitat enhancements throughout the county.

Requiring developments to be nutrient neutrality - In response to concerns about eutrophication within protected Solent marine and river habitats, Gosport is one of a number of councils who require developments to be 'nutrient neutral'. To achieve this, some developments have to purchase agricultural land to set aside, reducing nutrient loading into river and marine habitats. Often this set-aside land is also restored for nature/forestry.

Hampshire County Council

Local Nature Recovery Strategy - The Local Nature Recovery Strategy will be used to channel investment into local priorities for protection and enhancement, such as the Environment Land Management Scheme; map areas of opportunity for the use of ‘nature-based solutions’ to wider environmental problems like flooding and climate change mitigation; guide mandatory biodiversity net gain investments; and provide a source of evidence for local planning authorities to help them understand the locations which are important for conserving and enhancing biodiversity.

New Forest District Council

Habitat Management - NFDC manages a wide range of open spaces and habitats across the New Forest District. Following best practice and working with partners, NFDC strives to maximise opportunities for environmental protection and enhancement through its maintenance processes and project activities.

Planning Policies - BNG, GI, CC – Local planning policies (in line with national policies and best practice) being created and enforced to ensure positive impacts for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), Green Infrastructure (GI) and Climate Change mitigation and adaptation (CC).

New Forest National Park Authority

Nature Recovery - a central theme of the New Forest Partnership Plan. Working with partners we aim to: make more space for nature, enhance natural capital, support farmers and landowners to optimise the use of Environmental Land Management Scheme for New Forest nature, work with

developers to make best use of Biodiversity Net Gain for New Forest nature and to mitigate the intense recreational pressure that impacts the New Forest.

• We convened a Wildlife Round Table (WRT), a group of key nature-based stakeholders which identified over 140 nature recovery projects across the New Forest.

• The WRT developed a spatial plan for the New Forest, identifying 5 geographical areas where specific action could be targeted: the core (largely the Crown Lands), the waterside, southern coast, western avon and the northern forest.

• We are now convening an Re: New Nature partnership to take this work further, bringing a wider team of stakeholders together to resource and deliver the required action.

• In partnership with key stakeholders we have been awarded a multi-million pound grant from the Species Survival Fund to deliver multiple nature recovery projects over the next 2 years.

• We are co-chair of the New Forest Catchment Partnership which brings together active partners in the water environment to develop evidence and action.

• We support the New Forest Wetland Restoration which has delivered 20 miles of watercourse and ~5000 hectares of wetland restoration since 2010, benefitting the unique aquatic flora and fauna of the New Forest

Habitat Restoration - We are a partner in the New Forest Higher Level Stewardship which restores habitats in the New Forest and is led by the Verderers of the New Forest, supported by the NFNPA, Natural England and Forestry England. Since 2010 the scheme has delivered dozens of projects across the New Forest, totalling 20 miles of restoration to watercourses and approximately 5,000 hectares (more than 7,000 football pitches) of SSSI wetland habitats being improved and protected. Wetland restorations, led by Forestry England, are improving habitats for rare wildlife, protecting streams and mires from further erosion, helping to manage flood risk and increasing resilience to drought. The partnership is now working with a forum of stakeholders to develop a new wetland management strategy for the New Forest. The HLS scheme is also helping to restore the New Forest's precious heathlands, species-rich grasslands and ancient woodlands. These habitats have been shaped through centuries of management activities and grazing, thanks to commoners' ponies and cattle turned out onto the Forest. Projects include invasive plant removal and restoration of grasslands, woodlands and heathlands. Regional environmental commitments work towards evidence-based restoration and enhancement of natural, native biodiversity. Land use and land management plans identify and pursue opportunities for evidence-based restoration and resilience building, starting with protected/designated sites. The region ceases degradation of regions rich in natural capital, such as peatland and heathland, and forested areas.

Portsmouth City Council

Gain support for developing a city-wide biodiversity strategy that includes biodiversity targets.

Pesticide reduction

Working towards BNG uplift

Local Plan development with strong policies for biodiversity

SSSIs and SINCs have site management plans which are reviewed

Monitoring through HBIC annual report enables us to understand change in area.

Southampton City Council

Wildflower Meadows - programme of creating new wildflower meadows on areas of amenity grassland across the city. https://www.southampton.gov.uk/people-places/parks-open-spaces/wildlife-greenways/areas-managed-for-wildlife/

Green Grid - Development of an ecological and recreation network across the city. A consultation was undertaken in 2022 using the Common Place platform. https://www.southampton.gov.uk/our-green-city/council-commitments/our-natural-environment/green-grid-consultation/

Rangers Team - A team of Rangers has been established to enable the City Council to manage its semi-natural greenspaces more appropriately. The Rangers also engage with visitors and work closely with Friends of groups.

Wilder Project - The City Council has part funded a Wilder Project Officer to work in Southampton to facilitate community wildlife activities.

Southampton National Park City - A grassroots initiative aimed at achieving National Park City status for Southampton. https://southampton-national-park.com/

Green Space Factor in existing Local Plan - The Southampton Green Space Factor was the first urban greening factor to be incorporated into Planning Policy in the UK. It is currently being updated to take account of BNG, SUDS etc. https://www.southampton.gov.uk/sustainability

Biodiversity and Green Grid Strategies - The GI and Biodiversity Strategies were adopted in January 2024. Delivery plans are currently being developed. https://www.southampton.gov.uk/our-green-city/

Preparing new Local Plan, known as Southampton City Vision, which includes policies to protect existing open spaces and support creation of new ones as well as policies to increase green infrastructure including having to meet Urban Green Factor targets - Documents related to the Southampton City Vision including the Draft Plan with Options can be found at: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/cityvision/documentslibrary/ Amber contribution as the policies in the emerging City Vision gain more weight in planning decisions as the various stages of plan preparation are progressed. They will obtain full weight when the City Vision is adopted although that is a few years away due to the nature of the plan preparation process e.g. evidence gathering, policy writing, public consultation, examination by Secretary of State.

