

# Solihull Green Prospectus: delivering a sustainable, low carbon Solihull - 6 monthly review of progress



Greening the Economy

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| <p><b>Action</b> - Continue to engage in the Green Commission to support Solihull and the GBSLEP wide activity</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - The Green Commission has changed its focus however we continue to collaborate with BCC/GBSLEP through variety of means /networks</p> | <p><b>Action</b> -Submission of Local Plan Review</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track for consultation on draft Local Plan review autumn 2016</p>   | <p><b>Action</b> - Continue to support Solihull <a href="#">Sustainability Visioning Group</a> and support delivery of SSVG Action Plan</p>                     | <p><b>Progress</b> - resourcing has meant limited progress during 2016. However dedicated officer support is now in place, the Action Plan refreshed and aligned to the Green Prospectus</p> | <p><b>Overall rating</b></p> <p>Need to ensure continued support for SSVG, secure funding for YGF and produce the Sustainability Strategy for UKC Hub</p> |
| <p><b>Action</b> - Ensure Solihull's key opportunities are reflected in the HS2 Environmental Prospectus</p>       | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track. Supported the production of approved prospectus. Continuing engagement in production of Project Plan</p>                   |   | <p><b>Action</b> - Have in place an understanding of the sustainability opportunities arising from HS2/UKC - in particular around waste and resources</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - Progress made in understanding opportunities for heat networks. Sustainability criteria embedded within BHI Integrated Transport Study</p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Deliver activity to support the green skills agenda such as Your Green Future</p>   | <p><b>Progress</b> - activity includes Solutions for the Planet—Big Idea. Funding being sought for Your Green Future</p>                                  |



Energy and Resources

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| <p><b>Action</b> - Continue to deliver the Waste Strategy Action Plan</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track. Review took place July 16 - no issues identified. Draft update produced to be presented to Members in due course. Online/doorstep survey undertaken which received over 6000 responses. Council recycling service featured in a Cbeebies TV programme and a <a href="#">Guide to Recycling in Solihull</a> video has been produced with Colehill Heath School</p> |  | <p><b>Action</b> - Have in place a detailed understanding of Solihull's energy consumption and CO2 emissions, current/planned projects, future investment requirements, delivery vehicles and opportunities</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track. Solihull supported the production of the <a href="#">GBSLEP Energy Plan</a> which presents a vision, priority areas and key activity at a GBSLEP level</p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Have in place a detailed understanding of Solihull's key opportunities for decentralised energy</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - GBSLEP Heat Mapping study undertaken utilising DECC grant funding</p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Begin to take forward Solihull's key opportunities for decentralised energy and heat networks</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - Successful bid to DECC to fund more detailed feasibility studies for Solihull Town Centre and UKC Hub</p> | <p><b>Overall rating</b></p> <p>Funding is being accessed and partnerships created to support the delivery of low carbon energy</p> |
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Buildings and Efficiency

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| <p><b>Action</b> - Deliver short-term carbon emissions reduction targets for key Council emitters</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - Below target for first quarter of 16/17. Actual reduction of 134 tonnes against a target of 200 tonnes. For more info on carbon management see the <a href="#">Carbon Report 2015/16</a></p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Deliver short term actions of the Home Energy Efficiency and Affordable Warmth Strategy <a href="#">HEEAWs</a></p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - Two successful Switch and Save projects delivered, generating £218k in bill savings and £5k for the Council. On-going Boiler on Prescription Private Sector scheme utilising £108k Redress funding and £58k from SCH. Winter Warmth campaign reached almost 1500 people</p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Capitalise on the learning from the OWLS - Beattie Passive T-Cosy Innovation Project</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - The Off-site Wrap around Large Scale insulation project (OWLS) is in the monitoring phase. The learning will inform future External Wall Insulation programmes.</p> | <p><b>Overall rating</b></p> <p>Considerable activity is being undertaken to support energy efficiency and carbon reduction</p> |
| <p><b>Action</b> - Capitalise on the learning from MICE I Innovation Project</p>                      | <p><b>Progress</b> - The learning informed the MICE II bid to Innovate UK which was unfortunately unsuccessful</p>  | <p><b>Action</b> - Establish longer term carbon emission reduction targets for key Council emitters</p>                               | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track. Now managed via MG KP 12 Tactic 5</p>   |   |  |   |



