

Bristol's Green Capital Initiative

Maintaining the Momentum



Context

- Bristol's Green Capital Initiative is a long term one.
 - 2004-14 we created a greener city and built a partnership for change, bring the strengths of all sectors together
 - 2015 we engaged and energised many more people right across the city
 - 2016+ is about maintaining and using the momentum to realise long term benefits for Bristol
- The full effects of 2015 will take some time to be realised.
- Progress report for European Commission in 2020
 - showing how the action we took in 2015, 2016 and the next few years have improved our city.



Conditions for success

We have:

- **Partnership** and network of organisations, from all sectors, working every day towards a shared goal of a sustainable Bristol
- **Political** consensus for ambitious climate and energy targets which will form a clear framework for the Council
- **Policies** and strategies are being developed for climate, energy, transport, economy and development.
- **Projects** continuing and starting - from community led neighbourhood projects to city-wide projects investing £millions
- **Profile** for the city internationally, which we can use to continue to share our learning and to attract investment to the city
- **People** across Bristol are engaged, taking action and keen to be part of creating a sustainable city.





Activities in 2015

OVER EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY organisations have now made a pledge to help Bristol to become a "low carbon city with a high quality of life for all"

9,000  Followers
Hit over 700,000 timelines

20 Newsletters | Keynote Speakers at 50+ EVENTS

40,500 users have visited our website since January 1st 2015 **65%** of which were new visitors

900+ engagements with BGCP themed Action Groups

20 Co-curated launches, forums & workshops delivered with BGCP Members | 1,161 Attendances

3 Partnership Gatherings | 340 individuals attended one or more Gatherings | 250 LOCAL organisations participated

11 Green Mingles

99 LOCAL Organisations took part in the programme



3,000 attendances
100 events & activities over 9 days in October 2015

Over 2,500 uses of dedicated hashtag #HEALTHYBRISTOL

Good Transport Plan

700 uses of dedicated hashtag

#GTP



107 individuals representing 90 organisations attended the September GGP to consult on the draft plan

Launches January 2016!

Consultation with over 1200 people through face-to-face and online surveys

BGCP 2016 onwards



- A new iteration
- Board Directors from:
 - University of Bristol,
 - UWE,
 - Sustrans,
 - Avon Wildlife Trust,
 - Resource Futures,
 - West of England Initiative,
 - Centre for Sustainable Energy,
 - Triodos Bank
 - 2 members elected from the wider membership.
- Seeking an Independent Chair
- A community interest company (CIC)
- Working to support and amplify the work of its members
- And to deliver cross cutting city wide projects
- A (social) innovation ‘space’ for the city

2016-17 workplan



- Maintaining the theme focus from 2015: Nature, Food, Transport, Resources, Energy.
- Supporting and developing the Better Bristol campaign in partnership with Crowdfunder UK
- Convening city wide conversation on key topics e.g. Bristol's Climate and Energy Framework
- Developing projects on:
 - diversity and inclusion,
 - international reach,
 - Learning City
 - and others
- Enhancing the communications and advocacy work
- A full programme of events and activities
- Advocacy and engagement:
'a low carbon city with a high quality of life for all'

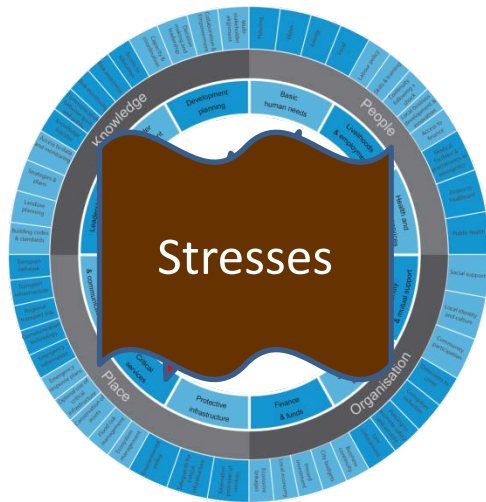
Policies and Strategies

Bristol and the West of England are developing key strategies which will determine Bristol's sustainability and resilience:

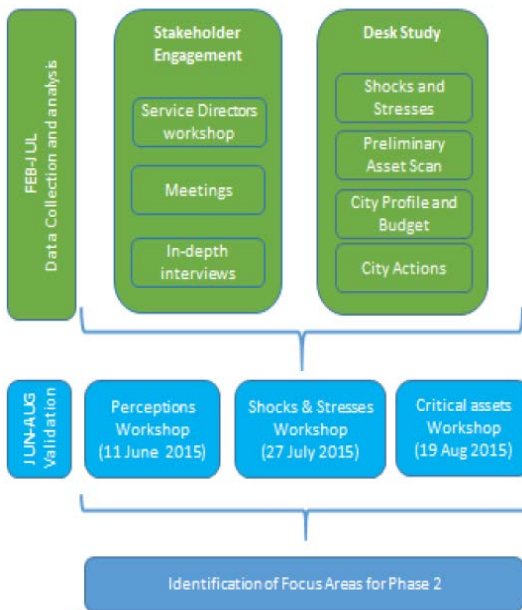
- Climate and Energy Security Framework
- Transport Strategy
- Joint Spatial Plan
- Housing Strategy
- Devolution
- Resilience Strategy and Trajectory