South Downs National Park Authority

High precision or low-input farming techniques - Promote uptake of high precision or low-input farming techniques so that the application of nitrate fertilisers does not result in excess nutrients passing into the aquifers at key times of recharge (Autumn/Winter)

Encourage conservation measures in farming - Encourage conservation measures such as contour ploughing, buffer strips, improving soil structure or changes in land management such as transition from arable to long-term grass lays or cover crops.

Soil management - In high risk areas promote shift from arable to long-term grass lays. Encourage measures that retain soils in situ such as contour ploughing, minimum or ‘no tillage’. Promote the use of green manures and cover crops.

Landscape and Catchment scale - Work at a Landscape and Catchment scale to deliver effective environmental outcomes, allow for climate change adaptation and improve ecosystem service function.

SDNPA Nature Recovery Programme (both core nature and ReNature)

ReNature Grant, Beelines and Trees for the Downs grant administration and promotion

Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) grant administration and promotion

Nature based solutions/ green finance opportunities.... developing a carbon trading platform

Test Valley Borough Council

Urban Meadow creation - Across open spaces and Council land across Borough, including at Andover, Romsey, Nursling, North Baddesley and Valley Park. Further areas planned. Grass unmown until September to provide valuable habitat. Sites to be monitored. Linked to promotion of No Mow May

Tree planting[1] - Council commitment to plant 30,000 trees on Council land across multiple sites, including Anton Lakes, Harewood Common, East Anton, Bury Hill, Hunts Farm, Valley Park, Ganger Farm. To date, 30,000 trees planted and over 31 hectares of meadow created over the last 3 years. Part of this achieved in partnership with other agencies, including The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, The Wessex Rivers Trust, Andover Trees United.

Conservation of wildlife and providing safe well managed spaces for the community to encounter nature - The Council manages 17 sites covering an area over 200 hectares with a primary focus on the conservation of wildlife and providing safe well managed spaces for the community to encounter nature, with targets to achieve 30 by 30 , through a bespoke approach to managing and monitoring according to the habitat and species, with site management plans for each site, reviewed annually. The sites include SSSI, SINCs and LNRs. Examples include Rooksbury Mill Local Nature Reserve, Andover, and Fishlake Meadows Nature Reserve, Romsey.

Purchase and management of land to deliver green space, enhanced biodiversity, access to the countryside and/or SANG - Including the purchase of a 13 hectares at Sherfield English, the purchase of a 16 hectare site at Bury Hill, Andover, reverting arable to species rich chalk grassland, and the adoption of 20 hectares of recovering chalk grassland at Harewood Common, Andover.

Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) - Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is in the process of being prepared. This is being led by Hampshire County Council, with Test Valley Borough Council having a formal role as a supporting authority. The Council is engaging in the preparation of the LNRS, which is likely to be finalised by the end of 2024.

Mitigation strategies to address recreational impacts - Support for the delivery of mitigation strategies to address recreational impacts on the New Forest SPA, SAC and Ramsar, and on the Solent and Southampton Waters SPA through mitigation strategies, including BirdAware. These strategies cross boundaries and are supported through the PfSH authorities and partnership working.

Introduction of mandatory biodiversity net gain (BNG) - Preparing for introduction of mandatory biodiversity net gain (BNG) with new development through the Draft Local Plan 2040 and through the planning (development management) process, in liaison with partnership agencies and potential BNG sites.

Test Valley Dormouse Project - Supporting the Hampshire Dormouse Group. Managing and monitoring dormice and habitat, as part of the National Dormouse Monitoring Programme.

[1] Note that **Hampshire County Council** listed their tree planting strategy under NHS Outcome 1.

Promoting dormouse friendly sites and landscape management and supporting landowners with habitat management. Also, education and training, to promote environmental and ethical standards.

Recording and monitoring ecology/biodiversity - Partnership working with the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) in recording and monitoring ecology/biodiversity, including ancient woodland, through a Service Level Agreement.

Winchester City Council

LNRS - Contributing to, and supporting, the production of the Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Winchester District Bio-diversity Action Plan - https://www.winchester.gov.uk/natural-environment/biodiversity

4.2. BGE Outcome 2: Water Restoration and Protection

Fareham Borough Council

Nutrient Neutrality working with PFSH

Gosport Borough Council

Pledge to support ocean and river habitat restoration - The Council passed a 'Motion for the Oceans and Seas' in 2023, committing the Council to support a number of actions to restore marine habitats, including making ocean recovery part of the council's decisions, plans, budgets and procurement. It is envisaged this pledge will be delivered both internally and through partnerships and lobbying. https://www.gosport.gov.uk/article/2618/Council-pledges-support-for-sea-and-river-environments

Requiring developments to be nutrient neutrality - As mentioned above, the council requires developments to be nutrient neutral. The aim of this is to prevent additional nutrient loading into protected marine and river habitats. Water efficiency within council homes has also been enacted as part of the nutrient neutrality programme.

Biodiversity enhancements within new sea defences - When commissioning new sea defences with the Coastal Partners, the council will seek to incorporate biodiversity enhancements, wherever possible and funding permits.

Hampshire County Council

Flood risk catchment management plans - A suite of 18 flood risk catchment management plans has been prepared covering the whole of Hampshire and these are currently out for consultation.

Joint Leadership statement to improve surface water management - The County Council has supported the preparation of a draft joint Leadership Statement for key stakeholders to promote improved surface water management and responded to regional and national consultations including on water standards, water resources, Catchment Basin Management Plans, and Drainage and Wastewater Management Plans.

New Forest District Council

There are many agencies and organisations which have responsibility for the restoration and protection of green and blue environments across the New Forest District. NFDC is supportive and

engaged, however it does not own much of the land or have direct control over the habitats within the district.

Coastal Management - New Forest District has a coastline approximately 40 miles long, many sections of which are at severe risk from the impacts of extreme weather and climate change. FCERM Strategies and coastal protection works are in development and underway to improve the resilience and quality of the various habitats, communities and assets along the coastline. Strategies informed by comprehensive data collection and projections.

