

<b>Date/time</b>	Tues 22 Sep 1400-1700	<b>Venue</b>	Via Zoom
<b>Chair</b>	Mayor Marvin Rees (Bristol City Council), Ann Cousins (Arup)		
<b>Present</b>	Andy Hicklin (Environment Agency [AH]), Ben Ross (Bristol Energy) [BR], Dale Southerton (UoB) [DS], Dan Green (Wessex Water) [DG], Esther Coffin-Smith (NBT) [ECS], Gwen Frost (Bristol Waste) [GF], Iain McGuffog (Bristol Water) [IM], Ian Barrett (AWT) [IB], Jessica Ferrow (Bristol Green Capital Partnership) [JF], Katherine Piper (Future Economy Network) [KP], Noah Sapla (independent) [NS], Sara Telahoun (Anthesis) [ST], Savita Willmott (Bristol Natural History Consortium [SWi]), Simon Roberts (Centre for Sustainable Energy) [SR], Zoe Willcox (Bristol City Council) [ZW]		
<b>Apologies</b>	James Longhurst (BACCC co-chair), Jo House (BACCC co-chair), Simon Wood (North Bristol NHS Trust), Andrew Linfoot (Jacobs)		
<b>Secretariat</b>	Vicki Woolley and Lizzi Testani (BGCP)		
<b>Observers</b>	Nicola Webb (N Somerset Council)		
<b>Invitees</b>	Alex Ivory [AI], Alex Minshull [AM], Kathy Derrick [KD], Sarah Jackson [SJ] (BCC sustainability team), Allan Macleod (City Office) [AMI]		
<b>Item</b>			<b>Actions</b>
<b>Regular items</b>			
<b>(1) Welcome, quorum &amp; declaration of interests</b>			
Meeting declared quorate. No new declarations of interest. [AC] reminder Board that there will be a joint ES and Health & Wellbeing Board session on Thursday this week. [LT] confirmed that 6 Board members have confirmed attendance. [MR] notified Board that from the end of the month, Cllr Paul Smith will no longer in cabinet, and Cllr Afzal Shah, the Labour member for Easton, takes up a <a href="#">new role as Member for Climate, Ecology and Sustainable Growth</a> , leading the council's response to the climate and ecological emergencies. [AM] will arrange for Cllr Shah to have a call with members of ESB who can provide a briefing on Board priorities. [MR] will remain on ESB as co-chair for now, although it may be appropriate to make space for others in future.			
<b>(2) Minutes of last meeting &amp; action register</b>			
Minutes from 19 May signed off. Actions updated as per <a href="#">action register</a> . Move Amber to Green: Economy board: Marvin to introduce Iain to key contacts from Economy Board.		[LT] to share letter from BACCC to BCC on localising principles with 22 Sept meeting notes.	
<b>(3) One City Ecological Emergency Strategy update</b>			
[SW] presented One City Ecological Emergency Strategy and recapped on progress since last Board meeting. Through a working group, over 30 organisations have contributed to the strategy which was shared with Board in advance of meeting today. The strategy concentrates on 4 main areas or 'commitments': Space for Nature, Pollution, Pesticides and our Wider Footprint.		[SW] to share comms assets for Board member organisations to use for wider	

Subject to Board approval, the strategy will be published on the One City website from 23 Sept. Wider stakeholder engagement will take place on Thurs 24 Sept via series of online conversations, Board members invited to contact [SC] to register interest in attending.

promotion of strategy.

[IB] added that there are a number of challenges implicit in document (incl. how themes interact with housing, transport, food growing) and that it is a starting point – it will need to move towards an action plan based on the ‘next steps’ outlined in the document, and [IB] [SW] will be looking to pick up the conversation with ESB members, other One City Boards, and with [SJ] and [KD] at BCC. [IB] notes that content in strategy around planning, parks and highways has been discussed with BCC who have engaged with the creation of this strategy.

**Decision: Environmental Sustainability Board formally approved the strategy.**

Two key questions posed by [SC] to the Board:

- Is there a role for a (restructured) working group with a different ToR?
- How would the Board like to monitor progress against the plan?

**Key points from discussion:**

- The strategy is strong, with clear and positive messages. Well written, easy to read and understand, thank you to [IB], [SC] and [JF], great piece of work.
- Endorse suggestion to transition the working group to support moving the strategy to action (with any necessary changes to membership/representation/ToRs)
- Noting need to work with other local authorities – and noted North Somerset declaration of ecological emergency. [SC] confirmed that a representative from all regional authorities will attend conversations on 24<sup>th</sup>. Also noted that WoE Joint GI strategy 2020-2030 that all UAs and WECA endorsed recognises nature recovery network, climate and ecological emergency.
- As well as Natural Capital baselines, SDGs should help us to make links between measurements on individual consumers and how this is contributing to response to ecological and climate emergencies.
- Each member of Board to consider what role their organisation can play in taking forward actions described in strategy and also amplifying the strategy and supporting their communities to engage.
- The shift from strategy development to delivery and action is often reliant on developing new relationships to drive things forward and widen involvement, which is more difficult in current circumstances – suggest this as a future agenda item or for each working group to discuss and collaborate on.
- Discussion of how the climate and ecological strategies will be governed to ensure delivery. Consideration of collaboration versus additional layers of governance and unnecessary bureaucracy.

