

Southampton Voluntary Services (SVS)

Extract from email received in response to context and issues paper on Select Committee on Reducing the Ecological Footprint

- 1 Pushing the Every Action Counts approach through individuals and voluntary organisations can help – e.g. SVS has set up a staff working group to look at our sustainability issues and make recommendations.
- 2 There are a couple of areas where we can take practical steps – local produced, in season food in all public catering settings is a campaign that could make a change – schools hospitals residential homes etc
- 3 Real nappy networks are both an environmentally friendly option with social enterprise potential – and if they could link to local delivery food co-ops then there could be huge benefits and cost saving for those on lower income – usage of organic local source food delivery and nappy washing is currently more an individualised middle class option than on our council estates etc
- 4 I would push all available SEEDA / ESF funds etc to Soton setting up solar/ wind/ other cutting edge enviro friendly manufacturing and installation business and job creation options – linked to R&D led through the 2 universities - with a view to having every possible household with either solar or wind powered energy source linked to it alongside best standard insulation upgrades etc – and if we invested in that by 2026 then we might well be the most cutting edge city with a truly sustainable basis.

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