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ONE CITY**

**Strengthening local and
national coordination for
the SDGs**

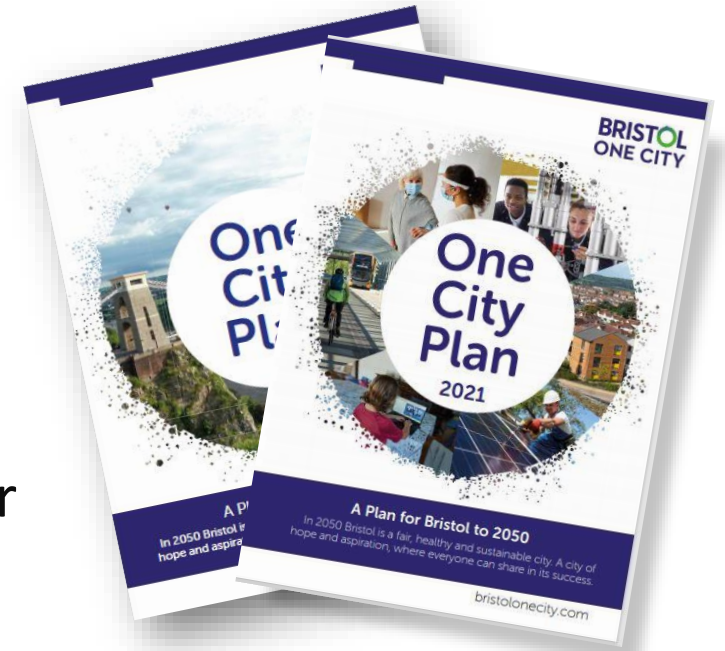
Localising the SDGs in Bristol



One City Approach

What does taking a One City Approach (OCA) mean?

- All activity should align to the 2050 Vision - *“Bristol is a fair, healthy and sustainable city, a city of hope and aspiration where everyone can share in its success”*
- It means Bristol’s thinking, strategies, structures and actions should be holistic and integrated as opposed to siloes
- Organisations should think outside their own spheres to consider implications at a citywide level
- Fairness, health, sustainability and inclusion are at the core of our values
- All goals contribute to the delivery of the SDGs
- Director of Public Health Christina Gray *‘If Bristol didn’t have One City Approach we would have had to create it’*



A new approach to city governance

In 2050, Bristol is a fair, healthy and sustainable city.

A city of hope and aspiration, where everyone can share in its success.

Children and Young People

By 2050 everyone in Bristol will have the best start in life, gaining the support and skills they need to thrive and prosper in adulthood

Economy and Skills

By 2050 everyone in Bristol will contribute to a sustainable, inclusive and growing economy from which all will benefit

Environment

By 2050 Bristol will be a sustainable city, with low impact on our planet and a healthy environment for all

Health and Wellbeing

By 2050 everyone in Bristol will have the opportunity to live a life in which they are mentally and physically healthy

Homes and Communities

By 2050 everyone in Bristol will live in a home that meets their needs within a thriving and safe community

Transport

By 2050 everyone will be well-connected with digital services and transport that is efficient, sustainable and inclusive; supporting vibrant local neighbourhoods and a thriving city centre



Bristol's Voluntary Local Review



- In March 2019, the **University of Bristol** received Economic Social Research Council funding to produce a VLR for Bristol
- Reviewed city to review **all 17 SDGs**
 - Used data for **over 140 indicators** to provide **comprehensive baseline**
- Consulted **city partners** not just city government
 - Activities of 90 organisation represented in the VLR
- First city in the UK to complete a VLR second in Europe, one of first globally
- This report deepened local engagement with the SDGs and provided a platform for national engagement

National integration of findings

2019- LGA motion on SDGs and Climate Emergency

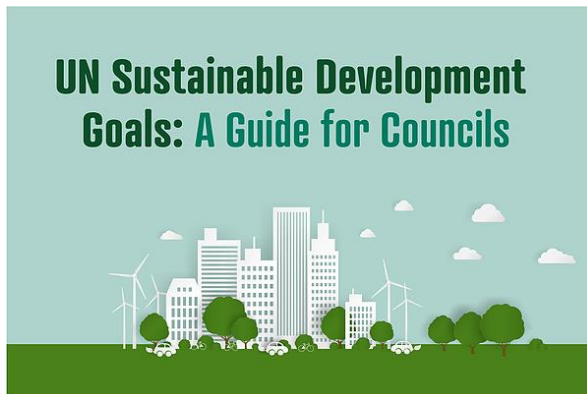


Motion: UN Sustainable Development Goals

Motion Proposer: Mayor Marvin Rees, Bristol City Council.