Transport and Mobility

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| <p><b>Action</b> -Town Centre Masterplan</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - The final Masterplan is due 23 Sept to inform the Local Plan Review. It is currently being consulted on. Responses to date have been positive</p> |  | <p><b>Action</b> - Solihull Connected in place</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - <a href="#">Transport Strategy</a> approved in June. Delivery Plan due for autumn</p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Undertake Solihull Connected Technical Studies</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - Technical Studies to inform the Delivery Plan and Solihull TC Masterplan are due for completion before or by end of Sept</p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Scoping work on Solihull Connected Technology Roadmap carried out and quick wins identified</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track. A scoping document has been produced and working group established</p> | <p><b>Overall rating</b></p> <p>Sustainable transport is a key aim of Solihull Connected</p> |
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Natural Capital and Adaptation

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| <p><b>Action</b> - Support delivery of the Natural Capital Planning Tool</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track. UKC is a pilot location in the Birmingham University trial</p>  | <p><b>Action</b> - Green Space under positive management</p>  | <p><b>Progress</b> - All Council owned publically accessible green space is under positive management - demonstrated by <a href="#">Green Flag Park</a> status (14) <a href="#">Local Nature Reserve's</a> (23) , Local Wildlife Sites (108)</p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Develop Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) - particularly around UKC /HS2</p>                       | <p><b>Progress</b> - On Track. SuDS requested on all development sites. Reviewing Local Plan policy on water management to ensure it delivers benefits associated with SuDS (water quantity/quality and biodiversity) Partnership working with EA and secured over £100k of external income from the Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee</p> | <p><b>Overall rating</b></p> <p>Good activity on a site basis. Focus needed on enhancing GI at a strategic level</p> |
| <p><b>Action</b> - Deliver early ShRimP Actions</p>                          | <p><b>Progress</b> - In partnership with the Environment Agency and Bellway Homes, improvements to the River Cole within Colebank Park and Local Nature Reserve.</p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Develop the 'More Bigger Better and Joined GI Delivery Plan— focus on UKC/HS2 opportunities and HS2 Environmental Prospectus</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - Supported production of HS2 Env. Prospectus. Successful Outline ERDF Application. Full Application submitted. Growth Fund Bid also submitted</p>  | <p><b>Action</b> - Develop Ecosystem Services /Natural Capital Accounting approach and 25 Year Natural Capital Plan</p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - Continuing to support the adoption of the Natural Capital approach at a GBSLEP/WMCA level</p>  |  |



Communication Education and Engagement

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| <p><b>Action</b> - Continue to support schools to become more sustainable</p>  | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track. The Ashden Less CO2 Programme has worked intensively with 6 schools, focusing on managing energy use and engaging staff and students. Schools have also been supported through programmes including Eco-Schools, Love Solihull, Modeshift and Solihull Neighbourhoods in Bloom and events such as Oaks and Shires</p> | <p><b>Action</b> - Deliver the Health Development Action Plan including <a href="#">Focus on Food Actions</a></p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - A number of initiatives are now in place including a Food Forum , various community food growing projects, a Community Chest Fund a Social Prescribing project.</p> | <p><b>Overall rating</b></p> <p>Considerable activity taking place to engage and support sustainable communities. Priority is to encourage more activity in North Solihull</p> |  |  |
| <p>Increase the number of communities and businesses engaged in meaningful environmental improvement activities through programmes such as <a href="#">Love Solihull</a></p> | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track. Quarter 1 - 47 projects delivered by 4 businesses and 15 community groups that amounted to 1583 volunteer hours</p>   | <p><b>Action</b> -Develop a Communications Plan to promote action and engagement</p>                              | <p><b>Progress</b> - on track. Draft plan produced, including draft 'annual reports' based on Green Prospectus themes</p>  | <p><b>Action</b> -Support <a href="#">Fairtrade</a> Fortnight 2017</p>   | <p><b>Progress</b> - On track. Member Champions in place with agreed action plan</p> |  |

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 Partnership working    
 Grant funding/inward investment    
 Innovative Activity