River catchments - NFDC is involved in river catchment partnerships and groups/activities to support healthy, safe water courses throughout the district and wider region. Key outcomes are improved water quality, protected and enhanced water habitats and improved blue biodiversity.

Drinking/waste water - NFDC works with local water utility and management companies to ensure the safety and availability of drinking water and waste water services across the district. Effective management of these supplies has a direct impact on water quality in rivers and around the coast.

New Forest National Park Authority

Water Catchment Management / Partnership - The New Forest Catchment Partnership is a Catchment Based Approach (CaBA) group, hosted by the New Forest National Park Authority and Freshwater Habitats Trust. We're working alongside organisations, communities and stakeholders to protect, manage and enhance these unparalleled freshwater habitats and the species they support.

The overarching aims of the New Forest Catchment project:

1 Protect the best - Raising awareness of the special nature of the New Forest's freshwater and coastal habitats and the need for sustainable strategies to mitigate stressors on these environments now and in the future.

2 Build out - Supporting local communities and businesses to reduce the number and frequency of direct and diffuse sources of nutrient pollution in the catchment. This means mitigating the impact of historic interventions, which have caused freshwaters to become disconnected along their length and disconnected from coastal and floodplain habitats.

3 Work in partnership - Bring together stakeholders to agree a plan of action for freshwater and coastal habitats and species, making best use of limited resources and using the collective experience and expertise of individuals and organisations working in and around the New Forest.

Portsmouth City Council

Look for opportunities to collaborate within and outside the city on water improvement projects - Have collaborated with University of Portsmouth on a marine values/planning project including co-hosting events; helping Gosport Borough Council with adopting Declaration for Ocean Recovery; have contacted MMO and Southern IFCA on how we could collaborate on Declaration of Ocean Recovery; have gained funding from Save the Children for Portsmouth Youth Cabinet on a water quality campaign against local sewage discharges.

Southampton City Council

Support Southern Waters Target 100 campaign - Target 100, together let's hit target 100. (southernwater.co.uk)

PUSH approach to nutrient neutrality - https://www.push.gov.uk/work/nitrate-mitigation/

https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-permission/sustainability-checklist/nitrogen-mitigation/

Sustainable Drainage Systems - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/environmental-issues/flood-risk-management/suds/

Preparing new Local Plan, known as Southampton City Vision, which includes policies on water resources such as targets for water consumption and requirements for on-site water recycling measures and sustainable drainage features that ensure runoff would not have a detrimental effect on water quality - Documents related to the Southampton City Vision including the Draft Plan with Options can be found at: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/cityvision/documentslibrary/ Amber contribution as the policies in the emerging City Vision gain more weight in planning decisions as the various stages of plan preparation are progressed. They will obtain full weight when the City Vision is adopted although that is a few years away due to the nature of the plan preparation process e.g. evidence gathering, policy writing, public consultation, examination by Secretary of State.

South Downs National Park Authority

Flow and channel morphologies - Work to establish more natural rates of flow and channel morphologies to make them more resilient to climate change impacts.

Influence flood management schemes - Seek to influence flood management schemes so that they facilitate Natural Flood management techniques have potential to deliver enhanced flood storage and create new wetland habitat.

Naturally functioning floodplains - Encourage naturally functioning floodplains and sustainable urban drainage schemes that plan for the potential changes in flooding as a result of climate change.

New habitat and wet woodland along streams and rivers - Agenda Item 12 Report NPA19/20-29 Appendix 5 Encourage the creation of new habitat and wet woodland along streams and rivers to enhance connectivity, flood storage, help reduce run-off and diffuse pollution.

Test Valley Borough Council

Mitigate ecological impact of water abstraction on the River Anton - The Council is represented on the project team for the Southern Water WINEP which is looking to mitigate ecological impact of water abstraction on the River Anton. At a wider scale we are working with the Wessex Rivers Trust, Southern Water and the Environment Agency on a Catchment Based Approach (CaBa) to restore habitats along the Anton. We are board members of the Winterbournes and Wetlands project, a Heritage Lottery funded project which is delivering community focussed conservation across the tributaries of the river Test.

5. Natural Health Service

In terms of NHS Outcome 1: Access to Nature, **Hampshire County Council** noted, green space, such as parks, woodland, fields and allotments as well as natural elements including green walls, are increasingly being recognised as an important asset for supporting health and wellbeing. **Gosport Borough Council**, **New Forest District Council**, **Portsmouth City Council, and Southampton City Council** either have land identified already or are looking to expand and connect green spaces. **Hampshire County Council** is undertaking to plant one million trees by 2050**. East Hampshire District Council, New Forest National Park Authority,** and **Test Valley Borough Council** all have

activities that directly engage communities in active uses of green spaces, such as walking, cycling, gardening and the arts.

For NHS Outcome 2: Sustainable Healthcare, **Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, New Forest District Council,** and **Southampton City Council** all reported policies or plans where healthcare and/or wellbeing is integrated. The **New Forest National Park Authority** has a Public Health Fellowship in partnership with NHS England.

The Greenprint June 2023 conference report noted:

> The workshop highlighted the importance of green spaces for communities, emphasising improving safety, inclusivity, and accessibility. Suggestions included creating a green space directory, providing welfare vans, identifying hidden green spaces, and implementing measures like free parking and wheelchair access. Engaging minority backgrounds and diversifying green space imagery were emphasised alongside education and exposure programs. In terms of natural health and Green Social Prescribing, the workshop explored virtual reality experiences, community gardens, and trust-building between healthcare and green activity providers. Collaboration across age groups and organisations, advertising project ideas, and leveraging community engagement were discussed.

5.1. NHS Outcome 1: Access to Nature

East Hampshire District Council

Grow Up! – our UKSPF programme of work. Vision: The vision for Grow Up! is to support and develop new and existing community-led projects in growing, planting, education, skills, biodiversity, seed swap and workshop events, farm visits, kitchen gardens and to support mental and physical wellbeing.