Motion Seconders: Cllr Judith Blake, Leader, Leeds City Council.
Mayor Joe Anderson, Liverpool City Council.

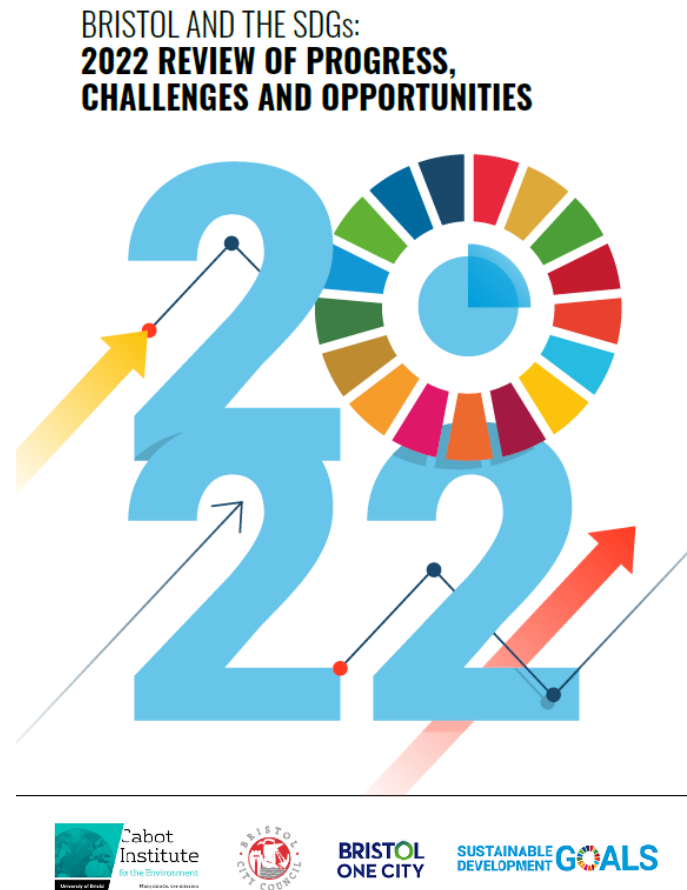
2020- LGA handbook on SDGs adoption



- VLR lead to Bristol engagement with VNR review as Civil Society at UN HLPF
- Participated in Cabinet Office roundtable on SDG implementation
- City contributed to Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office VNR process review in Dec 2019
- Supported UN Global Compact national stakeholder engagement group in advocacy work
- Local Authorities actively implementing the SDGs: *Newcastle, Doncaster, London, Liverpool, Lancaster, West Midlands, Sheffield, Dundee, York, Bradford, Lewes, Cambridge, Cornwall, Huddersfield, Aberdeen, Canterbury, Glasgow, Leeds, Greater Manchester, South Lanarkshire, Birmingham, Cheltenham*

Bristol's 2nd Voluntary Local Review

- Launched in September 2022
- Updated data from 2019 VLR
- Community Climate Action Project shared by UK Climate Change Commission as best practice for community development
- Delivered in conjunction with the Project Everyone #WorldsToDoList campaign
- Aligned to ensure findings were feed into UN Global Compact Measuring Up 2.0 report



Measuring Up VLR 2.0

- Interviewed UK cities to ensure challenges and opportunities of SDG delivery for UK local authorities
- Contributed by the Mayor's role as Chair of the Local Government Association Cities and Regions board and the Chair of Core Cities
- Four main findings which have been integrated into the UK's 2nd Shadow Voluntary National Review:
 - 1) Piecemeal Devolution
 - 2) Unstable Financial Context
 - 3) Data deficits
 - 4) Opportunity of Partnership working
- Working to develop an event with the All Party Parliamentary Group on the SDGs to embed the findings at the national level





Thank you

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