

## **Mayors Conversation on One City Plan with People Working in Communities**

Thursday 1 February 2018

City Hall Conference Room

### **Invitation from the Mayor**

Dear Colleagues

I would like to invite you to a conversation with community workers to discuss the emerging One City Plan.

The One City Plan is about harnessing our collective powers and responsibilities to achieve a clear set of agreed outcomes. This is about how we want our city to be and being intentional about how we get there. Your knowledge as Community Workers is integral to the success of the plan. Your views about what we have done so far and what for you are the priorities will make it real and relevant.

In our last meeting in September we explored our role in neighbourhoods where we may support or hinder community-led action and what we might need to do to do things differently to create more self-determining communities. A number of themes and ideas emerged which could be incorporated into the One City Plan and community workers made individual pledges to take action. Thank you for your contributions so far.

I would like to invite you to return to City Hall if you work day-to-day with the people of Bristol: housing officers, support workers, community and youth workers, PCSOs, Beat Officers, social workers, community educators and employment workers from the public and voluntary sectors and councillors.

Thursday 1 February 2018, 2.30pm to 5pm, City Hall

You will find out more about the One City Plan, network with other community workers and discuss how community development work can make a strong contribution.

I hope you can attend.

**Marvin Rees**

### **Introduction**

100 community workers came to City Hall from a diverse range of organisations to meet with the Mayor, Marvin Rees and to contribute to the emerging One City Plan (see appendix 1 for attendee list).

Marvin welcomed everybody to the event and spoke about his previous role as community development worker in public health which has given him a strong insight into the value community work brings to the city. He introduced the One City Plan which is 50 year forward look into how we want our city to be in the future and what we need to



do to make sure our aspirations are met. He spoke about the changing role of the council in a time of austerity where difficult decisions have to be made. The One City Plan is being created in collaboration and partnership with organisations and people from across the city and is a shared vision to work towards rather than being solely owned by the local authority. The local authority is an important part of this but so are many other organisations that all have a role in making Bristol a thriving, healthy and more equal city in the future. Everybody has a role to play however big or small.

Marvin stressed that the One City Plan is still being developed and will be launched in June so what the participants are seeing on the day were being presented for the first time. The working groups had been busy putting together timelines for the event under the six themes of the plan:

- Environment and Air Quality
- Health and Wellbeing
- Housing
- Inclusive Growth
- Learning, Education and Skills
- Traffic and Congestion

Participants would be circulating in groups around the six themes and were asked to think about these three questions:

- What links are there with other areas?
- What are the challenges?
- How can you support the outcomes of the plan?

### **Feedback from theme workshops**

See Appendix 2 for draft timelines

### **Environment and air quality**

The most frequently made comment was “what about the rest of the environment” with plastics, recycling, litter, tree planting, climate change and the workplace environmental health issues (such as working with asbestos) all mentioned.

Participants did not find the air quality timeline an easy subject on which to find solutions. Every solution someone thought of, someone else thought of a potential drawback and people felt the situation was a “Catch 22” whereby we can’t solve the problem of air pollution without some financial cost somewhere down the line. We did have some positive solutions, could we find out specific groups who would be most hard pressed to use other transport modes, have the least financial ability to change to an exempt vehicle, and offer some financial support. E-bikes were popular although presently an expensive option. It was felt that lift sharing really should be enabled by technology by now, with all our diaries being electronic and shared for example. Many of the participants worked in care and health and social services and other roles that meant going out and visiting clients all around the city, and they cannot see any way of doing this without their car. Although one worker said she did all her visits to clients by bicycle.

