

How we put our sustainability strategy together

The council's first sustainability strategy was approved in 2006 and this strategy is an updated version of the original one.

We realise that issues change over time and we have to respond to the most important issues for the residents of Portsmouth in particular.

Heads of service within Portsmouth City Council were brought together for a workshop on our sustainability strategy and how we should be taking it forward to achieve real sustainable outcomes. The ideas generated in this session were then consolidated and further discussions took place with council staff around some of the themes. 7 guiding principles came out of the consultation period with staff. These were then approved by councillors, along with the production of an updated sustainability strategy. The reason we have created principles is to keep this strategy succinct and easy to embed across the council.

The previous sustainability strategy had an action plan with it, making the document quite lengthy and difficult to understand and readily monitor across the council. It is important to remember that the responsibility for improving sustainability is shared by every service in the council. The council's Green champions are particularly valuable in ensuring that the 7 principles of the sustainability strategy are embedded across the council and our service delivery.