Gosport Borough Council

Integrating the Alver Marshes into the Alver Valley Country Park – as mentioned, the Council has recently bought a piece of land within the Alver Valley and will be integrating it within the country park. This will include improved access routes, picnic spots.

Delivery of Alver Valley Country Park Strategy - GBC adopted a strategy for the AVCP in 2014, which includes improving access to and within the country park, and improved signage, facilities and branding. Some of this has already been delivered and it is envisaged that further enhancements will be secured through developer contributions and grant funding.
https://www.gosport.gov.uk/media/1519/LP-F1-1-Alver-Valley-Country-Park-Strategy-April-2014/pdf/LPF_1_1_Alver_Valley_Country_Park_Strategy_April_2014.pdf?m=1561996359447

Policies within the Gosport Borough Local Plan – there are policies within both the existing and emerging local plans and emerging local plan promoting new green infrastructure and access to nature and the coast.

Hampshire County Council

Joint strategy needs assessment maps - Introduced by the Environment Act 2021, Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) are a new system of plans for nature recovery covering the whole of

England. Defra has appointed Hampshire County Council as the Responsible Authority for the Hampshire area. The LNRS should increase residents access to nature and green spaces through recovery of Hampshire's natural spaces. Green space, such as parks, woodland, fields and allotments as well as natural elements including green walls, are increasingly being recognised as an important asset for supporting health and wellbeing. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment maps access to green and blue space for the county which highlights key areas of natural deprivation.

Tree Strategy[2] – as part of our tree strategy and commitment to tackle climate change, we're going to plant one million trees by 2050. To help achieve this, we aim to create a county-wide forest through the Hampshire Forest Partnership. By connecting existing woodland sites and increasing the number of trees in the areas through group tree planting, we'll create a large forest and help tackle the climate crisis. This forest will increase carbon sequestration (the capturing of and storage of carbon dioxide) and benefit wildlife, as well as providing a beautiful backdrop for walks and adventures. It will also increase biodiversity and give more access to plants for pollinators.

New Forest District Council

Greening Campaign - The Greening Campaign are a third party organisation mobilising communities and councils to increase and improve climate action. NFDC promote the Greening Campaign and there are a number of active Greening Groups across the district, involving residents from a range of locations and demographics. The Greening Campaign links communities and areas across southern regions of the UK.

Open/Green Spaces - NFDC own and/or manage a large amount of open/green space across the district, including in residential, urban and rural areas.

Recreational Mitigation/SANGS - Recreational Mitigation spaces and Suitable Areas of Natural Green Space (SANGs) are areas of land designated through the planning system to provide access to quality natural spaces for residents and visitors, which minimises damage to more sensitive habitats in other areas. These areas are assessed for suitable quality, accessibility and sustainability.

New Forest National Park Authority

Health and Wellbeing - Green Health Hub – The Green Health Hub is a portal to activity to help connect people to nature both in and around the New Forest. As of March 2024, there are 18 groups on the portal, including gardening, cycling, walking, arts and many more. The hub will grow over the coming years and present both activities and stories of how nature and access to it can help people. The Hub is part of a wider strategy (Inclusive National Park) in our Partnership Plan to engage people and address inequalities in accessing nature.

PEDALL inclusive cycling project - PedAll offers guided sessions to benefit wellbeing. Based in the National Park from two hubs, PedAll sessions are for people who face a barrier to cycling or accessing the National Park and would benefit from their mental and physical rewards. PedAll can cater for a wide range of abilities, including people with physical or intellectual disabilities, social or mental wellbeing needs, a visible or unseen condition, or those living with a health diagnosis. The NFNPA works with charity Friends of PedAll to deliver the project. Funding is from a variety of means, with the majority funder being the National Lottery Community Fund. PedAll offers 4000 riding slots over 250 sessions per year and is externally evaluated for its impact on health and wellbeing, for riders, carers and volunteers.

Ranger Service

[2] Note that **Test Valley Borough Council** listed their tree planting activity under BGE Outcome 1.

Portsmouth City Council

Look for more opportunities to increase access to green/blue spaces or create new ones where there is poor availability – Creation of another local pocket park in an area of poor green infra (completed 2024); active advertising of any grant funds to community groups that social prescribe (or similar); grant applications for funding to create more urban nature trails (unsuccessful but trying).

PCC provides opportunities for residents, including those who are vulnerable to access nature for their health and wellbeing.(Increased access to nature for health and well-being e.g. Victoria Park; Nature Watch led by Adult Social Care; Wellbeing walks; Community garden).

PCC increases opportunities for people to access nature through building engagement with and awareness of parks and open spaces and the marine environment.e.g. Bird Aware; Increased interpretation; work of countryside rangers

Southampton City Council

Green Grid - Development of an ecological and recreation network across the city. A consultation was undertaken in 2022 using the Common Place platform. https://www.southampton.gov.uk/our-green-city/council-commitments/our-natural-environment/green-grid-consultation/

Ranger Team - The Rangers also engage with visitors and work with local communities to encourage greater use of natural greenspaces across the city.

Wilder Project - The City Council has part funded a Wilder Project Officer to work in Southampton to facilitate community wildlife activities. The Wilder Project Officer assists communities to undertake biodiversity projects and increase access to nature within a number of more deprived neighbourhoods.

GI Strategy - The GI strategy is designed to protect and expand the GI resource in Southampton, with a particular focus on greening grey infrastructure such as highways. The intention is to create better quality environments which will encourage more walking and cycling.

Biodiversity Strategy - The biodiversity strategy is intended to generate action that will protect the city's biodiversity and make it more resilient to the pressures of climate change and disturbance. The focus of work will be on the city's greenspaces which provide residents with an opportunity to see and hear wildlife. There will also be opportunities for people to be directly involved through conservation volunteering, biological surveying and species-specific conservation projects.

Green Flag Scheme - The City Council has a policy of achieving Green Flag status for its principal parks. In addition to achieving a high standard of maintenance and cleanliness, the Green Flag management plans all have robust biodiversity management sections which are delivered by the Rangers.