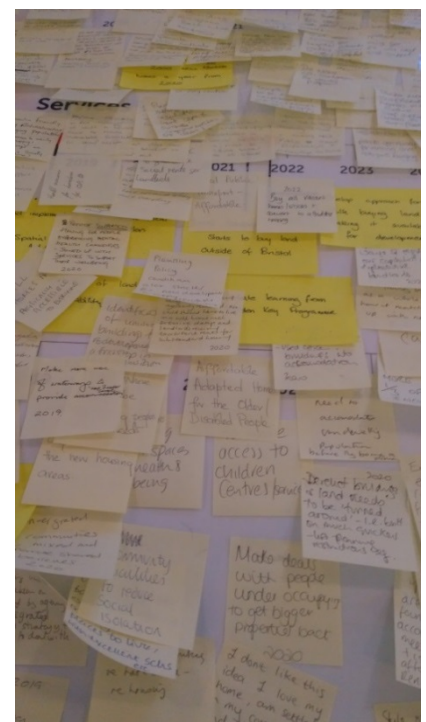
## Health and wellbeing

This session was an invaluable opportunity to get a huge array of views from partners across the city. Some of these reiterated current thinking – such as bolstering parenting support; supporting those affected by adverse childhood experiences; creating a ‘WHO Age Friendly City’ and tackling suicide across the city. In addition, we received new feedback that’s helping to shape our thinking – such as needing to focus more on hate crime, on gangs and the wider link between health and criminal justice; on the importance of people receiving a fair wage and on the crucial importance of food on health – from transforming everyone’s access to fresh fruit and veg (including growing their own), helping people to feel confident cooking from scratch and encouraging local institutions – such as our schools and hospitals – to use local, healthy produce. There was also a strong consensus from all groups that we need to act upon our children going hungry as an urgent priority.

## Housing

It was felt by all the groups that addressing housing issues is a priority, but that quality needs to be considered as well as quantity, and that what is being built is important, and how its built, are also important for example:

- housing should meet the differing needs of individuals, so consideration needs to be given to creating accessible housing, meeting the needs of older people, more supported housing etc.
- homes need to be of good quality ( warm, safe and secure) and promote good health (integrate generations to reduce the risk of social isolation, light and space etc.)
- new and existing areas need to be well planned to create good neighbourhoods and connectivity (access to jobs, education, transport, greenspace, healthcare etc.)
- the city needs to utilise its assets – land, empty buildings , existing homes and people - as much as possible
- homes need to be genuinely affordable



There were also discussions that much of the above also applied to existing homes and consideration needs to be given to quality and management of existing properties, across all tenancies. Eradicating rough sleeping and homelessness was an important target.

### **Inclusive growth**

Under inclusive growth or inclusive economy theme there were some really rich discussions about how to make the economy work for everyone. Solutions ranged from large scale initiatives such as universal basic income to smaller community level interventions such as providing advice in local areas and providing a greater range of adult learning opportunities. There was a call to local businesses to invest more in the local economy offering a wider range of opportunities including an ask for all businesses to offer apprenticeships. Deprivation in local areas needs to be addressed by encouraging business investment and developing better connections with the rest of the city. There were strong links to other areas such as housing, education and transport.

### **Learning, education and skills**

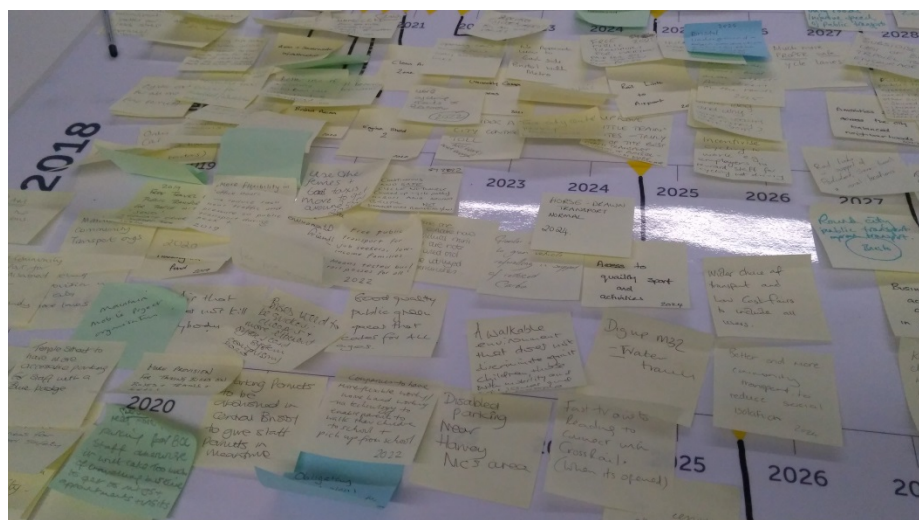
Participants in this section of the workshop were specifically interested in the inequality of access to good quality education in Bristol. There was also a strong interest in how education can improve health and wellbeing outcomes, particularly relating to mental health.



There were also a number of interesting conversations exploring what good quality education looks like i.e. should we solely focus on result and attainment?

