

BRISTOL - An exemplary sustainable city in 2026

A Green Capital: a low carbon city with a high quality of life

Bristol is: a vibrant, pioneering, city whose people live together in harmony, where nature flourishes, and local enterprise and creativity thrive in our communities

Leadership

Leadership that understands the urgency of the need for profound change and embraces new ideas, that inspires, provokes and is not afraid of taking risks; leadership that serves the people's need for sustainability - now and forever.

Education and responsibility

A green capital where education gives knowledge and concern about the dependence of people's well-being on the health of nature, and where every citizen, business and organisation works towards living within their fair share of nature's resources.

Community well-being

A society in which we are reconnected with each other and our natural surroundings, and living in integrated communities in which we celebrate diversity and value individuals and community involvement.

Transport

A city in which it is safe and pleasant to walk and cycle; in which jobs and local communities are easily accessible and designed in ways that reduce the need to travel by fuel-intensive and polluting vehicles; a city with a local transport system that provides a mix of affordable, low-carbon, integrated transport choices.

Economy

A centre of excellence in green technology, where waste is minimised, and resources are used respectfully and sourced locally wherever possible

Food

A food culture which values local, sustainably produced and artisan foods, celebrates the diversity of regional foods and benefits the local community, environment and economy.

Buildings

Our built environment is comfortable, functional and extremely low carbon in design and operation. New developments have high environmental standards and investment in existing buildings, especially housing stock, ensures they have a low environmental impact and are affordable to run.

Energy

A city on target to reduce its Co2 emissions so that we reduce our contribution to climate change and a city that is more resilient to global economic shocks, because it has invested in local sustainable energy supplies.

Bristol in the world

We recognize the inequity of our current consumption patterns in which we are using up a greater share of the planet's resources, and that the poor are most vulnerable to climactic change. We work with partners around the world to share learning, ideas and develop adaptation responses.

Nature

A city region that values and nurtures its green open spaces within and surrounding countryside without, working to increase substantially the quantity, quality and diversity of native animals, plants and habitats.

Making Bristol a Green Capital

