

Hampshire 2050 – Summit Outcomes and Next Steps

Summit Highlights

On November 23rd, 2023, the Hampshire 2050 Partnership relaunched at the Hampshire 2050 Vision Summit.

Bringing people and organisations from the Hampshire 2050 Partnership together with several of those who led the original Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry back in 2018-2019, from which the Hampshire 2050 Vision was borne, our objective during the day was to collectively identify and take forward actions to help realise the Hampshire 2050 Vision.

This blueprint, developed to guide and contribute to the future prosperity and quality of life of Hampshire's residents, while also protecting the environment and tackling climate change, sets out what each one of us involved in the 2050 Partnership, across the public and private sector, wants to achieve over the next few decades to benefit Hampshire residents, businesses, and visitors – our future generations.

Among the delegates were some of the original Inquiry Commissioners – including the Commission Chairman and former County Council Leader, Roy Perry, and Ranil Jayawardena MP – together with borough and district Chief Executives and leaders in health, education, and business.

It was a really productive day giving partners the opportunity to highlight the significance of the Hampshire 2050 Vision and the importance of the Hampshire 2050 Partnership – specifically, how critical it is that all partners work together collaboratively. We cannot boost people's health and wellbeing, economic and social prosperity or protect Hampshire's special environment, by working independently of each other.

There was also overwhelming recognition of the interdependencies between the partners if, collectively, we are to achieve change for the better, and a positive willingness to identify together, what needs to be done to secure an even better future for Hampshire's residents, for today and tomorrow.

A lot has happened since the Hampshire 2050 Vision was first created, not least a pandemic, Brexit and, most recently, the cost-of-living crisis, and it was encouraging that recent work done by Hampshire County Council to ensure the Vision remains relevant, meaningful and fit for purpose was also endorsed by partners at the Summit.

Further progress came out of the Summit's programme of polls and workshops too, marking the first steps to setting the immediate priorities for the Partnership to take forward if, together, we're to realise the Hampshire 2050 Vision.

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Rob Humby, opened the Summit by saying “no single organisation has the remit, resources and reach to deliver such a wide-ranging Vision alone. The Hampshire 2050 Partnership will give our organisations a solid platform to join the dots between us and our longer-term ambitions even more effectively. It will encourage us to collaborate in different, bold and innovative ways to achieve the outcomes for Hampshire’s residents and places that we’re already striving for.”

Ross McNally, the Executive Chair of the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce presented on the importance of the Hampshire 2050 Vision and Partnership to Hampshire business. He stated that “the Hampshire 2050 Partnership, alongside Hampshire Chamber needs to create a collective strategic leadership with a common purpose, putting businesses at the heart of the collaboration.”

The inspiring words of Hampshire’s future generations really struck a chord at the event, through an inspirational keynote speech from Dmitrijs Meiksans, the Youth Parliament representative for northwest Hampshire. Taking time out of college to talk about the priorities for Hampshire’s youth to 2050, Dmitrijs’ maturity, natural enthusiasm, confidence, and eloquence were captivating and underlined just how vital it is that we all take account of children and young people’s views if we are to secure a better future that will genuinely meet their needs and aspirations and, enable them to thrive. A truly inspiring advocate for the next generation.

All information on the Summit can be found on the ([Hampshire 2050 Website](#))

Results of Polls and Workshops

The Summit was designed around the four Drivers for change - changing climate, changing environment, changing economy, and changing population and society. Workshops and polling allowed partners to consider what their strategic priorities for collective action would be for each of these drivers and how they could work together achieve them.

The overall Summit objective was ‘Bringing the Hampshire 2050 Partnership together to revalidate its vision and to agree joint delivery priorities.’

The event was facilitated by Neil Gibson, an external independent facilitator ([NG Biography.](#))

A detailed report on the results of each of the polls can be found here. ([Summit Poll Results.](#))

The delegate list and seating plan can be found here. ([Summit Delegate List.](#))

1. Re-validation of Hampshire 2050 Vision

Summit Poll1

The first poll covered the re-validation of the Hampshire 2050 Vision. Hampshire County Council undertook a re-validation exercise earlier in the year to ensure that the 2050 Vision remains relevant, meaningful, and fit for purpose given all the changes that have taken place since 2019. Gary Westbrook, Director of Hampshire 2050 at Hampshire County Council, presented the background to this work and the proposed amendments. ([2050 Re-validated Vision](#))

Partners were asked “Do you agree with the revalidated Hampshire 2050 Vision as a basis for Partnership Action”.

