

## **Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal**

### **Summary of the proposal**

Bristol City Council has been successful in attracting public and private sector investment into the decarbonisation of the city with over £100m of publicly funded investment made by Bristol City Council in recent years and the Bristol City Leap energy partnership planning to invest £1bn in the decarbonisation of city.

Further investment is needed to deliver the goals of the One City Climate Strategy and through feasibility work and dialogue with partners we have identified the need for a co-ordinated approach that combines strategic planning and effective community leadership.

To achieve this, we will build upon the effective partnership working and relationships built within the city as part of the One City Approach and draw upon two initiatives:

1. 100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, in which we are a leading Pilot City funded by Horizon Europe
2. Net Zero Living Programme Pathfinder Places programme funded by Innovate UK

Bristol is the only city to be able to draw upon these two initiatives and city networks to enhance local work.

As part of the Pathfinder Places competition, we completed a feasibility project to better understand the non-technical barriers which exist to acceleration of net zero in the city and have developed an approach to directly address these barriers. This Phase 2 bid builds on that feasibility study and proposes a project for further funding.

Central to Bristol's One City Approach and the Mission Approach is the creation of a Transition Team. This team brings together a key group of partners and this would guide and drive the Pathfinder Demonstrator project.

If our bid for Pathfinder Demonstrator funding is successful we would undertake the following work:

1. Establish a clear multi-partner governance and delivery model, involving key partners, building on the existing arrangement.
2. Develop a West of England Climate Investment Plan.
3. Work with three communities to develop Neighbourhood Climate Investment Plans with strong community support to reduce their carbon footprints and create net zero neighbourhoods.
4. Create a pipeline of projects flowing from these Climate Investment Plans with business cases developed for the first tranche of projects, including a Net Zero Neighbourhood Investment Structure.
5. Deliver a supply chain development programme to enable local SMEs to deliver the projects above and provide jobs and training for local people.
6. Set up a package of innovative finance tools to fund the projects.

## Partners

Alongside Bristol City Council the project will include the following the following partners from Phase One:

- **Bristol Green Capital Partnership CIC** is a network organisation with 1000+ business and organisational members and has considerable expertise in business and community engagement and is the lead body for the Community Climate Action Planning Project which we will build upon. It is the largest city environment network in the UK.
- **Bristol and Bath Regional Capital** is a place-based, impact-led investment company with expertise in raising capital for projects that tackle inequalities and environmental issues. They bring essential experience from the establishment of City Funds and their role in the Net Zero Finance Co-innovation Lab with its creation of a Net Zero Venture Fund.
- **Centre for Sustainable Energy**, who would deliver the community engagement workstream with the Bristol Green Capital Partnership and leverage their Retrofit West CIC which is delivering the West of England Retrofit Accelerator.

Other potential partners in which we are in discussion include:

- Bristol City Leap
- West of England Combined Authority
- Bath and North East Somerset Council
- South Gloucestershire Council
- North Somerset Council
- Bristol Energy Network

Other work would be subcontracted.