

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board on Commission of Inquiry – Vision for Hampshire 2050 (the Commission).

The report specifically covers:

- a) Background to the Commission;
- b) The key identified values, principles and drivers for change;
- c) The recommendations endorsed by Members from the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting on 23 September 2019;
- d) The arrangements for future implementation of the Commission and associated Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan; and
- e) The linkages and opportunities for further collaboration between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Commission and Climate Change work programmes.

Recommendations

That the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board:

2. Note the Member endorsed values, principles and drivers for change detailed within the Commissioners' Summary Report (set out in the Section titled Commissioners' Summary Report)
3. Note the Member endorsed recommendations for further work (set out in the Section titled Extraordinary Full Council Meeting)
4. Note the arrangements being made for the onward delivery and implementation of the Commission (set out in the Section titled Climate

Change Strategy and Action Plan); and

5. Agree to support and explore further work wherever practicable with the Commission and Climate Change work programmes through, but not limited to, the examples provided in the Section titled Synergies with the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Contextual Information

6. The Commission was set up by Councillor Roy Perry, former Leader of the County Council and Chairman of the Commission in 2018.
7. The Commission was established to consider evidence, deliberate upon key issues and to make recommendations on a high level and long-term Vision for Hampshire to 2050 which would guide and contribute to the future prosperity, quality of life, protection and enhancement of the character and environment of Hampshire.
8. Sixteen individuals with broad experience and strong ties to Hampshire were selected and invited by the Chairman to form the Commission. One Commissioner, Lord Wakeham subsequently had to step down from his role due to ill health.
9. The Commissioners were asked to consider a range of questions across six specific and one cross-cutting themes, focusing on:
 - What do you think might happen in the future?
 - How will that affect/impact on what we do?
 - How will the County Council and Partners need to react in light of this?
10. Each theme was led by a designated officer from across the County Council who gathered a breadth of expert evidence which was then presented to the Commissioners at the respective theme hearings.
11. An open call for public evidence and short interviews with members of the public also helped to contextualise public opinion at each theme hearing. All theme summary reports, supporting evidence, public opinion, videos and presentations from the hearings can be viewed on the Commission of Inquiry at www.hants.gov.uk/visionforhampshire2050

Commissioners' Summary Report

12. The Commissioners' Summary Report is the conclusion of a year's work and sets out a compelling narrative to create a unified vision from a wide variety of differing perspectives in order to achieve continued prosperity for Hampshire towards 2050.
13. The report is structured around three key sections:

- Key Values & Principles
- Drivers for Change, and
- Vision, Policy & Recommendations

Key Values and Principles

14. The Commissioners' recommendations were shaped by key values and principles that the Commissioners identified as fundamental and which are summarised below.

Hampshire the Place

15. Commissioners were passionate that Hampshire (including Southampton and Portsmouth) is a very desirable place to live and work because it offers many qualities and strengths that people are looking for, such as a beautiful natural environment, jobs, education and good access to neighbouring economies. Commissioners felt it was important to ensure that these qualities are sustained and that they are also resilient in the face of the drivers of change.
16. They were also keen to acknowledge that some aspects are less successful and must be addressed including, for example, access to affordable housing, pockets of deprivation, lack of diversity, future of rural areas, maximising the potential of the two cities.

People and Communities

17. There was a clear consensus from Commissioners that human relationships and communities were at the heart of achieving a positive future for Hampshire and should therefore underpin the recommendations. Building communities that are connected, intergenerational, sustainable, resilient and happy was central to many of the discussions.

Diversity

18. Diversity was used to express the view that everyone is welcome, recognising that society is made up of individuals with varying characteristics (race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies). Everyone should have equal access to services and opportunities and life chances, and this requires effort to be put into equalising currently unequal access. Aspects of this part of the Commission's deliberations has been subject to some dissenting voices.

Leadership and Collaboration

19. A key area of consensus was that Hampshire County Council should take a leadership role in ensuring the outcomes of the Commission are taken forward, and that the Council should work collaboratively with public and private sector partners, the third sector and local communities to successfully deliver the far reaching and complex ambitions of the Commission.