The result of this poll was that 81% of the delegates were in agreement, providing a clear endorsement of the updated 2050 Vision by the partnership.

2. Workshops on Driver Priorities

Workshop 1 - agree the 2050 Vision strategic priorities as a basis for Partnership action.

Each table was allocated one of the Drivers and was provided with a [Strategic Priorities Matrix](#). This document was a compilation of the published organisational priorities of partners in the room, categorised against the 2050 Drivers. Each table was asked to consider these strategic priorities and to agree whether:

- The priorities need any clarification.
- There were any strategic priorities missing that met the following criteria:
 - They align with Partners’ priorities and require pan-Hampshire collaboration to achieve the desired outcome.
 - Are not already being progressed by other Partnerships e.g., Project Integra
 - Align to national policy and/or legislative matters of importance to the whole Partnership.

As a result of the workshop, the participants identified the following strategic priorities for each driver:

Table 1 - Changing Climate (facilitator Laura Taylor)	
1	Decarbonise both commercial and household transport in Hampshire, providing credible alternatives and planning for the future.
2	Increase energy resilience and generation of renewable energy locally.
3	Improve energy efficiency of new public and private buildings or through retrofit of existing.
4	Engage with communities and businesses to reduce emissions and build resilience

Table 2 - Changing Environment (facilitator James Strachan)	
1	Work towards a clean environment (air, water, soil) with increased biodiversity and enhanced landscapes.
2	Increase resilience to coastal and inland flooding and erosion/sea level rise.
3	Progressively eliminate waste by reducing packaging, enabling reuse and supporting the circular economy.
4	Increase access to the natural environment with the aim of improving health, wellbeing and strengthening communities and the economy.
5	Support sustainable farming and land management to support the rural economy, improve food security and deliver environmental benefits.
6	Focus on supporting a green, healthy well-designed urban and built environment.
7	Enable eco-friendly housing growth and make the argument for biodiverse business growth.

Table 3 - Economy (facilitator Prof Sarah Greer)	
1	Focus on increasing jobs and productivity.
2	A better skilled and flexible workforce, able to meet and adapt to future challenges/new jobs.
3	Address housing needs through affordable and alternative housing – finding creative solutions.
4	Deliver the infrastructure we need for the future – both physical and digital.

Table 4 - Population and society (facilitator Stephen Martin)	
1	Eradicate homelessness and increase provision of affordable and quality housing.
2	Greater focus on minority groups and vulnerable communities on key issues like health, employment/access etc.
3	Increased focus on low-income households including impacts of cost of living/energy crisis etc.
4	Encourage more active travel, mobility and independence.
5	Increased focus on provision for leisure, culture and heritage.
6	Nurturing communities, families and citizens.
7	Improving health, care and wellbeing.

Summit Poll 2

A poll was then taken to agree a top priority for each Driver from the agreed lists from workshop 1.

The agreed priorities were:

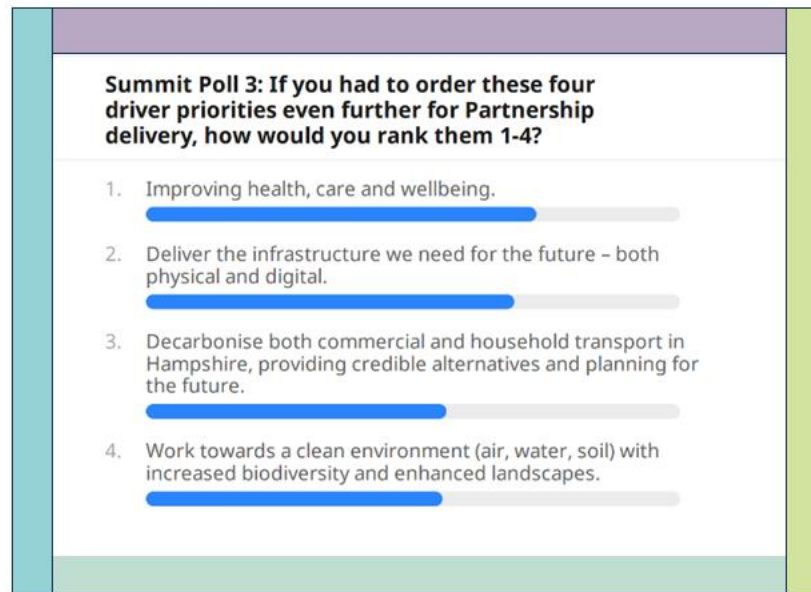
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Changing Environment
Work towards a clean environment (air, water, soil) with increased biodiversity and enhanced landscapes.
Changing Economy
Deliver the infrastructure we need for the future – both physical and digital.
Changing Population & Society
Improving health, care and wellbeing.



