

# Decision Pathway – Report

**PURPOSE:** [Key decision](#)

**MEETING:** Cabinet

**DATE:** 03 October 2023

<b>TITLE</b>	Keep Bristol Cool Framework		
<b>Ward(s)</b>	Citywide		
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<b>Cabinet lead:</b> Cllr Kye Dudd, Cabinet Member for Climate, Ecology, Energy and Waste	<b>Executive Director lead:</b> John Smith, Interim Executive Director Growth and Regeneration		
<b>Proposal origin:</b> <a href="#">BCC Staff</a>			
<b>Decision maker:</b> <a href="#">Cabinet Member</a>			
<b>Decision forum:</b> <a href="#">Cabinet</a>			
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To seek approval for the Keep Bristol Cool Framework			
<b>Evidence Base:</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The UK’s national assessment of climate risks has identified the risk of high temperatures having a detrimental impact on health, wellbeing, and productivity as one of the major risks facing the country.</li> <li>2. Our own high-level assessment of climate risk – the Preliminary Climate Resilience Assessment – identified the potentially serious and wide-ranging impacts of extreme heat on the city’s population, public services, and assets, and flagged the need to fill a data and knowledge gap investigating the impact of extreme heat on the city. It also identified the need to produce a local management plan to deal with heat risks.</li> <li>3. Funding through the UK Climate Resilience Programme provided the council with the expertise to complete the city’s first baseline assessment of urban heat risks and to produce an urban heat resilience framework which sets out the actions to address these risks.</li> <li>4. This first baseline assessment brings together data from three different perspectives: 1) Met Office analysis using the latest climate projections showing the increasing frequency, severity and duration of heatwave events and temperatures exceeding critical temperature thresholds, 2) the creation of a Heat Vulnerability Index which identifies those areas of the city where extreme heat could have the biggest impact on people’s health &amp; wellbeing, and 3) feedback from Bristol’s Quality of Life survey since 2020 on homes overheating.</li> <li>5. The Keep Bristol Cool framework is the city’s first strategic plan for tackling urban heat risks, produced with input from key internal and external stakeholders. It sets out 20 objectives across four thematic areas – covering protecting vulnerable people and the public during heatwaves, future-proofing growth &amp; regeneration, tackling overheating in people’s homes and using blue green infrastructure for cooling streets and public spaces.</li> </ol>			
<b>Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:</b>			
<b>That Cabinet:</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approves the Bristol City Council Keep Bristol Cool Framework at Appendix A.</li> <li>2. Authorise the Cabinet Member for Climate, Ecology, Energy and Waste and Executive Director Growth and Regeneration to take all steps required to implement the Framework.</li> </ol>			
<b>Corporate Strategy alignment: The Keep Bristol Cool framework supports priorities across all seven themes:</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Theme 1 Children &amp; Young People: CYP1 Child Friendly City - how we design our neighbourhoods and build communities to be safe for children, have access to play and green spaces or other areas for young people to enjoy safely, CYP2 Supported to thrive - an affordable, safe, and secure home, access to education, training and employment, health care, play and green spaces are all crucial if our children and families are to thrive,</li> </ol>			

CYP4 Intergenerational equity - children and families living and growing up in low-income households are the most vulnerable to adversities and have the least resources to overcome them.

2. Theme 2 Economy & Skills: ES1 Regeneration - enable the growth, development and regeneration of the city in an inclusive, sustainable, healthy and resilient way, ES3 Good Growth - help create inclusive, sustainable, and resilient economic growth, positively influencing wider economic systems.
3. Theme 3 Environment & Sustainability: ENV4 Climate Resilience - Minimise our contribution to future shocks and stresses and invest in infrastructure and systems that cool the city and help us adapt to the effects of climate change. Do this in ways that provide inclusive, sustainable economic growth, ENV5 Global leadership - Show global leadership in delivering the UN Sustainable Development Goals at a local level and developing best practice across international networks.
4. Theme 4 Health, Care & Wellbeing: HCW1 Transforming Care – Work with partners to implement an Integrated Care System – transforming adult social care and joining up health, care, education, skills, and community activities.
5. Theme 5 Homes & Communities: healthy, resilient, and inclusive neighbourhoods with fair access to decent, affordable homes - HC1 Housing Supply & HC2 Low & Zero Carbon - Healthy, resilient, and inclusive neighbourhoods with fair access to decent, affordable homes, HC5 Community Participation - work to make neighbourhoods safer and more accessible, with good local amenities and strong cultural and social networks. Enable and encourage civic, political and democratic participation.
6. Theme 6 Transport & Connectivity: TC4 Physical Infrastructure - plan, prioritise and begin a refreshed and long-term (25-year+) programme of maintenance, repair, and renewal of the city’s infrastructure, such as roads and bridges. This will help make sure that the city is safer, more climate-resilient, nature-friendly, and able to grow its economy in an inclusive and sustainable way.
7. Theme 7 Effective Development Organisation: ED01 One City - enable strong civic participation and the joining-up of activities by partners towards our common goals, ED02 One Council - make it easier to get things done as ‘One Council’ by adopting more consistent standardised and well-communicated procedures and processes, with corporate support services that are the right size for the needs of the organisation, ED04 Data Driven - improve our ethical and inclusive use of research, data, insights and information to become more data-driven and evidence-led when making decisions, ED06 Estate Review - review our operational estate to ensure we have the right amount and right quality of workspaces. Make sure they are carbon neutral by 2025, as well as climate resilient.