Assessing and building city resilience



100RC provide a set of tools to help Bristol to analyse future shocks and stresses and prioritise short, medium and long term actions

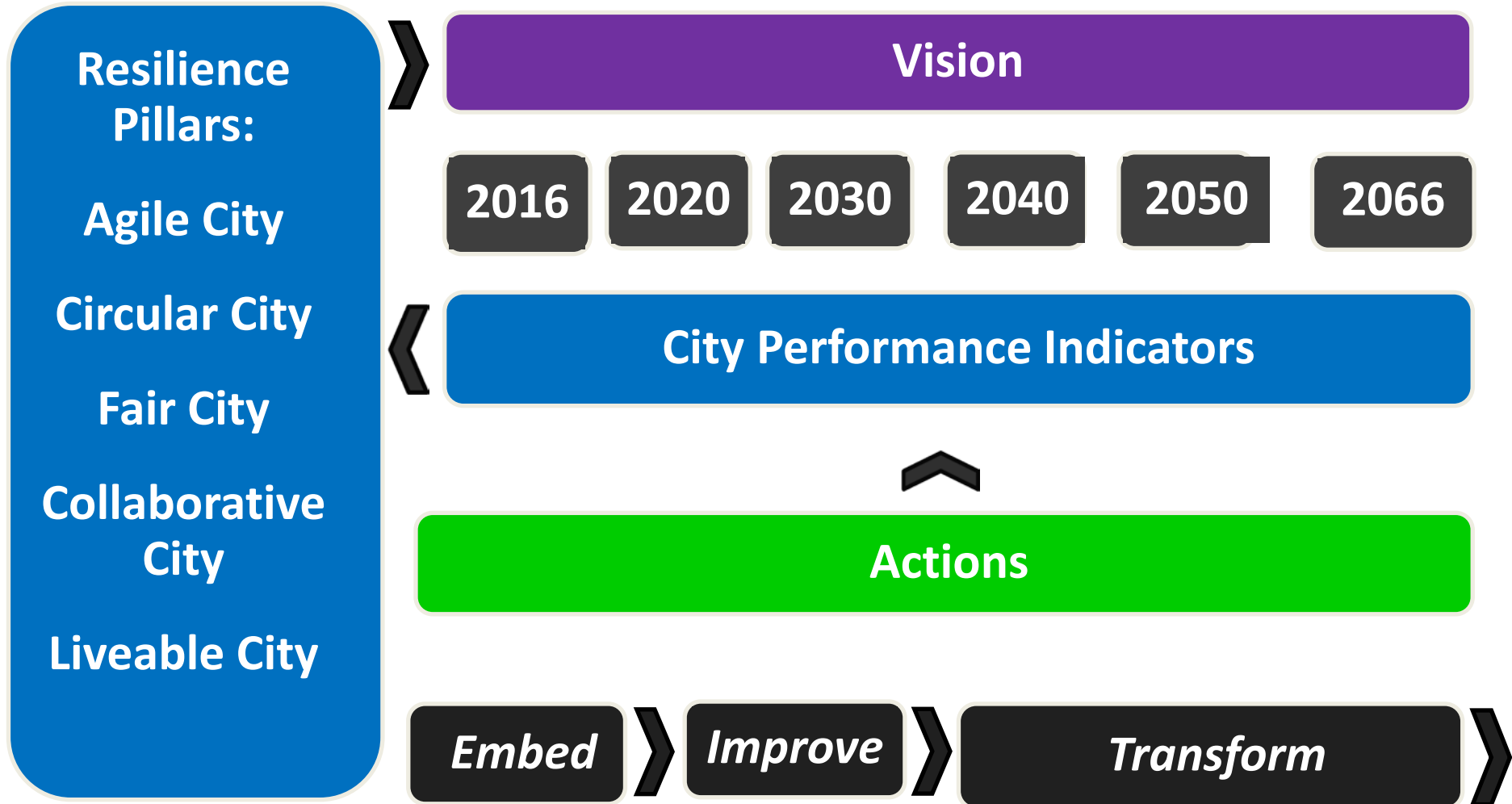


The process has involved city stakeholder engagement (> 250 people) and desk studies.

It is overseen by an external advisory Sounding Board.



Resilience Strategy framework



Projects

- Bristol is delivering some major projects contributing to Bristol's sustainability , for example:
 - Enterprise Zone and Arena
 - Metrobus
 - Energy Investment Programme
 - Energy Company



Projects

- Bristol has secured additional funding for new projects, for example:
 - REPLICATE smart city project
 - Go Ultra Low West electric vehicle project
 - Natural Estates project
- And is bidding for further funds, for example:
 - Bid for 130 gas powered buses
 - Natural solutions to localised flooding



Discussion

- How should the Council maintain the momentum of the Bristol Green Capital Initiative following our year as European Green Capital?
- How should elected members contribute to this process in the coming years?
- How should this be incorporated into the Scrutiny Work Programme 2016-20?