Summit Poll 3

Partners were then asked to order these four driver priorities even further for Partnership delivery,

The results of this poll are shown below:



The results show that the scores were very close in a number of areas, and partners were keen to capture the view that although priorities were identified, it was difficult to choose between them and that the choices in all likelihood reflected individual organisations' priorities.

Based on this, all four priorities were taken forward into the second workshop.

Workshop 2 - partners to consider how the Partnership together could take forward the agreed top priority for each Driver.

This workshop was focussed on considering how the top Driver priority could be jointly taken forward by the partnership, asking tables to focus their discussion around:

- Refining what the priority is – be as specific as possible?
- What would good look like?
- What are the constraints/blockages to achieve this?
- What are the opportunities to unlock these?
- Who needs to be involved?

The headline summary of the outcomes of this workshop are set out below with the full notes here ([Partnership priorities and driver delivery.](#))

Table 1 - Changing Climate (facilitator Laura Taylor)

Decarbonise both the commercial and household transport in Hampshire, providing credible alternatives and planning for the future.

What is the Priority.

1	Decarbonising travel.
2	Seek national resources, leverage and lobby.
3	Create a pilot within Hampshire for the country.
4	Decarbonise vehicles.
5	Consider what gets us out of cars – Integrated transport, ulez, congestion zones.
6	Understand the complexity geography.
7	Consider other modes of travel used outside of the UK.
8	Understand what young people want – too late for us but how do we keep young people out of cars?

Table 2 - Changing Environment (facilitator James Strachan)

Work towards a clean environment (air, water, soil) with increased biodiversity and enhanced landscapes.

What is the Priority.

1	Built & Natural environment not just rivers.
2	A more inclusive definition of environment.
3	True definition of what is clean, differing by person and geography.

Table 3 - Economy (facilitator Prof Sarah Greer)

Deliver the infrastructure we need for the future – both physical and digital.

What is the Priority.

1	Infrastructure – definition of infrastructure – connecting people and businesses to each other and to services / utilities.
2	Big picture infrastructure – what do SME's want.
3	Will be an enabler in itself – it can drive growth, it can improve inclusion, support sustainable environment – the reality its all of them.

Table 4 - Population and society (facilitator Stephen Martin)

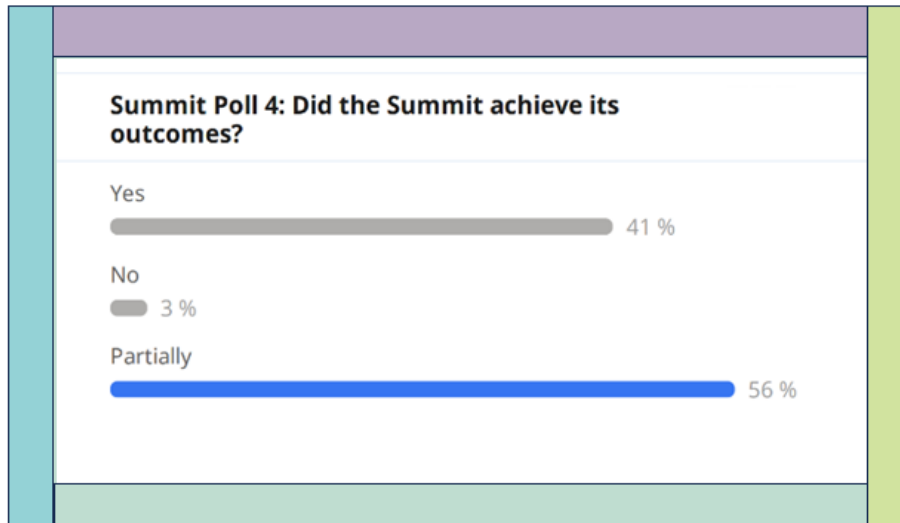
Improving health, care, and wellbeing.

