

# Key Agencies Group

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## **KEY AGENCIES GROUP: SUPPORTING A GREEN RECOVERY**

The Key Agencies Group is keen to provide support for collaborative working with our stakeholders to help deliver a Green Recovery through our role in land use planning. The Group is acutely aware of the significant challenges ahead and the need, more than ever, to work collectively to ensure our places evolve to support recovery in a way that brings long term benefits for our communities and businesses. Within this new context, there is even greater imperative to successfully address the challenges around climate change, biodiversity loss and health and well-being whilst ensuring our places are culturally vibrant and secure everyone's place in an inclusive economy.

Whatever the answers taking time to work together to agree a shared perspective underpinned by sound evidence will help make sure that every single investment in a place delivers for everyone. We recognise that the Key Agencies have a crucial role to play by bringing together our wide range of skills, expertise, resources and evidence that can support the innovation and creativity needed.

There are significant benefits to be had through the Key Agencies working with local authorities and other stakeholders to help make sense of the complexity and scale of significant places undergoing change or development to support a Green Recovery. Over the past twelve months we have started to both organise ourselves so that we can work in a more collaborative 'Key Agency team' approach with stakeholders to deliver place objectives for complex sites and to help develop knowledge of how new evidence approaches can be developed to help better inform strategic and regional planning approaches. Our early and continued engagement not only helps improve place outcomes but provides opportunities to align resources more effectively and bring greater certainty for developers and communities.

In light of this we would like to hear from local authorities who would be interested in working with us – either in developing and informing evidence approaches for regional spatial

strategies, local development plan preparation or for sites identified as a priority to support a Green Recovery and would therefore really benefit from this approach. This can include support for the development of visions, briefs and masterplans and ultimately the alignment of resources to support delivery. Depending on the scale of individual requests we may need to limit the number of projects we initially support but in the longer term we anticipate this will become embedded into our 'business as usual'.

We believe that with the challenges that face us today and the need to effectively plan our places to successfully recover and prepare for the future a collaborative approach within the spirit of the [Place Principle](#) is vital. It reflects the ambitions of NPF4 and Public Health Priority 1 (Place) but most importantly it ensures our cities, towns and neighbourhoods are designed to meet the needs and aspirations of our communities.

If this support is of interest or if you would like to learn more please do not hesitate to contact me at [katherine.lakeman@sepa.org.uk](mailto:katherine.lakeman@sepa.org.uk). I look forward to hearing from you and I wish you and your staff well during these unprecedented times.

Yours Sincerely,



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