Measures of Success

20. The measures of success for outcomes was something the Commissioners were keen to define, and it was agreed that these should be both quantifiable

and value based. Commissioners felt that the human element was as critical as policy. What it feels like to live in Hampshire (happy, safe, isolated, deprived?) will be an integral part of the measure of success of outcomes like a prosperous economy, vibrant cities and towns and a thriving natural environment.

Drivers for change

21. From the thematic hearings, several drivers for change emerged (climate, environment, economy, population & society and technology) which will force change and will require choices to be made. These drivers form the backbone of the Commissioners' Report from which the recommendations flow. More details on each are set out below.

Changing Climate

22. The changing climate was identified by Commissioners as the most important; it was recognised that a well-adapted and resilient Hampshire will be essential to ensure that Hampshire's economy, environment and society continue to thrive and prosper. Commissioners were keen to develop and promote a strategic focus on embedding climate resilience and mitigation across key policies and sectors with communities across Hampshire.
23. Furthermore, areas of focus should include that carbon emissions are reduced from the key sectors of housing and transport, that support is provided to enable and empower communities to be more resilient to the impacts of a changing climate and that there is a focus to develop policies to support the transition to clean, locally generated, renewable energy and sustainable use of natural resources.

Changing Environment

24. Hampshire's built, historic and natural environment was considered an essential component to a high quality of life, as one of Hampshire's most valued assets and part of what makes Hampshire an attractive and prosperous place to live, work and visit.
25. As such, Commissioners expressed the ambition to protect, retain and enhance the special unique features and character of Hampshire into the future and that communities must be able to connect with their place and be able to live more happy and healthy lives.
26. To assist this, the Commissioners consider that our places must be equipped with high performing and adaptable infrastructure to meet local needs, transport networks to increase accessibility and active travel and green spaces to support health and wellbeing.

Changing Economy

27. Commissioners identified that a thriving and prosperous economy is essential to support excellent public services, provide high quality and inclusive employment and business opportunities, maintain and enhance quality of life

and reduce inequality and economic exclusion.

28. As such the key emerging policy objective is to maintain a strategic focus on fostering a knowledge-based and sustainable Hampshire Economy, working closely with businesses, relevant agencies, leading universities and other research assets in Hampshire.
29. Several recommended areas of focus to support this objective include;
 - Developing Hampshire as a brand
 - Maximising opportunities for employment and inclusion
 - Securing economically critical infrastructure investment in Hampshire
 - Developing clear masterplans to aid development
 - Embracing the opportunities of the advances of digital and other technology, and
 - Capitalising on Hampshire's university capacity to retain more graduates living and working in Hampshire.
30. Furthermore, it was recognised that Hampshire County Council, together with other key stakeholders, should ensure that main key urban centres fulfil their roles as key economic drivers and as vibrant places and hubs of commercial and innovation activity. They would also act as magnets for talented individuals and knowledge intensive businesses.

Changing Population and Society

31. Commissioners recognised that a growing and ageing population will impact upon productivity and service delivery including health, housing provision (further compounded by an increase in one-person households) and social care. Other key challenges included the changing skills needs, intergenerational equity and areas of deprivation.
32. Commissioners wanted a focus on promoting the evolution and development of communities and all types of families that support equity, connectivity, diversity, sustainability and resilience.
33. Commissioners discussed the importance of attracting new skills and a younger, diverse population to Hampshire to help to balance the ageing population, whilst also attracting families and enabling those born in Hampshire, to stay and prosper. Their conclusions favoured a balance between needing to attract and retain younger households whilst preparing for a larger proportion of residents to be older and frailer.

Changing Technology

34. Commissioners recognised that Hampshire is home to some key digital clusters and has significant expertise and a strong reputation in digital technologies, infrastructure and skills.
35. Commissioners were keen for Hampshire to take advantage of the opportunities that technology will offer to people, place and economy in the

future, whilst mitigating against potential negative impacts including economic exclusion, loneliness and the potential knock on impacts on health.

