

# **Mayor's Climate Emergency Action Plan An Update**

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# Mayor's Climate Emergency Action Plan

- Many new actions were included in the Action Plan
- This update covers progress and proposed approach on:
  - Governance Arrangements
  - Development of One City Climate Strategy
  - Communication and Engagement
  - Carbon Neutral Council
  - Climate Change training
  - Covid-19 response



# Governance Arrangements

## **Commitment:**

*Establish effective city governance structures to enable and support climate action*

## **Progress:**

The Mayor has established two effective groups:

- One City Environment Board – strategic leadership of the agenda.
- Bristol Advisory Climate Change Committee - to provide independent advice to the One City Office and City Council.



# One City Climate Strategy

**Commitment:** *The Environmental Sustainability Board, working with the other boards of the City Office, will lead the creation of a One City Climate Strategy for Bristol.*

## **Progress:**

The Mayor provided human and financial resources for:

- The development of a **comprehensive evidence base** on emissions from all scopes and climate resilience has been produced and published.
- The **development of the One City Climate Strategy**, built on the evidence base, adopted February 2020.

Promotion of the strategy and development of delivery plans has been delayed due to Covid-19.



# Communication & Public Engagement

## **Commitment:**

*The Mayor will develop a climate change public engagement programme*

## **Progress:**

- **Supported the successful Bristol bid to the Big Lottery's Community Action Fund** – this will support 6 communities to develop their own Climate Action Plans - £375k. One of 19 successful from 600 applications
- **The Bristol Climate Hub website has been developed and will be launched shortly.** This will provide key information and a guide to action for citizens. It will be further developed. It has been produced in-house and therefore delayed due to reallocation of communications staff to Covid-19 response.
- **A 3 year communications and engagement plan is being developed** as part of the BCC Climate Change Programme. It draws upon advice from leading climate change communications experts and will be reviewed by the BACCC.



# Carbon Neutral Council

## Commitment:

*A carbon neutral Council our direct emissions by 2025, quantify the Council's indirect emissions, and understand the impacts of all new major plans, policies and projects on the Council's and city's emissions and climate resilience.*

## Progress:

- **Scope 1&2 emissions have been quantified** and an action plan to neutralise them by 2025 is being developed as part of the Climate Programme.
- **Scope 3 emissions defined and estimated** for key areas of capital projects and procurement. Actions to understand these better and reduce them will form part of the Climate Programme.
- A new **Climate and Environmental Impact Assessment tool** has been developed and is being tested with colleagues at present. This will be applied much earlier in the development of initiatives than present system.
- Further work on the carbon budgeting process will take place as part of the Climate Change Programme.



# Climate Change Training

## **Commitment:**

*Train city leaders, councillors and council staff in climate change to enable them to respond to the climate emergency in everything they do.*

## **Progress:**

- Many City Leaders and Stakeholders attended the **Climate Reality presentation** in November
- **Climate Change Learning and Development Advisor appointed**
- Face to face Carbon Literacy **training piloted** prior to Covid-19 restrictions
- **Bespoke BCC on-line training courses being developed** on Climate Awareness, Approaches and Solutions and Climate Leadership
- **A full 2 year training project is being developed** as part of the Climate Change Programme.



# Covid-19 Recovery Planning

## A new area of work:

- The One City Covid-19 **Economic Recovery Statement of Intent** aims to contribute significantly to the achievement of the One City Climate Strategy and the this is being reflected in the detailed planning for recovery.
- Practical action is also being taken to maximise the benefits for Bristol of the government grants for home and public building retrofit.



# Resources

The Mayor has provided the following additional financial resources to our climate change work.

- £250k one off in 2019/20
- £150k additional revenue budget in 2020/21 rising to £300k from 2021/22 onwards
- An allocation of £3m of Reserves for climate change projects
- Creation of a new Climate Change Team, a new Team Manager has been appointed, existing staff reassigned to the team and further recruitment will take place in the coming months.



Thank you!