**City Benefits:**

1. Protecting people during heatwave events and managing crises - saving lives and protecting health and wellbeing.
2. Building urban heat resilience into new pieces of city and new developments.
3. Making people’s homes safer and more comfortable (both new build & retrofit).
4. Making places safer and more comfortable for communities, visitors and workers (new places & retrofit).
5. Reducing the impact of emergencies on public services, especially emergency response and our health and social care systems.
6. Building a common understanding of Bristol’s urban heat risks.
7. Supporting decision-makers through a new evidence base.
8. Maximising co-benefits for climate resilience, net zero and nature recovery.
9. Advocating wider action across the city.

**Consultation Details:** Bristol City Council Teams across the council, Healthier Together, Service Managers, External organisations and partnerships, Community Climate Action Panel, Equalities Team, Environmental Impact Assessment Team.

**Background Documents:**

[The Corporate Strategy](#), [One City Climate Strategy](#) and [Preliminary Climate Resilience Assessment](#)

<b>Revenue Cost</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>Source of Revenue Funding</b>	
<b>Capital Cost</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>Source of Capital Funding</b>	
<b>One off cost</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ongoing cost</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Saving Proposal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Income generation proposal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

**Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:**

**1. Finance Advice:**

This report seeks Cabinet approval for the Bristol City Council Keep Bristol Cool Framework. This framework sets out the Council’s plans to deal with urban heat risks going forward. It has been developed within existing budget resources.

The report seeks approval for an agreement on the high-level direction rather than details on the delivery underpinning these ideals. As detailed proposals are developed these will be reported back to Cabinet with full costings and funding outlined for consideration and decision at that time.

In the meantime, all the deliverables outlined in the framework can be delivered within existing resources and as a result there are no funding implications arising from this report.

**Finance Business Partner:** Alison Bennet, Finance Business Partner, Growth & Regeneration, 5 September 2023

**2. Legal Advice:** This report is high level only at present. As and when action plans/decisions are required to deliver the framework, appropriate consultation with stakeholders should be undertaken and responses taken into account. Consultation should be undertaken at a formative stage, give sufficient reasons for a proposal to allow intelligent consideration and allow adequate time for consideration and response. The degree of specificity regarding the consultation should be influenced by those who are being consulted.

The Public Sector Equality duty requires the decision maker to consider the need to promote equality for persons with “protected characteristics” and to have due regard to the need to i) eliminate discrimination, harassment, and victimisation; ii) advance equality of opportunity; and iii) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it.

The Equalities Impact Assessment is designed to assess whether there are any barriers in place that may prevent people with a protected characteristic using a service or benefiting from a policy. The decision maker must take into consideration the information in the assessment before taking the decision. A decision can be made where there is a negative impact if it is clear that it is necessary, it is not possible to reduce or remove the negative impact by looking at alternatives and the means by which the aim of the decision is being implemented is both necessary and appropriate. Further Equalities Impact Assessments will be required as and when action plans/decisions are proposed to deliver the framework.

**Legal Team Leader:** Dawn Bodill and Husinara Jones, Legal Team Leader, 7 August 2023

**3. Implications on IT:** I can see no implications on IT in regard to this activity.

**IT Team Leader:** Alex Simpson – Lead Enterprise Architect, 3 August 2023

**4. HR Advice:** There are no HR implications evident.

**HR Partner:** Celia Williams, HR Business Partner 11 July 2023

<b>EDM Sign-off</b>	John Smith, Interim Executive Director Growth and Regeneration	12 July 2023
<b>Cabinet Member sign-off</b>	Cllr Kye Dudd, Cabinet Member for Climate Ecology, Energy and Waste	17 July 2023
<b>For Key Decisions - Mayor’s Office sign-off</b>	Mayor’s Office	04 September 2023

<b>Appendix A – Keep Bristol Cool Framework</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny</b>	<b>NO</b>

<b>Appendix D – Risk assessment</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Appendix G – Financial Advice</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix H – Legal Advice</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix I – Exempt Information</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix J – HR advice</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix K – ICT</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Appendix L – Procurement</b>	<b>NO</b>