Southampton National Park City - Southampton National Park City – A cleaner, greener Southampton (www.southampton-national-park.com)

Preparing new Local Plan, known as Southampton City Vision, which includes policies to protect existing open spaces and support creation of new ones as well as policies to increase green infrastructure including having to meet Urban Green Factor targets. Documents related to the Southampton City Vision including the Draft Plan with Options can be found at: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/cityvision/documentslibrary/ Amber contribution as the policies in the emerging City Vision

gain more weight in planning decisions as the various stages of plan preparation are progressed. They will obtain full weight when the City Vision is adopted although that is a few years away due to the nature of the plan preparation process e.g. evidence gathering, policy writing, public consultation, examination by Secretary of State.

South Downs National Park Authority

Health and Well Being hubs Truleigh Hill and Seven Sisters – we are implementing our Health and Well-being strategy https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/HWB_Strategy-Summary.pdf

Downs to the Sea project - H&WB delivery

Deliver Timescape III at Fishbourne Roman Palace and Buster Ancient Farm

Community Travel Grant Administration launch and promotion

Outdoor learning grant administration and promotion

Implement National Park Health Leads programme

Support delivery of Hampshire Mental health and Well-Being Strategy

Test Valley Borough Council

Running a range of educational and awareness events, ranging from nature discovery days and bat walks to opportunities to learn new skills by volunteering, to helping with the management of local nature reserves and wildlife sites. Includes coppicing, pond maintenance, vegetation control, etc., to encourage people to get out and to engage with the local environment. Local groups are involved, including Tadburn Conservation Volunteers, Friends of the Parks, Wilder Romsey and The River Anton River Conservation Association (TARCA), at wildlife sites and nature reserves including Anton Lakes, Ladies Walk, Rooksbury Mill Nature Reserve, Harewood Common, Ox Drove Meadow, Valley Park Woodlands, Tadburn Meadows and Abbotswood Nature Reserves.

5.2. NHS Outcome 2: Sustainable Healthcare

Fareham Borough Council

Welborne Plan – (WEL14) https://www.fareham.gov.uk/PDF/planning/LP3WelborneAdopted.pdf

Gosport Borough Council

Policies within the Gosport Borough Local Plan - There are policies within both the existing and emerging that require developments to provide necessary infrastructure, including healthcare facilities, where appropriate.

Hampshire County Council

Implementation of weather and healthcare plans – Improve air quality, to improve population health through carbon reduction. Build intelligence to support programmes and interventions to maximise public health benefits and support evaluations of interventions and monitor progress against targets. Provide public health leadership to support the implementation of Healthy Streets across Hampshire. Support the development and implementation of the draft LTP4 ensuring measures benefit those most in need. Working to join up planning and transport approaches on both new and

existing places to increase health co-benefits of transport mitigation strategies. Develop behaviour change campaigns to encourage active modes of transport to improve physical and mental health and support community engagement in this area. Working to join up planning and transport approaches on both new and existing places, and working with districts and boroughs on policy, stewardship and planning applications to increase co-benefits of health and the mitigation of climate change. Working with districts and boroughs on maximising the benefits of green and blue infrastructure through policy, stewardship and implementation. Supporting and working with internal teams on co-benefits on health and mitigation of climate change, with a focus on regeneration and connectivity and quality local environments.

New Forest District Council

NFDC Strategies - Corporate Plan, H&W, AQ, CC, LP - A number of key NFDC strategies support this outcome, including the Corporate Plan, Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Air Quality Strategy (in development), Climate Change Strategy (in development) and Local Plan.

New Forest National Park Authority

National Park Public Health Fellowship - We have a partnership with NHS England for annual Health Fellowships where a trainee consultant joins us for 2 days per week to carry out activity in this area while learning about public health. In 2024/25 we will have two Fellows placed with us from the School of Psychiatry.

Southampton City Council

Southampton Sustainable Food City - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s57574/Improving%20the%20local%20food%20environment%20briefing%20paper%20for%20discussion.pdf

Health in All Policies Approach - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s60500/Health%20in%20All%20Policies%20the%20next%20phase%20approach%20and%20framework%20to%20reduce%20health%20inequalities%20in%20South.pdf

Preparing new Local Plan, known as Southampton City Vision, which seeks to incorporate health and wellbeing as one of its golden threads and uses policies to address various wider determinants of health such as quality of housing, access to food and sustainable transport including active travel – documents related to the Southampton City Vision including the Draft Plan with Options can be found at: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/cityvision/documentslibrary/

6. Quality in Design and Build

All participating LAs reported activities related to QDB Outcome 1: Zero Carbon Build and Retrofit. These involve both retrofitting existing housing (**Hampshire County Council, New Forest District Council**, **New Forest National Park Authority, Test Valley Borough Council**, and **Winchester City Council**) and new builds (**Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council,** and **Portsmouth City Council**). In addition, **Gosport Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, and Southampton City**

Council are all engaging with Passivhaus standards. Schemes for non-residential developments and businesses were mentioned by **Southampton City Council** and **Test Valley Borough Council.** There are also activities specifically related to renewable energy being undertaken by **South Downs National Park Authority** and **Test Valley Borough Council,** along with the Solar Together initiative promoted by **New Forest District Council**.

In terms of QDB Outcome 2: Design, Build and Nature, several LAs indicated how activities requiring the mitigation of environmental impacts and biodiversity net gain were being incorporated into local plans (**Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council, New Forest District Council, New Forest National Park Authority,** and **Winchester City Council**). **Hampshire County Council** highlighted the redevelopment of the Bridgemary Library in Gosport, and **South Downs National Park Authority** has a project to promote green corridors, high quality green spaces and street trees within the urban environment. **Southampton City Council** is looking at policies on waste and the circular economy and requiring developments to meet urban green factor standards which encourage use of green roofs and walls.