Finally many of the participants felt that the timeline should have a greater emphasis on lifelong learning and intergenerational activities, again linking back to improved health and wellbeing outcomes.

### **Traffic and congestion**



In this theme the group were interested in the connectivity for people in communities who are most in need. There were concerns about disabled people being able to book transport at short notice, or their access to public transport which can cause issues for health and wellbeing – social isolation and access to health care etc.

A consistent challenge raised was about city parking restrictions and how community workers are impacted by these. There was talk about the safety of travel across the city for children and an ambition that the perceived level of safety for travel for children across the city could be improved in the future.

There was also talk about traffic levels in the city and how this could be overcome with new infrastructure providing a grid system across the city.

### **What next**



Marvin invited participants back for a further look at the One City Plan on the afternoon of Wednesday 9 May 2018 at City Hall – details to be released soon.

We're hugely grateful to everyone for your time and views and also for your enthusiasm for this work to take a long term and system-wide approach to tackle the challenges that are harming our city. We look forward to seeing many of you again in May – and

receiving further views ahead of that – to develop a first version of our One City Plan.

### **Thanks**

Many thanks to Marvin Rees and the facilitators Robert Swift, James Snelgrove, Sarah Spicer, Sally Hogg, Victoria Bleazard, Thomas Jarvis, Mark Leach and the Neighbourhoods and Community Development teams for making the event possible.

## Appendix 1 – List of attendees

Amal	Aden	CCHP
Aimee	Wentworth	
Alex	North	BCC - Neighbourhoods
Andrew	McGrath	BCC - Neighbourhoods
Anette	Roughley	BCC - People
Ann	De Graft-johnson	UWE
Annie	Oliver	Barton Hill Settlement
April	Richmond	BCC - Neighbourhoods
Ben	Barker	
Beverley	Jones	BCC - Adult & Social Care
Beki	Tuble	SW MITA
Brenda	Massey	Councillor
Brendan	Tate Wistreich	Barton Hill Settlement
Catherine	Lawson	Buzz Lockleaze
Catherine	Wescott	BS3 Helping Others
Catherine	Clare	BCC - Adult & Social Care
Celia	Phipps	Councillor
Chris	Hardy	CYPS Families
Cleo	Lake	Councillor
Dan	Berlin	BCC - Safer Bristol
Daniel	Jenyo	Caridon
Danielle	Morgan	
Darron	Hamilton	BCC - Healthy Lifestyles and Place
Debra	Webb	BCC - Adult & Social Care
Debi	Hadley	Rethink Mental Illness
Desmond	Brown	Growing Futures
Donna	Person	BCC - Deputy Head
Elaine	Mcdowell	BCC - Adult & Social Care
Eleanor	Combley	Councillor
Emm	Rodman	Knowle West Media Centre
Fiona	Hackett	Dementia and Wellbeing Service
Gary	Haskins	Avon and Somerset Police
Glyn	Botterell	BS3 Helping Others
Hanna	Johnson	Knightstone
Hannah	Stopford	St Monica Trust
Helen	Young	The Care Forum
Helen	Holland	Councillor
Helen	Mohan	BS3 Helping Others
Helen	Pritchard	BCC - Adult & Social Care
Helene	Gibson	BCH Health Visiting
Henry	Poultney	Off the Record
Hannah	Walker	BCC - Adult & Social Care
Jairo	Guerrero	
James	Snelgrove	BCC - ICT Change Services



