APPENDIX 2

Environmental Action Plan

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Ref	**Topic**	**Action**
1	Future Energy System	• 1(a) Deliver the Innovate UK-funded Smart Local Energy Systems Concept and Design study called "Energy Autonomous Community (Isle of Wight)" project, working in collaboration with the University of Portsmouth. • 1(b)Contact the local HE sector, principally Portsmouth & Southampton Universities, to discuss opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate projects. • 1(c) Consider a formal agreement with the network operator (Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks) to collaborate on designing a network that meets the Island's ambitions and to approach the Regulator together if regulatory change is required. • 1(d) Reinvigorate the PTEC tidal energy project off the South Coast
2	Sustainable Tourism	• Work with Visit Isle of Wight to produce a vision for Sustainable Tourism
3	Promoting the Biosphere	• If the Biosphere Nomination is successful, develop a Biosphere Action Plan
4	Promoting Electric Vehicles and Low Carbon Fuels	• 4(a) Council to purchase 4 electric vehicles • 4(b) Extend the EV charge point network in public car parks • 4(c) Offer 12 months free parking (All-Island Car Park Permit) in council car parks for new plug-in zero emission electric vehicles registered to an Island address between 01.04.19 – 31.03.20 • 4(d) Offer free parking for EV owners in dedicated bays whilst vehicle is charging

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5	Conserving our water supplies	• Plan a new public education campaign with Southern Water for delivery in 2020
6	Farming & Rural Enterprise	• Hold a Rural Summit in partnership with Natural Enterprise to consider environmental issues in the context of Brexit and DEFRA's "public money for public goods" agenda
7	Involving the Community	• Explore new methods of verge management to encourage wildlife and biodiverse habitats
8	Reducing travel impacts	• 8(a) Encourage higher priority for active travel (walking, cycling) in new road schemes and developments • 8(b) Promote designation of quiet lanes (20mph) to link bridleway and footpath network • 8(c) Promoting greater awareness of safe walking routes to schools
9	Green Business Practices	• Support and promote the Green Impact Programme
10	Circular Economy (waste and recycling)	• Work with the voluntary sector to organise the distribution of surplus food
11	Plastic-free Island	• Work with partners to identify funding for an innovation programme to encourage business start-ups utilising local waste materials.