The Greenprint June 2023 workshop noted the necessity of retrofitting existing homes for sustainability. It was also noted in this discussion that it is directly related to green jobs, with an estimated 6,000 new ones needed per year in Hampshire alone by 2030. The challenges with retrofitting are the gap in the upskilled workforce, negative press around heat pumps, and the cost to the homeowner. Potential actions to address these challenges were discussed at the Greenprint June 2023 workshop.

6.1. QDB Outcome 1: Zero Carbon Build and Retrofit

East Hampshire District Council

EHDC Greeniest local plan - development of our greenest local plan - strong green policies. Regulation 18 completed.

Post Occupancy Evaluation Project - measuring performance of new homes in Whitehill & Bordon. Reducing the performance gap

COSY scheme – includes COSY interest free loans.

Fareham Borough Council

Council supports development that will exceed Building Regulations requirements - (Para 8.9) https://www.fareham.gov.uk/pdf/planning/local_plan/1.FLP2037.pdf

Fareham Housing Greener Policy - https://www.fareham.gov.uk/PDF/housing/GreenerPolicy.pdf

Gosport Borough Council

Delivery of Passivhaus council homes - As part of its commitment to sustainability, the council has recently commissioned the construction of 15 new council homes to Passivhaus standards. Not only will this save occupiers money and carbon, but they will be exemplar developments for the Borough.

https://ecda.co.uk/projects/gosport-passivhaus-homes/#:~:text=These%20new%20developments%20for%20Gosport,interpretation%20of%20a%20traditional%20home

Policies within the Gosport Local Plan 2040 - The emerging local plan will include policies supporting the construction of new homes to Passivhaus standards, and new commercial developments to BREEAM 'Very Good' standards.

Hampshire County Council

Partnership based retrofit scheme – homes in Hampshire contribute 24% of our total carbon emissions. Hampshire County Council is working with experts Parity Projects to develop a long-term, partnership-based retrofit scheme that will lower our residential emissions and energy bills. As part of its responsibilities, the Climate Change Group put forward a business case development for a retrofit programme and a partnership with The Retrofit Academy to deliver retrofit skills and training in Hampshire college.

New Forest District Council

NFDC Greener Housing Strategy - The highly ambitious Greener Housing Strategy sets out standards and targets for energy efficient, climate resilient homes across the New Forest District (including council homes, private owned and rented). Targets include EPC C+ by 2030, net zero carbon by 2050. https://www.newforest.gov.uk/greenerhousing

Solar Together – NFDC promote the Solar Together scheme to residents to support Hampshire County Council and help NFDC residents to install renewable energy generators/storage at the homes.

New Forest National Park Authority

Planning and zero carbon build and retrofit - The New Forest NPA's own dwelling stock is very modest (2 dwellings). These were both built to Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4 standard. Work is due to commence on a review of the local planning policies for the New Forest National Park shortly and the report to the full Authority meeting in March 2024 confirms, "…the NPPF encourages planning authorities to give significant weight to supporting energy efficiency and low carbon improvements to existing buildings. A focused review of our local planning policies on sustainable construction and energy efficiency will enable us to consider issues such as the approach to replacement dwellings, the retrofit of existing buildings and to use our planning powers to contribute to the delivery of the net zero with nature programme." This work will build on the principles set out in the adopted New Forest National Park Design Guide (2022) which includes a chapter dedicated to 'Sustainability', including sustainable construction and energy efficiency.

Portsmouth City Council

To design & build a Passivhaus certified social housing scheme - we have social housing in Havant and Gosport. Currently out to tender now on a Passivhaus social housing project in Havant BC.

Passivhaus Certified Designers (we have 5No with a plan for a further 2No).

Southampton City Council

Energy Guidance along Passivhaus approach to be integrated into New Local Plan - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/sustainability

Existing Local Plan policy BREEAM Excellent - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/adopted-plans/adopted-core-strategy-2015/

Enforcing existing Local Plan policy requiring BREEAM Excellent on major non-residential development. The relevant policy, Policy CS20 - Tackling and Adapting to Climate Change, can be found in Southampton Core Strategy that can be found at: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/media/io4midh4/amended-core-strategy-inc-cspr-final-13-03-2015_tcm63-371354.pdf

Preparing new Local Plan, known as Southampton City Vision, which includes policies on energy and net zero carbon buildings which have specified standards for new build and coversions with regards to operational emissions and renewables. Also includes policies on sustainable design of buildings including BREEAM Excellent requirement. Documents related to the Southampton City Vision including the Draft Plan with Options can be found at: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/cityvision/documentslibrary/ Amber contribution as the policies in the emerging City Vision gain more weight in planning decisions as the various stages of plan preparation are progressed. They will obtain full weight when the City Vision is adopted although that is a few years away due to the nature of the plan preparation process e.g. evidence gathering, policy writing, public consultation, examination by Secretary of State.

South Downs National Park Authority

Renewable Energy Technical Advice Note (TAN) has been produced - https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Climate-Change-Report-final-A4-pages-LR.pdf

Explore the opportunity to review and strengthen some policies relating to Climate Change and sustainable construction through the Local Plan review

Test Valley Borough Council

Sustainable design practices - Encouraging sustainable design practices, low carbon design, use of renewable and green energy and retrofitting, etc through supportive local plan policies in the Draft Local Plan 2040

Test Valley Rural Net Zero Business Service - Sharing links via the TVBC website, to promote forms of Renewable and Low Carbon Energy and home insulation, including renewable energy generation from wind, solar and natural sources to help cut carbon emissions, energy bills and reliance on fossil fuels, eg. the Smart Export Guarantee (payments for electricity exported back to the National Grid), the Boiler Upgrade Scheme, Solar Together Hampshire, Warmer Homes scheme, Green Deal loans, Home Improvement grants and loans, etc.

Test Valley Rural Net Zero Business Service – In partnership with IncuHive - the Test Valley Rural Net Zero Business Service. Includes: A Rural Net Zero Business Advice Service, to assist businesses on their Net Zero journey; a small capital grants programme to support businesses; and A pilot demonstrator / support programme focussing on land management and regenerative farming.