What is the Priority.

1	Preventative approach, reduce ill health and the demand on service.
2	Start at an earlier stage working with children and parents.
3	Encourage outside play and true opportunities for joy.

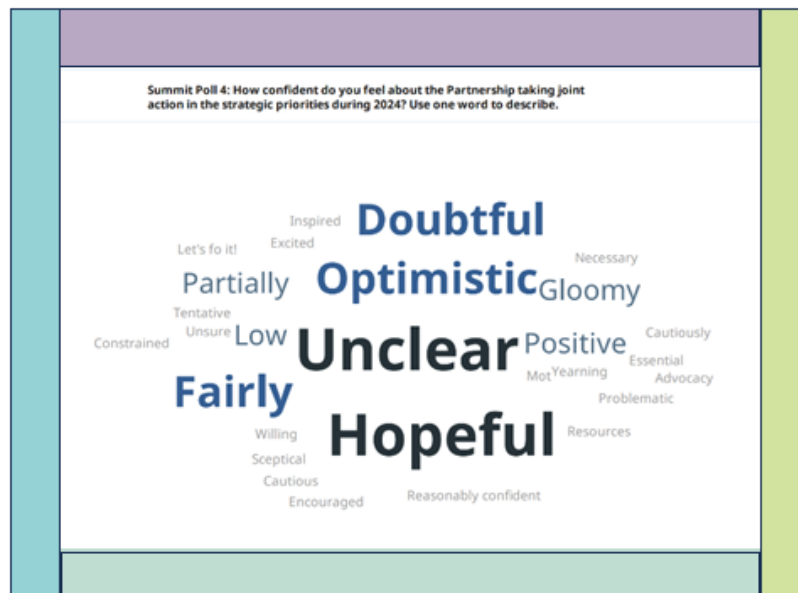
Summit Poll 4

The final two polls were to ascertain how partners felt about the Summit. For poll 4 partners were asked if they felt that the Summit achieved its objectives. The results of this poll are shown below:



Summit Poll 5

Finally, partners were asked to use one word to describe how confident they felt about the Partnership taking joint action in the strategic priorities during 2024. The results are shown below:



Next Steps

The results of the polls and workshops clearly show that the Summit generated extensive debate and discussion by the partners around the key strategic priorities for the partnership going forward. It was clear that partners found it hard to choose strategic priorities that everyone agreed on as so many issues are of high priority.

There was also considerable uncertainty in how the outcomes of the Summit would be taken forward in a tangible way leading to clear outcomes.

The Summit was significant in giving partners a voice to decide what the priorities are for collective delivery. The consensus in the room was that collective action and collaboration was very much needed and that Hampshire 2050 Partnership provides a vehicle to achieve this.

The next steps are critical to ensuring that the outcomes of this Summit are taken forward in a meaningful way and this is what the Hampshire 2050 Secretariat will be focusing on over the coming weeks. The Secretariat will be using the discussions and thinking from the Summit to shape a 'roadmap' to help the partnership realise our collective Vision and move forward to the future with confidence and focus.

Partners will receive further information on next steps early in the New Year including proposals on how the priority areas will be taken forward and any governance arrangements. Further work will also be done to connect the outcomes of the Summit with the Hampshire 2050 Vision and recommendations. Dates for future partner meetings to ensure momentum is maintained will also be proposed.

All of the information on the Summit is available on the Hampshire 2050 website, including all the presentations and a short video with highlights of the Summit.

Clearly, there is still some way to go but we now have the foundations in place to bring an ambitious Vision to life, which recognises the collective responsibility across all partners and the role we all need to play, working together effectively to drive forward our collectively agreed Vision.