

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

**Decision No:** (CAB 18/19 23514)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	GREEN CITY
SUBJECT:	A GREEN CITY CHARTER FOR SOUTHAMPTON
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### THE DECISION

- (i) To adopt the Green City Charter as published in this paper.
- (ii) To delegate powers to the Director of Transactions and Universal Services to develop and introduce a Green City Plan by 2020 that will demonstrate how SCC will deliver on those commitments included in the Green City Charter.
- (iii) To support the promotion of the Green City Charter with stakeholders to encourage its wider adoption and the subsequent development of actions that will satisfy its aims, objectives and commitments.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The development of a Green City Charter will facilitate the delivery of the Council's existing priority outcomes, refresh existing activities, and deliver new ones. It will ensure that environmental impacts are given due consideration in the delivery of services and decision making and where possible ensure we maximise the opportunity to deliver benefits. It will provide an opportunity to satisfy the expectations and ambitions identified in the Clean Air Zone Consultation exercise. It will seek to encourage city stakeholders to adopt the same set of principles and deliver their own actions. It will encourage all stakeholders including both business, community groups and public sector organisation to work together to deliver a shared outcome, making Southampton a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable and attractive environment for all.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

No alternative options considered.

## **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

Cabinet considered the following recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019:-

- (i) That the Mayor is asked to reconsider allowing the deputation on Climate Change, that was rejected on the grounds of having missed the set deadline, to be heard at Council on 20 March 2019.

Response:

Rejected, not within the Executive's remit.

- (ii) That the Cabinet Member outlines how the Council has achieved the 24% reduction in NOx in specific locations in Southampton from 2015-19.

Response:

Accepted, data is available.

- (iii) That, to support the development of the action plan and the identification of the required resources, the Administration reviews the Council's core strategies and policies to identify how they align with the ambitions within the Green City Charter.

Response:

Accepted, this is already being done.

- (iv) That the Executive encourages stakeholders to engage with the development of the next iteration of the Local Plan to ensure that it supports the ambitions contained within the Green City Charter.

Response:

Accepted.

- (v) That the Executive engages with all interested parties in the development of the Green City Charter.

Response:

Accepted, this has already been done and the engagement report is available.

- (vi) That, to encourage partners to sign up to the Charter, the Executive provides an indication to stakeholders of the financial resources the Council are prepared to commit to achieve the ambitions within the Green City Charter.

Response:

Accepted, the Executive's commitment is already in the public domain within the budget papers.

- (vii) That consideration be given to undertaking a scrutiny inquiry on the Green City Charter in 2019/20.

Response:

Rejected, not within the Executive's remit.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Claire Heather

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)