Winchester City Council

Energy Saving Homes programme - Targeted scheme to support council tenants to have energy efficiency measures installed in their property. Also new build to high efficiency standards https://www.winchester.gov.uk/housing/council-housing-tenants/repairs-and-improvements/energy-saving-homes

6.2. QDB Outcome 2: Design, Build and Nature

East Hampshire District Council

Biodiversity action plan – to be developed

Fareham Borough Council

Welborne - Ambient Heat Network (p16) https://moderngov.fareham.gov.uk/documents/s37208/Building%20Welborne%20Beautiful%20March%202024_Digital.pdf

Welborne Plan - Nature Conservation Policies (Chapter 8) https://www.fareham.gov.uk/PDF/planning/LP3WelborneAdopted.pdf

Local Plan - Nature Conservation Policies (NE1 - 11) https://www.fareham.gov.uk/pdf/planning/local_plan/1.FLP2037.pdf

Gosport Borough Council

Policies with the Gosport Borough Local Plan - Policies within the current and emerging local plan require mitigation of environment impacts and biodiversity net gain. Policy DE1 within the emerging local plan includes the need for sustainable construction over the lifecycle of the building.

Gosport Borough Local Plan 2029 https://www.gosport.gov.uk/media/1210/Local-Plan-2011-2019-Written-Statement/pdf/Gosport_Borough_Local_Plan_2011-2029_-_adopted_version_b.pdf?m=1561566527337

Gosport Borough Local Plan 2038 https://www.gosport.gov.uk/media/3525/Draft-Gosport-Borough-Local-Plan-2038/pdf/Gosport_Borough_Local_Plan_20381.pdf?m=637941020578470000

Hampshire County Council

Bridgemary Library Gosport - The transformation of the Bridgemary Library in Gosport is a project that highlights designing buildings with a changing climate in mind. The 'Green Library' will include new rooftop solar panels and an air source heat pump heating system to enable renewable energy sources for the building. Electrical charging points will also be installed in the car park to support the adoption of electric vehicles. The project is scheduled to be completed in spring 2024.

New Forest District Council

Planning Policies - BNG, GI, CC – Local planning policies (in line with national policies and best practice) being created and enforced to ensure developments deliver positive impacts for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), Green Infrastructure (GI) and Climate Change mitigation and adaptation (CC). Policies include considerations for whole life impacts.

New Forest National Park Authority

Planning and design, build and nature – the National Park Authority has detailed mitigation strategies in place to address recreational impacts on the internationally protected habitats of the New Forest and Solent; and also water quality impacts arising from new development on the Solent Coast. The recreation mitigation schemes support the provision of new greenspace, alongside additional ranger provision working within the designated sites. The National Park Authority also chairs the steering group overseeing the preparation of strategic mitigation strategy focusing on 'strategic access management and monitoring' measures (SAMM) within the New Forest's

designated sites. This bring together 9 local planning authorities within the 13.8km 'zone of influence', Natural England and Forestry England and was the subject of a report approved by the PfSH Joint Committee in September 2023. In terms BNG, the National Park Authority (working with NFDC) is due to complete the overarching legal agreement to deliver a strategic BNG resource on land at Keyhaven in the New Forest. The Local Plan review report being considered at the full Authority meeting in March 2024 confirms, "The mandatory requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) in new development came into effect in Spring 2024 and the review of the Local Plan for the National Park provides the opportunity to set out the Authority's target for BNG in new development. This will need to consider the impacts on development viability and also the interaction between the national agenda for nature recovery and the local land-based economy in the New Forest National Park (including commoning)."

Portsmouth City Council

Continue to look at building projects wholistically, the building & the landscape having equal status.

Make sure that a landscape design is included in the early feasibility work so that costs are fully embedded in the budget estimates.

Understand the client's landscape requirements & ensure that the client understands the importance of landscape design to the success of a building project.

Ensure that the design proposals are low maintenance & site specific

Note how climate change is impacting on the type of planting that can flourish in Portsmouth

Understand the therapeutic potential of a sensitive planting scheme

Southampton City Council

Green Space Factor in existing Local Plan - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/sustainability

Preparing new Local Plan, known as Southampton City Vision, which includes policies to encourage more sustainable construction and building design including policies on waste and the circular economy and requiring developments to meet urban green factor standards which encourage use of green roofs and walls - Documents related to the Southampton City Vision including the Draft Plan with Options can be found at: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/cityvision/documentslibrary/ Amber contribution as the policies in the emerging City Vision gain more weight in planning decisions as the various stages of plan preparation are progressed. They will obtain full weight when the City Vision is adopted although that is a few years away due to the nature of the plan preparation process e.g. evidence gathering, policy writing, public consultation, examination by Secretary of State.

South Downs National Park Authority

Promote green corridors, high quality green spaces and street trees within the urban environment to improve capacity for regulating air quality and managing climate change impacts at a local level – our local plan review is underway and we will use the opportunity to incorporate strengthened climate action policies.

Winchester City Council

Bio-diversity Net Gain - planning obligation – published technical advice notes
https://www.winchester.gov.uk/natural-environment/biodiversity-net-gain

7. Green Skills and Jobs

Noting the detail provided below, opportunities for collaboration on potential shared apprenticeship schemes seem most relevant (at this time) to **South Downs National Park Authority, New Forest National Park Authority and Fareham Borough Council.** They each have existing apprenticeship or work placement schemes. **Portsmouth City Council** is looking to expand their climate team with an apprentice.

For the sharing of green skills, **East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, New Forest National Park Authority, South Downs National Park Authority, Southampton City Council and Test Valley Counci**l all have opportunities for awareness-raising and potential training for constituents. This may include working directly within schools or providing bespoke events for local communities and/or businesses. **Gosport Borough Council, New Forest National Park Authority, New Forest District Council, Portsmouth City Council and Winchester City Council** all mentioned schemes for people working in their offices to benefit from green skills training.

The Greenprint June 2023 survey noted interest in opportunities for apprenticeships and placements, but with a need for more information on what skills to prioritise (e.g. engineering?). There was also mention of the importance of strengthening links with local schools and colleges to bring education into the conversation. The Greenprint June 2023 conference report noted:

> Attendees emphasised the importance of collaboration with organisations such as the creative industries, media and film industry, vocational schools, and community-based organisations to provide skills training. The workshop also underscored the significance of leading by example, aligning business obligations with environmental values, and attracting businesses through green credentials. Engagement with schools, colleges, religious institutions, older generations, and innovators was deemed crucial for long-term skill development. Challenges such as lack of collaboration, knowledge exchange, long-term funding, and public awareness were acknowledged.

7.1. Green Skills and Jobs – Outcome 1: Greening the curriculum

East Hampshire District Council

Farm Discovery Project – schools project to engage with schools on where food comes from and link back to nature

Fareham Borough Council

Education facilities (CEMAST) and (CETC) at Daedalus - https://www.fareham.gov.uk/daedalus/innovationandeducation.aspx [site of all automotive, engineering and manufacturing programmes run by Fareham College (CEMAST https://www.fareham.ac.uk/cemast/); also home to the Civil Engineering Training Centre since 2020,

which includes apprenticeships (CETC https://www.fareham.ac.uk/cetc/); also draw work experience T-Level students from Fareham College].

Fareham Innovation Centre and Fareham College links - https://moderngov.fareham.gov.uk/documents/s36979/Appendix%20A%20Daedalus%20High%20Flying%20Success%20Brochure.pdf [brochure on more general information about the multiuse Fareham Business Park]

Gosport Borough Council

Carbon Literacy Training – already undertaken for officers with the aim of embedding training within council decisions and processes.

Healthy Street Training – one officer completed and will extend to additional officers within the council.

Hampshire County Council

Climate Unity Project – held a Climate Unity Conference in July 2023 which offered children and young people the opportunity to work alongside their peers and to engage in a series of workshops to develop their understanding of climate and environmental issues.

New Forest District Council

NFDC internal training - Staff and members trained on climate change and nature issues/impacts/opportunities via e-learning, staff training events, presentations, meetings, briefing sessions etc. Training will continue to be updated and delivered through a variety of methods/platforms to improve knowledge and engagement (hopefully leading to sustainable behaviour change at work and in their personal lives).

New Forest National Park Authority

Education and Youth Work – awareness raising of the National Park

Portsmouth City Council

Expand PCC website resources to increase capacity and capabilities of local businesses to decarbonize - 'Switched on Business' website launched in March 2024

Developing a climate change eLearning programme for all staff and Cllrs – now have funding/support programme to develop an organisation capacity building programme that will begin within the next 9 months

Supported the creation of local Net Zero Training Hub at local City of Portsmouth College - including young people undertaking air source heat pump training and SP training in apprenticeships through their Portsmouth based training centre

Supporting delivery of regional decarbonisation funds (LoCASE)

Financially and technically supporting Shaping Portsmouth with their Climate Action Group (decarbonizing SME's)

Support for net zero through Solent Business Support Service

Southampton City Council

Healthy and Sustainable schools Collective - https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/support-inclusion-education/healthy-schools/healthy-sustainable-schools/ [currently appears to be focused on primary schools]

Supporting the Green Curriculum – employer support to access the curriculum and feedback from employers to shape curriculum.

South Downs National Park Authority

Green Careers/Pathways – coordinate and deliver work experience, work placement and careers events programmes.

South Downs Youth Action and Youth Action Fund – opportunities to participate in activities that develop skills.

Winchester City Council

Sparsholt Collage - training bays project – an external project lead by Sparsholt College, supported with UK Shared Prosperity Fund grant.

Employment and Skills Plans – negotiating agreement on new development for job and training opportunities include green skills.

7.2. Green Skills and Jobs – Outcome 2: Light to Dark Green Jobs

East Hampshire District Council

Grow Up! Rural Employment Hub

Hampshire County Council

Skills Bootcamp - using the government's flagship Skills Bootcamps programme to directly commission a range of training courses in low carbon construction, retrofit, and green transport skills to meet the identified needs of the sectors. This will also give local people the opportunity to develop their skills and directly access employment opportunities. Over 200 courses will be delivered by local providers in this financial year, with an ambition to extend the scope and reach of the programme in future years subject to funding.

New Forest District Council

Green Technology Grants – NFDC won UK Shared Prosperity Funding to deliver grants for local businesses to install energy efficiency/renewable energy technologies (Light Green).

Green Skills – NFDC won UK Shared Prosperity Funding to deliver green skills training to residents across New Forest District. This programme is underway.

New Forest National Park Authority

Early careers network and apprentice roles - Work part of our 'Thriving Forest' theme in the Partnership Plan. We consider all jobs within the New Forest National Park Authority to be sustainability-centric.

- Supporting a network of 'early green careers' professionals to help them develop their understanding and career pathway.

- Ranger apprentice programme - small number of apprentices each year but involving six different green career hosting employers

-Programme of 'Green Leadership' has run in 2022 and 2023 to develop 18 people across eight organisations to develop partnership and green advocacy skills. Programme to run again in 2024/25.

- Actively looking for ways to seek funding to support internships, placements, entry level jobs and other opportunities across the National Park.

https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/conservation/partnership-plan/partnership-plan-2021-2026/thriving-forest/

Portsmouth City Council

Continuing support to Shaping – additional financial support given to Shaping Portsmouth given in March 24 to continue their business decarbonisation programme

Look for opportunities for an apprentice or masters student to join PCC climate team – still looking for funding to support further resourcing

Support for net zero through Solent Business Support Service

Southampton City Council

Net Zero 360 Southampton - Clean Growth UK (clean-growth.uk) – offering free Net Zero 360 workshops for businesses.

Southampton City Vision (NEW) – in planning stages to include policies to require Employment and Skills Plans from major developments which could include green jobs and training related to things such as installing renewable energy technologies and items such as air source heat pumps.
https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/cityvision/documentslibrary/