36. They also discussed the need to ensure that all members of the community can benefit from technological advancements and take advantage of new opportunities in the labour market. They considered it important to avoid technology replacing richer, authentic human exchanges where possible.
37. As such the emerging key policy objective prioritises a focus on opportunities offered by technology to enhance business and economy, public services, social infrastructure and connectivity.
38. A number of recommended areas of focus underpinning this objective include developing a greater understanding the role of public sector to enable and maximise the opportunities of new technologies, equipping all sectors of society with the skills required to take advantage of technological advances, maximising the benefits offered by Artificial Intelligence to improve public services particularly health, social care and transport, seeking to improve active travel and prioritising public and shared transport.

Recommendations

39. The recommendations from the Commission are outlined in the Commissioners' Summary Report <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/hampshire2050/2050-summaryreport2019.pdf>
40. The recommendations cover each of the five drivers for change and are structured into:
 - vision statements which set out the overarching conclusion for each driver
 - policy objectives which set out the desired outcome, and
 - recommendations which set out the more detailed work areas to achieve the outcomes.

Extraordinary Full Council Meeting

41. On the 23 September 2019, Members unanimously endorsed the Commissioners' Summary Report as a basis for response and engagement at an Extraordinary Full Council Meeting. Minutes of the meeting can be accessed via democracy.hants.gov.uk
42. In addition to the Commissions' Report, the following recommendations were also supported;
 - a) That the Council take a leadership role in ensuring the Commissioners' report is received and considered by key partners and stakeholders across Hampshire;
 - b) That the Council reviews its key policies where appropriate in light of the Commission's recommendations; and

- c) That the Council establish an evidence base for key policy areas against which progress on the Commission's recommendations can be measured.
43. Furthermore, it was also identified that although the Commission has now concluded its work, the implementation and delivery of the recommendations is a critical component to the success of the Commission and so the following further recommendations were also supported;
- d) That the Council supports the repurposing of the Hampshire Partnership Board to oversee implementation and progress (see the Section titled Re-purposed Hampshire 2050 Partnership below);
 - e) That the Council endorses the approach of engaging key partners to receive and respond to the Commissioners' Report; and
 - f) That the Council approves further work to engage with schools and/or youth organisations to consider the Commission's findings and recommendations.
44. Additionally, to co-ordinate and develop the onward delivery, monitoring, reporting and review, it was noted that dedicated resources would be identified within the Environment Department of the County Council and that, given the connections and complementarity between the work of the Commission and the Climate Change work programmes (see the Section titled Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan below), these resources are being closely aligned.

Re-purposed Hampshire 2050 Partnership

45. The initial meeting of the re-purposed Hampshire 2050 Partnership to oversee implementation and joint progress of the outputs of the Commission took place on 26 November 2019.
46. The Board consists of Leaders and Chief Executives from all Hampshire Districts, Boroughs and Unitaries, as well as the wider public sector. The event focussed on Climate Change and a workshop asked delegates to identify their top three priorities for action in Hampshire, what their role might be and who the key players are.
47. An output from the event will be made available on the website hants.gov.uk/visionforhampshire2050 in due course.

Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

48. Further to, and complementing the focus on Climate Change identified by the Commission, the County Council also declared a climate emergency on 18 July 2019 committing "to develop an action plan to provide a meaningful and effective set of measures to ensure that Hampshire moves towards carbon neutrality and greater resilience to the effects of climate change".

