

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 29 October 2024

Decision No: (CAB 24/25 45975)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Green City and Net Zero
SUBJECT:	Green Infrastructure Strategy Delivery Plan
AUTHOR:	Samantha Munslow

THE DECISION

- (i) Adopt the Green Infrastructure Strategy Delivery Plan

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The GI Strategy, adopted in January 2024, addresses the Council's existing commitments in the Green City Plan 2030 and the Corporate Plan 2022/30; it also sets out how SCC will meet its enhanced biodiversity duty and statutory obligations under the Environment Act, 2021.

Adoption of the GI Strategy Delivery Plan will require collaborative working across the council and will encourage stakeholders, including business, conservation groups and public sector organisations to work together to deliver a shared outcome, making Southampton a cleaner, greener, healthier and a more sustainable environment for people and wildlife.

The GI Strategy Delivery Plan is required to provide a clear set of goals, list the lead officers responsible in delivering those goals and set the timeframes we are working to. The plan will also enable us to monitor our progress on the implementation of the GI Strategy.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

In the absence of a GI Strategy Delivery Plan or where there is a delay in its introduction, the council will be unable to demonstrate how it intends to deliver the GI Strategy, the goals set out in the Corporate Plan or the Green City Plan and how it is meeting its enhanced biodiversity duty under the Environment Act, 2021. Penalties for failing to deliver on these plans and strategies are unknown, however, there is a risk of reputational damage in addition to incurring higher future costs in adapting to the impacts of climate change and

coping with the continued loss of GI across the city.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

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: 29 October 2024

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)*