



**Bristol European Green Capital 2015  
Monthly Report: April 2015**

1. This monthly report has been prepared for the Department for Energy and Climate Change following the award of £7m grant funding to Bristol City Council to help deliver Bristol European Green Capital 2015.
2. As requested, this short report focuses on spend to date, key milestones and risk register.

**SPEND TO DATE**

3. The table below summarises spend to date.

	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Spend to date</b>
Summits	1,700,000	576,349
Green Tech	1,400,000	273,341
Schools Programme	1,000,000	293,578
Neighbourhood Programme (Grants & Funding)	2,000,000	
- Local funding		190,781
- Strategic/Small/Neighbourhood Grants		1,750,000
Bristol Welcome:	650,000	
- Volunteers		107,118
- Neighbourhood Arts Programme		100,023
- City Dressing		70,994
- Opening Events		277,814
Bristol Method	250,000	61,045
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	7,000,000	3,701,043

4. Total forecast spend remains £7m.
5. In addition to the funding from DECC, Bristol 2015 Ltd has now confirmed additional funding of £4.1m from commercial sponsors to support the year. This is a mixture of cash (£1.8m) and value in kind (£2.3m). Bristol 2015 Ltd is also in receipt of a £381k award from the Arts Council to support three specific events: Arcadia, Richard Long and the Bristol Whale.
6. BCC and Bristol 2015 Ltd are jointly reviewing the current allocation of DECC funding and commercial sponsorship to ensure that resources are made available to support the development, production and curation of the cities pavilion at the Paris COP21. We are keen to continue close discussion with DECC and FCO over the coming months, to ensure that the cities presence supports UK Government messages and priorities.

7. A report was taken to Bristol City Council's Audit Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> April. This focused on current governance arrangements and an update on the allocation of public funds and external sponsorship to Bristol 2015 Ltd. The report was well received by the Committee.

## KEY MILESTONES

8. Green Youth Day was held in Bristol on 20<sup>th</sup> April. The subjects covered included the science of climate change; protecting wildlife and the oceans; human rights; the clothes we wear; equality; how to campaign successfully; and why questioning the establishment is essential. The event was open to all young people under the age of 25. A full report is included in Appendix A
9. The Digital Challenge Award £50,000 winner was announced at Green Youth Day. [Crocodile](#), the winning team, will develop an app that will enable parents to identify the walking bus routes nearest to them, book their child into their preferred route, check progress on the day and confirm that their child has arrived at school safely.
10. The first [Neighbourhood Arts projects](#) have been announced. The commissions are for £10,000 in total which includes fees, materials and expenses. The first six winning projects include taking a creative look at antisocial waste in Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill, creating a new Green Trail for Bishopston, Cotham & Redland and getting people engaged and active in nature on the Dundry Slopes. Creative briefs for the next eight neighbourhoods have now been issued.
11. We are starting to see the implementation of projects funded through the Strategic Grant awards. For example during April the [Energy Tree](#) was installed in Millennium Square. This is located next to the [Urban Growing Trail](#) being planted across the City Centre. [Kitchens on Prescription](#) is a health and wellbeing project which offers patients with long-term health conditions access to community kitchens and nutritional advice.
12. April saw the launch of the full 2015 [Arts Programme](#). A brochure is included as Appendix B
13. Mayor George Ferguson and Liz Zeidler, chair of the Bristol Green Capital Partnership, attended the ICLEI World Congress in Seoul in South Korea in April as part of the preparations for COP21 later this year. Mayor Ferguson gave a speech at the Congress on Bristol's environmental achievements and its ambitions to become an exemplar sustainable city. Liz was invited in recognition of Bristol's exemplar work in building cross-sector partnerships. This trip was supported by FCO and a memorandum of understanding is being developed with the city of Seoul on low carbon, energy and smart city agendas.
14. May sees a number of events including:
  - A nine day Food Connections festival. This event is a recipient of a Strategic Grant and further information on the wide range of activities is available on the [Food Connections](#) Website.
  - The launch of the Schools Programme

- Preparations for the European Green Capital 2017 Award Ceremony which will be hosted in Bristol in June by the EU Commission.

15. A summary of April media coverage is included as Appendix C

16. Details and copies of April media coverage are included as Appendix D.

## RISK REGISTER

17. Key programme risks and mitigations are set out in the table below.

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
There is a risk that some of the key Bristol City Council projects, whilst Green, are controversial, (e.g. Metrobus) leading to negative publicity	<i>Update April 15: Ongoing risk which we continue to monitor.</i>
There is a risk that we will be challenged by organisations who are unsuccessful in the grant application process, leading to additional work to respond, and negative publicity	<i>1. Cabinet reviewed and agreed the Strategic Grants process and resulting awards made on 16 December 2. Existing appeals process is available. Update April 15: Three appeals have been received and are progressing through the appeals process.</i>
There is a risk that pre-election restrictions will limit the publicity we are able to provide around events during March and April	<i>Update April 15: Pre-election period concludes 8<sup>th</sup> May. To date no significant impact on communications and publicity.</i>
There is a risk that some of the activities organised for European Green Capital year will create ongoing liabilities for Bristol City Council	<i>Ensure contracts and agreements do not include ongoing liability for BCC without agreement</i>
There is a risk that that there is not enough budget available to fully support activities leading to, and during, COP21 where Bristol will have a presence, meaning the opportunity may not be fully utilised.	<i>Update April 15. Fully costed proposals being developed in discussion with ICLEI and BCC international office. Discussions continue with 2015 Ltd to identify potential sources of funding.2015</i>
There is a risk that the proposed dates for the handover ceremony may need to be adjusted to avoid clashes with the sitting of the EU parliament (December)	<i>Update April 15. Discussions continue regarding handover ceremony, which may be held in 2016 in Brussels.</i>

Appendix A: Report on Green Youth Day

Appendix B: 2015 Arts Programme, full brochure

Appendix C: Summary of April media coverage – attached

Appendix D: Details of April media coverage - attached

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