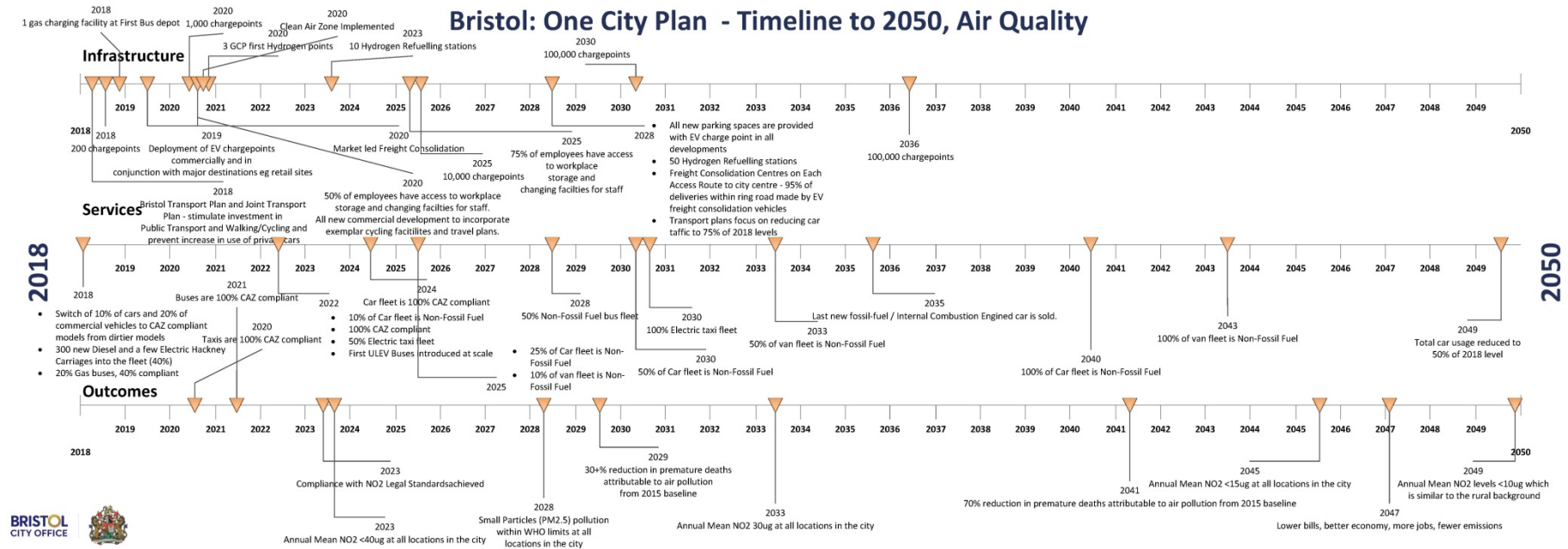
Jayne	Anstis	Extra Care
Jayne	Whittlestone	United Communities
Jo	Morrison	
Jo	Murphy	BCC - Safeguarding Adults
Joanne	Harding	Next Link
Joy	Skinne	Barton Hill Settlement
Joy	Carey	Bristol Food Network
Judith	Davis	Vivid Regeneration
Katherine	Martin	Have Start Bristol
Kate	Webb	Circomedia
Katie	Hanchard-Goodwin	Bristol Play Bus
Katie	Pitt	BCC - Housing
Katra	Aideed	Wellspring HLC
Kerry	Patterson	BCC - Housing
Leonie	Harvey-Rolfe	Golden Key
Lisa	Newley	Solon
Liz	Cheetham	Housing
Lorna	Davies	BCC - Adult & Social Care
Lucille	Smith	Knightstone
Maria	Carvalho	
Mario	Carrozzo	Caridon
Mark	Pepper	Ambition Lawrence Weston
Mark	Leach	BCC - Sustainable Transport
Marlene	McAllister	BCC - People
Martyn	Hancock	Accessible Transport 4 U
Mary-Jane	Wilshire	St Pauls Childrens Centre
Maya	Mate-Kole	
Meera	Pandya	VOSCUR
Muhyadin	Saed	Barton Hill Settlement
Mutstak	Hussein	BCC - Prevent
Neil	Burwell	BCC - Neighbourhoods
Nic	Young	Circomedia
O'Neil	Ashley	OMG LTD
Paula	O'Rourke	Councillor
Paula	Tomlin	BCC - Adult & Social Care
Penny	Germon	BCC - Neighbourhoods
pete	allen	Knightstone
Phoebe	Kalungi	BCC - Public Health
Polly	Theedom	Brigstowe
Ramona	Amuza	Dhek Bhal
Rebecca	Lloyd	City of Bristol College
Rebecca	Gibbs	Project Manager - Community Development
Rebecca	Lines	Creative Shift
Rex	Baron	BCC - Housing
Robert	Swift	BCC - One City Plan
Roisin	Tobin	Buzz Lockleaze

