

Associated policies and strategies

What policies underpin Bristol City Council's strategy on events in the city?

There are a number of key council policies and strategies that relate to all cultural, sporting, recreational or community activity and to the delivery of events in the city as a whole.

The Corporate Plan

The Corporate Plan is a strategic three-year document produced by Bristol City Council, written for residents, staff and partners. It sets out the key challenges faced and describes the city that we want Bristol to become. Most importantly it explains how this will be achieved.

The key challenges of the Corporate Plan are:

- To ensure Bristol is a successful city.
- To work to ensure that everyone can share in that success.
- To make that success sustainable, protecting our environment for future generations.

The [full Corporate Plan](#) is available on our website.

Festivals and Events Framework

Festivals and events are one of the most powerful ways that a city can reflect and celebrate its population and culture.

The essence of the Festivals and Events Framework is that a world-class festivals and events programme, with a national and international profile, is essential to establish Bristol's reputation as an ambitious city and a thriving and acclaimed European destination.

The framework, adopted in 2009, sets out a five-year vision to illustrate how to develop Bristol's year round programme of events in order to build on existing strengths, improve areas of weakness, and address any gaps in the cultural offer.

The framework states that the city's economic and cultural success will be significantly enhanced by a strategic approach to festivals and events, which capitalise on the unique strengths and characteristics of the city, its historic identity, and wealth of cultural activity.

Parks and Green Space Strategy

The strategy sets out an ambitious plan over the next 20 years for ensuring that people have access to good quality parks and green spaces of different types, close to where they live. The strategy contains service management

policies and a set of standards for quality, distance and quantity covering different types of green space in the city.

Key highlights of the strategy are:

- Safeguarding key historic estates and parks
- Making natural green spaces more accessible and welcoming
- Improving grounds maintenance
- Tackling anti-social behavior

Further information on the Parks and Green Space Strategy is available in the [Parks and Open Spaces](#) section of our website.

Major Parks and City Centre Spaces Policy

This policy aims to:

‘Enhance major parks and city centre spaces fitting Bristol’s status as a major city with international and national profile, maintaining them to the highest standard.’

Some spaces have a significant role to play not only in providing green space for local residents, but in attracting visitors from the whole city, neighbouring areas and occasionally beyond. While policies relating to these sites appear in other sections, a policy related to the spread of destination sites across the city was needed in addition.

Bristol currently has four major parks:

- Ashton Court Estate
- Blaise Castle Estate/ Kingsweston Estate combined
- Clifton and Durdham Downs
- Oldbury Court Estate/ Snuff Mills

Many of the city centre spaces also have a citywide and tourist audience, as they are visited as part of a wider visit to the centre or by workers in the central area.

Further information about our major parks is available in the [Parks and Open Spaces](#) section of our website.

Equalities Policy 2008

Bristol is a city of increasing diversity, which brings positive benefits to us all. It is crucial that the Council reflects this diversity but also ensures that all citizens have equal access to and equal outcomes from our services.

This policy sets out how the Council will promote equal opportunities through political leadership and management structures. It also sets the baseline standards by which equal opportunities will be measured and monitored.

A copy of the **Equalities Policy** is available to download from the [Equality and Diversity](#) section of this website.

Environmental Policy, the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) and the Bristol City Council Green Events Guide

Bristol is leading the way in the development of innovative approaches to protecting the environment. The Community Strategy and Environmental Policy aim for Bristol to be a green capital in Europe, tackling the causes of climate change and creating a clean, attractive built and natural environment.

The thousands of events which Bristol hosts every year play a big part in the city's carbon and environmental footprint. There is a need to respond to international, national and local environmental demands.

By 2010, Bristol aims to be reducing waste by 50% and recycling 60% of the remainder. In the long term, this could actually lead to reduced waste management costs for event organisers. Also, by 2050, there are targets to reduce CO2 emissions by 60%.

All events are opportunities to communicate environmental messages to the public. The City Council aims to actively work with organisers to ensure that best practice is introduced at all stages of event management.