49. To meet the net zero carbon by 2050 target set by the UK government in 2019, and fully respond to the declaration of a Climate Emergency and the recommendations of the Hampshire 2050 Commission, the County Council will need to ensure that reducing greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) and increasing climate resilience of both our own assets and the wider Hampshire area is central to the work of the organisation and embedded within the delivery of key objectives in all departments. To support this a climate change strategy and action plan are being developed.
50. To ensure that Hampshire is sufficiently resilient to the impacts of climate change, a target of preparing for a two-degree Celsius rise in temperature has been proposed. This will provide a robust level of resilience for residents and services.
51. The strategy will cover all the services within the County Council, placing climate mitigation and resilience as key considerations in all strategies, policies and decision-making. To meet the targets proposed, services will need to consider how they will actively contribute to reducing emissions and building resilience. It will be essential to ensure that activity is embedded into business as usual and that self-funding/sustainable models are used as much as possible.
52. As identified in Section 44, resources are being identified within the Environment Department of the County Council to develop this work, alongside the connections and complementarity work of the Commission.

Synergies with the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy

53. Review of the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2024 and Draft Business Plan identifies that there are a number of priority areas that align to the key messages arising from both the Commission and Climate Change work programmes.
54. The Commission's recommendations were structured around the key drivers and there are some particular areas which the Health and Wellbeing Board could align with and focus on.
55. Climate change should be a key priority for the Board as there are many opportunities for co-benefits to be realised. The Commission not only focused on this from a community and place shaping perspective – e.g. active travel and green spaces, but also from a resilience perspective, ensuring communities are able to support themselves and recover from climate related events. Many of the solutions for a low carbon society align well with positive health and wellbeing outcomes and also overlap with the recommendations within the Environment driver.
56. The role of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in supporting the desired outcomes of the emerging corporate climate change strategy need to be explored further. A Climate Change Board for the County Council is being established and it is proposed that Public Health are represented on that Board to ensure that these links are made.

57. The Changing Population and Society recommendations will also be of particular interest to the Board with many of these aligning with health and wellbeing priorities. These cover a range of issues from the ageing population to role of employment in mental wellbeing to building coherent and resilient communities.

58. Changing Technology also provides some clear priorities including the role of new and developing technology and artificial intelligence in the health and social care service as well as the use of data to maximise opportunities.

59. The following areas from the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in particular align well with the Commission's findings and could be further developed in light of the Commission's recommendations.

60. *Starting Well*

- Improve mental health and emotional resilience for children and young people and their families – in particular, through using technology to support better mental health; and
- Work more collaboratively across organisations, disciplines and with children and young people and their families to improve outcomes and services, including integrated or aligned approaches where appropriate.

61. *Living Well*

- Work together to enable people to live healthier lives; and
- Enable people with long-term conditions to live healthier lives for longer and reduce variation in outcomes – in particular, signposting to and encouraging the systematic use of effective tools/initiatives (including digital) that will enable people to improve their self-management and provide peer support for long-term conditions.

62. *Ageing Well*

- Continue to develop connected communities which can support people to live happy, healthy lives in the place of their choosing – particularly through, improving accessibility of communities and services and improving workforce skills; and
- Creating healthy home environments which allow people to stay well and independent into older age – particularly through, supporting the wider use of technology.

63. *Healthier Communities*

- Health and wellbeing priorities in all local policies – particularly through, improving the accessibility of communities and services; and
- Built and natural environment – particularly through, working together to make Hampshire a more sustainable place through Active travel, supporting the transition to a zero-carbon economy in line with Government legislation and supporting Hampshire's air quality mitigation work.

64. *Strategic Leadership*

- Harness the potential of digital solutions – particularly through, using data to better understand needs and target interventions more effectively, upscaling the use of technology and improving access to information to support better services; and
- Develop leadership capacity and culture change in the Health and Wellbeing Board and wider system to enable the success of the HWB Strategy – particularly through, supporting the implementation of the Hampshire 2050 Commission's recommendations and in due course Hampshire's planned Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	Yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Equality Impact Assessments have not yet been completed for either the Commission or Climate Change Strategy work programmes as current activity does not yet implicate any service changes or impact residents/service users.

Equalities Impact Assessments will be undertaken when required as both programmes progress.

It is likely that, in particular to the onward implementation work of the Commission, any equalities impacts will be positive as inclusion forms a fundamental aspect of the Vision for the future.