Roselyn	Ramgeet	Knightstone
Roxanne	Holton	NHS
Ruby	Jones	BCC - CYPs Families
Ruth	Green	Southville Centre
Sally	Gapper	North Bristol Advice
Sam	Parker	BCC - Neighbourhoods
Sandra	Gordon	
Sarah	Jackson	VOSCUR
Sarah	Dailly	Barton Hill Settlement
Sarah	Ambe	The Care Forum
Sarah	Spicer	BCC - Housing
Sue	Walker	HHEAG
Sultan	Khan	Councillor
Terry	Black	BCC - Neighbourhoods
Thomas	Jarvis	BCC - Learning
Tom	Sperlinger	
Tony	Wilson	
Tracy	Edward-Brown	Linkage
Trish	Vallance	BCC - People
Victoria	Bleazard	BCC - Health



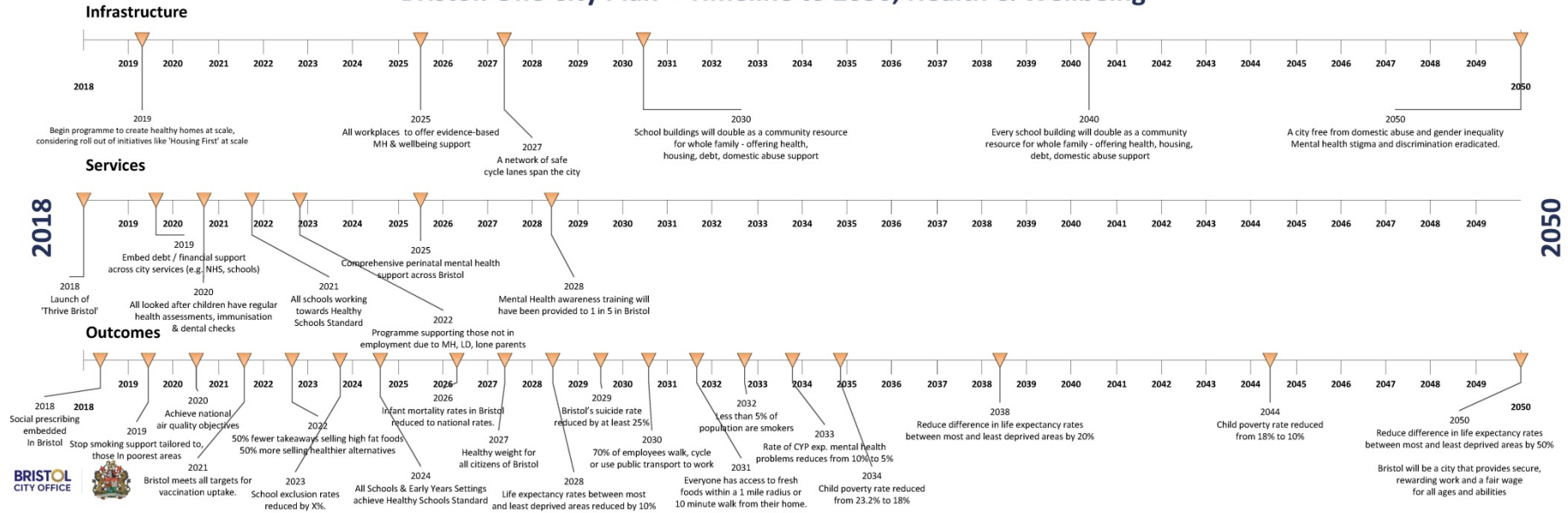
