

Meeting Title:	Southampton Climate Commission
Date:	Monday 16 th January 2023
Time:	16:00-17:30
Location:	MS Teams

Attendees: Steve Guppy (SCC), Melanie Robertson (SCC), Kayleigh Richter (SCC) Caroline Carlin (Southampton Football Club), Liz Harris (Solent University), Adam Goulden, Adam Tewkesbury (University of Southampton), Phil Horton (Royal Yachting Assoc), Jason Light (University Hospital), Ellis Jackson (Transition Southampton/SoCAN/Tru), Mark Hancock (Southampton Friends of the Earth/SoCAN), Yaryna Basystyuk, Giles Giles, Bakr Bahaj, Paolo Spada (University of Southampton), Jo Cleary (Balfour Beatty), Brian Hammersley (Balfour Beatty), Liz Batten (SoCAN), Stuart Perry (Science Park), Elizabeth Giles (Quilter), Mandi Bassett (Southampton Collective),

PCAN Introduction and update: Richard Essex (PCAN Member, Surrey Climate Commission)

Citizens Assembly update: Matt Ryan (Citizens Assembly)

Apologies: Christelle Blunden (Southampton National Park City), Gemma Pratt (Go Southampton), Sue Simmonite (ABP), Phil Dominey (SW Rail), Peter Taylor (Chamber of Commerce), Adam Gouldson (The Environment Centre)

ACTION	Item	Ref
	Introductions	1.
	PCAN member Richard Essex presentation with Q&A	
	RE Talked about the Surrey Climate Commission, how it has developed and the role it has played against Surrey's climate change goals, and how it has formed best practice for partnership working and governance with key stakeholders.	
	Discussion	
	JL, SG, PH	2.
	Concerns were raised that the Southampton Committee is trying to achieve two different things at once and is in danger of confusing the roles and the overall delivery.	
	Agreed that the model of the group is still in the early stages, and there is still some work to do, but was agreed that the group should remain independent.	

Terms of Reference review

SG, MR, JL, GG, RE, JC, BB.

Concerns were raised again around what the group has set out to achieve. Commission will include a multitude of subjects under sustainability, but only if there is a clear link to climate change.

Political representation was discussed at length, but it was accepted that having two representatives (Shadow Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Environment etc) from SCC was acceptable to observe.

It was also decided that it was key that the group remained an independent body.

A survey was drafted to understand what this Commission may want to achieve, whilst the group evolves so that we have some agreement on the direction. The ToR will be under constant review. The ToR was shared, and some responses have been received.

ToR will be finalised at the next meeting.

Results of survey – proposed workstreams

Development of City-Wide Strategy – how to co-ordinate on behalf of Climate Commission

MR, SG, JL, PH, GG, JC.

Priorities came out Transport, Retrofit, and then there were several suggestions to combine retrofit as one priority in itself. Then Heat and Energy Generation & Infrastructure, then Circular Economy and Consumption, and then Adaptation/Offsetting and Ecology, particularly focusing on the Ecology aspects of that.

Comments regarding the resources of members and working groups was also noted. A vision document was proposed to set this out.

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Concerns were highlighted that the role of the Commission needed to be set and understood before workstreams could be determined.

Suggestions for alternative workstreams and order of priority were made.

Work to align priorities with the Key City Framework is a must.

Expression to understand what the Council was doing and how everything links together. It was agreed that a separate session would be organised to outline the Council's plans and policy framework for net zero.

Work to
devise
presentation
to establish
Councils
current
position with
policy and
present at
future Climate
Commission
meeting

	Utilisation of Universities in the region was expressed and discussed and agreed that these should be utilised for projects and partnership working to deliver net zero.	
5.	Matt Ryan – Citizens Assembly update MR The CA started off with stakeholder mapping and started engaging with the Commission and other groups represented within the commission. To understand who they have to engage with they will be targeting 500 people to contribute overall over the next year or two. 20 to 50 people will sit in the assembly as assembly members. The CA is still developing a draft plan and will come back to the commission and get feedback. Experts will be recruited for the purposes to be there to be able to interact with people. Talks have been carried out with an organisation to help with this project. They have agreed to help the CA. The main activity that they are preparing is the mapping of different organisations both in terms of commercial organisations and civil society organisations and getting involved in recruiting groups, to understand how the city is divided and getting feedback from people on issues of climate. So, defining target populations, etc and understanding.	
6.	News from members – successes and challenges JL – Waiting for approval on a £30m decarbonisation programme.	
7.	AOB SG – Invite Equans to join at the next commission	Invite Equans to join the next meeting

Attached: