



Environmental Policy and Action Plan 2018-2022

BCC Environmental policy

Bristol City Council is a large landowner, employer and consumer. We want to use our influence and powers to enable us, individuals, communities and organisations to improve Bristol's environment, keeping it a Green Capital.

We will continually improve our performance, meet our compliance obligations, prevent pollution and protect the environment.

We will manage risks and reduce our direct environmental impacts in energy, travel, waste, water, food, biodiversity and land use.

We will use our resources efficiently, and work with our suppliers to reduce the impact of the goods and services we buy.

We will use our influence and policies to manage and reduce citywide environmental impacts and improve our resilience.

We will provide training, publicly report on our performance regularly and maintain an externally certified Environmental Management System.

This policy was approved by the council's cabinet on 07/11/2017.

The policy will be reviewed annually.

1. Bristol City Council also publishes an annual Environmental Statement which records the Council's targets and performance against them.
2. Bristol Culture, as part of Bristol City Council adheres to the above policy but in addition has a specific action plan as below:

Aim	Category	Method	Deadlines	Responsible Officer
Continue to reduce usage of gas, electricity	Energy, Water	Aim to reduce kwh usage by 10 percent across all venues by	April 2020	Operations Manager

and water at all sites. We need to carefully measure this as with increased event activity the buildings will be used more which may affect achieving this target.		<p>smarter use of buildings and implementing more efficient fixtures and systems</p> <p>16-17 figures</p> <p>Elec 1473579 kwh</p> <p>Gas 1468881kwh</p> <p>Water 7938 m3</p> <p>Aim for reduction total across venues is</p> <p>Elec 147357.9 kwh</p> <p>Gas 146888.1 kwh</p> <p>Water 793.8 m3</p>		
Utilise new ways of improving performance of buildings eg adding solar panels	Energy	Investigate options for solar panels on BMAG roof as part of redevelopment project- confirm at this stage if this is feasible	April 2020	Operations Manager
Ensure Bristol Waste new service accommodates any recycling requirements	Waste	Work closely with Bristol Waste to identify any procedural or process improvements to maximise our recycling potential. Continue to monitor improvements.	April 2018	Operations Manager
Continue to seek to reduce production and release of pollutants as a by-product of work	Waste	Review whether pollutants are being produced and whether controls can be applied.	June 2019	Technical Advisor, Conservation Manager
Train staff in	All	Regular reminders of	FoH staff	Culture MT

environmental awareness and application of policies		policies and procedures to staff to ensure best practice	weekly briefings and staff inductions	
Encourage better travel habits for staff and visitors	Travel-Business Travel-Audience	Website already shows green ways to get to museums but as part of further development we will look at emphasising using green transport and also will pick up and highlight for visitors citywide initiatives eg cheap public transport offers.	Summer 2018. Bi-annual Visitor exit surveys to be carried out	User Researcher
Move towards using environmentally friendly materials in our exhibitions and all other work we do	Production	Ensure we are only using BCC approved contractors.	Ongoing	3-D Designer, Technicians.
Build environmentally responsible methods into redevelopment of all our sites	Energy, Water and Waste	All project briefs for changes to buildings to include environmental elements.	See ACE funded plan for work on BMAG redevelopment etc	Culture Management Team
Replacement of inefficient lighting throughout.	Energy	Develop a programme of replacement as part of site redevelopment work above.	See ACE funded plan for work on BMAG redevelopment etc Use of Salix fund BMAG back of house upgrade in 2018/19	Operations Manager
Use of environmentally friendly wood	Production	Ensure we are only using BCC approved	Ongoing	3-D Designer, Technicians.

sources		contractors.		
Investigate insulation	Energy	Develop a programme of replacement as part of site redevelopment work above.	See ACE funded plan for work on BMAG redevelopment etc	Culture Management Team
Survey for inefficient and wasteful practices	Waste, Production	Site by site, record and report inefficient practice.	Daily	Operations Manager
Prioritised annual budget for improvements	Energy, Production	Capital works budgets to be prioritised in part at least on environmental improvements.	When capital budgets released.	Head of Engagement, Operations Manager
Use less paper for non-essential purposes e.g. internal meetings	Waste	Target to be set to reduce annual paper usage bill for photocopying and printing. Introduce digital alternatives in all meeting spaces	Annually	Culture Management Team
Reuse our temporary exhibition builds	Waste, Production	Continue where possible to reuse exhibition materials and plan this in the exhibition development meetings	ongoing	3-D Designer, Exhibitions Team
Promote environmental principles in galleries	Production	Include in design brief for annual refreshment at M Shed.	Annually	Head of Collections & Archives
Represent wildlife issues	Production (programming)	Include in design brief for annual Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition refreshment at M Shed and in redisplay at BMAG	Annually Continuing programme of Wildlife Photographer exhibition at M Shed	Head of Collections & Archives

Contribute to the Legacy of European Green Capital Year 2015	Fesitvals/Events	A display at M Shed in the Bristol Life Gallery emphasising green issues and the legacy of European Green Capital Year was put in place in 2016. It has been temporarily removed in order to install a different exhibition but will be reinstated from May 2018.	May 2018	Head of Collections & Archives, Head of Engagement
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The Culture Team is committed to ensuring that our positive approach to environmental sustainability, as outlined in our action plan, is embedded in our day to day operations.

We continue to build on past achievements and ensure that all staff contribute and take ownership of improving our performance. We recognise that this process begins when a new staff member is inducted into any role and continues when they make decisions which can make a positive impact on our environmental performance. Following a recent restructure we have now ensured we have dedicated members of the operations team that can focus on ensuring that our buildings and facilities function in a manner which limits their impact on the environment, including identifying ways we can be more sustainable, such as improvements to lighting and other facilities and also clearly assessing the way we are effectively managing waste associated with our activities.

We are proud to have achieved the ISO14001 2015 for our environmental management systems.

We recognise our moral obligation to limiting our impact on the environment, and acknowledge that this goes hand in hand with making us more sustainable and efficient

Signed: Laura Pye, Head of Culture

Date: November 2017