## Appendix 2 – Draft timelines

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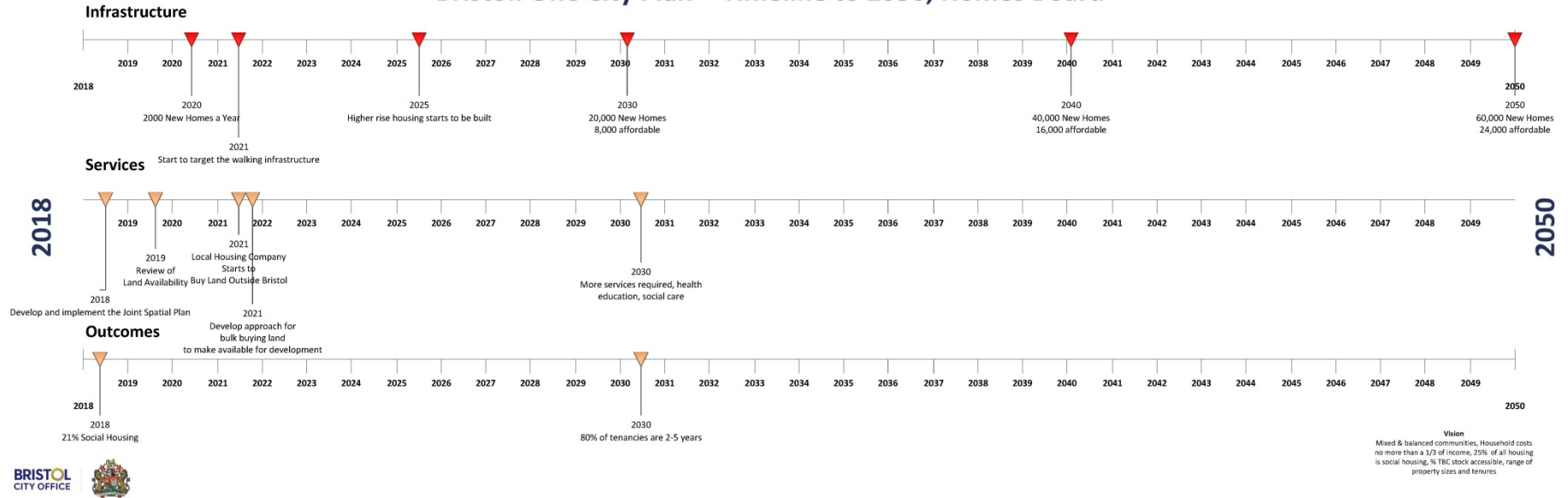
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## Bristol: One City Plan - Timeline to 2050, Health & Wellbeing



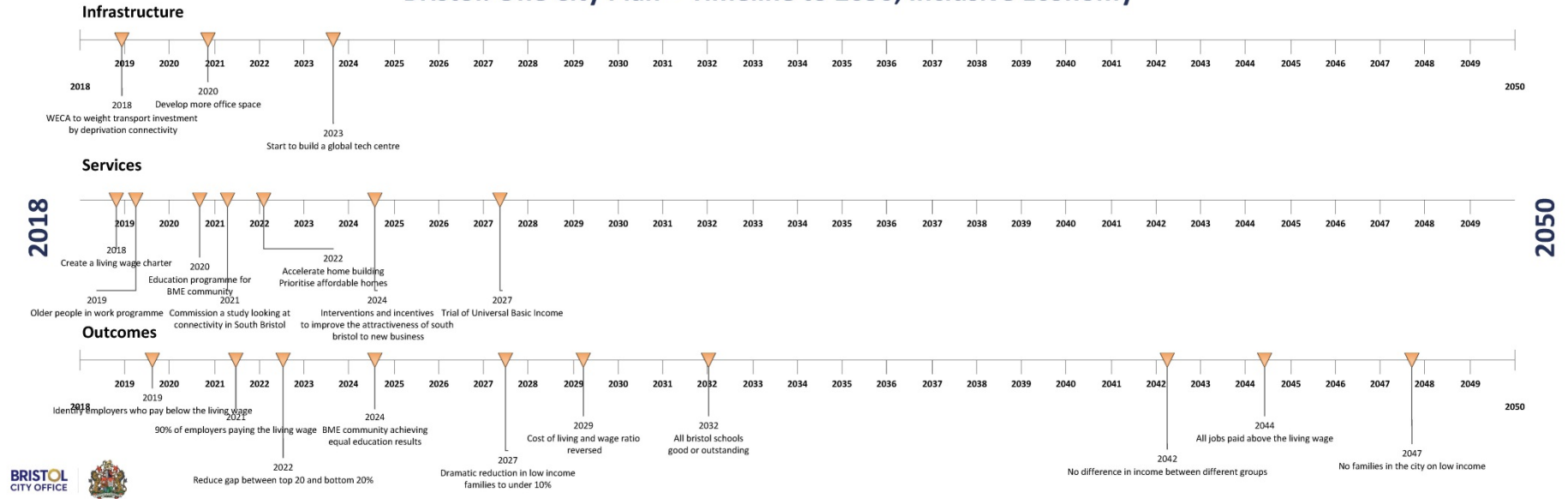
- Housing

## Bristol: One City Plan - Timeline to 2050, Homes Board



- Inclusive Growth

## Bristol: One City Plan - Timeline to 2050, Inclusive Economy



- Learning, Education and Skills

## Bristol: One City Plan - Timeline to 2050 – Learning City