**(4) One City Economic Recovery**

[AC] summarised the process so far and set out a number of discussion points for Board members to invite thinking around the approach so far, feedback, workings, funding opportunities and other actions to support the recovery and renewal strategy. [AMI] noted that this strategy will be reiterative, 25 September as deadline for comments on current

[LT] and [AC] to pull together points from discussion today to feed back

version and 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration ready for December 2020 gathering. The strategy will feed into One City Plan refresh.

to Economy Board before deadline.

**Key discussion points:**

- The document could be structured to present a stronger Bristol-focused 'pitch', highlighting specific strengths and opportunities for Bristol. This would help to highlight opportunities for funding from government and help businesses to focus on this.
- It is difficult for one document to focus on immediate measures and mitigations and long-term renewal – meanwhile short-term decisions could risk a return to business as usual. It needs to be strategic but also a tactical document, being clear on what we want to do and aligning with existing things we want to do.
- There is a disconnect between the SDGs set out in the intent, and those set out in the actions and measurements of impact going forward – the Environment Board's Climate Strategy sub-group and Ecological Strategy working group offered to identify some clear thematic programmes within the economic recovery plan and relevant SDGs to track though them.
- What is going on a national level is missing from the plan, including economic stimulus activities and funding. Recommend the plan prepares and outline how we can prepare locally to react quickly to national funding announcements and economic stimulus activity to deliver this. There is a need for a mechanism to identify opportunities, join partners together and coordinated responses.
- We could also identify four key priorities and share these with national government to encourage future funding and stimulus to match local needs. Recommendation from Environment Board are e.g. 1) Skills (green), 2) resource efficiency, 3) nature-based solutions, and 4) planning infrastructure (e.g. district heating, EVs).
- Suggestion that the ES Board could be proactive in lending support to bids that partners may be making i.e. endorsed by Board.
- Call for more to be done to proactively promote the value of Ecological Emergency and Climate Strategy to support and align with bids / work as opposed to it being an 'ask'.
- [IB] is submitting bids for the government's £40 million [Green Recovery Challenge Fund](#) relating to priorities of Ecological emergency strategy. Board members noted that it would be helpful for there to be a mechanism as part of the renewal strategy identify opportunities like this and join the dots between potential partners for bids. ([ZW] noted that BCC are working on keeping a track of funding streams and joining dots where possible, linking to climate and ecological emergency and enabling businesses to apply.
- [DG] Water minister wrote to all water companies about green recovery projects. Wessex Water is exploring potential for woodland planting to demonstrate catchment markets which would create 16 hectares of woodland in the area and support flood management.

- [LT] updated on Community Climate Action project – would like to share more next Board meeting if possible, as this project aims to highlight community priorities, threats and opportunities to achieving 2030 carbon neutral ambition.

**Main items for discussion**

**(5) Clean Air and Transport Update**

Cllr Kye Dudd provided an update to the Board on measures taken recently in response to COVID-19.

- Government made funds available for temporary measures across sub-region to support social distancing and improve walking and cycling infrastructure, which has seen implementation of widening pavements and temporary cycling lanes in Phase 1.
- As combined WECA region, awaiting outcome of bid for further funding to introduce further measures including pedestrianisation, cycle hangars, further cycle lanes and pavement widening. Members of the public also fed into these plans, and implementation of the schemes would be subject to further consultation with communities.
- Alongside these emergency travel measures, there is continued work on clean air zones, including consultation and stakeholder engagement. Evidence of changes made as a result of the emergency travel measures will be reviewed by December and will inform decisions around the clean air zone options.

In response to questions from the Board, Questions:

- Cllr Kye Dudd clarified that temporary changes made have been based on existing evidence from Local Cycling and Walking plan, with a view to make permanent. Some changes have been made under experimental traffic orders, so there is space within 6 months to consult with local stakeholders on temporary changes so that this can feed into permanent changes. there is space to talk to businesses as part of a 6 month consultation experimental period and outcomes can feed into permanent changes.
- Board members can support promotion of measures brought forward and help engagement with communities, in addition to supporting their employees to continue active travel throughout winter months. [MR] suggested this can be an ask to city office partners (at weekly meetings)

**(6) One City Climate Strategy working group update**

[AM] updates on group activities and current considerations:

- Important to have light-touch governance and coordination, which enables Board to have oversight of delivery but most importantly focused on how we can deliver, encourage and facilitate action. Initial priority will be to identify current opportunities which will pave the way for strategic priorities.
- Working on approach to communications and how to demonstrate progress against an intangible goal (reduction in carbon and increase in resilience. This will involve being able to demonstrate all the work done which takes us in the right direction and demonstrates progress.
- Key actions of group: 1) Strategic mapping of opportunities, 2) Tactical responses to short term funding opportunities and helping businesses to access these resources, 3) getting these resources. This includes developing a business case to share with cabinet in November.
- [AI] working on set of slides for the Climate Strategy and will share shortly with the Board

[AI]/[LT] to share slides for the Climate Strategy with Board

(7) 2020 One City Goals update from leads

**Goal 7:** The project to create the City Leap Energy Partnership is proceeding and likely to be concluded by Summer 2021. The procurement process and details have been revised, on the basis of feedback from bidders and the council’s decision to sell Bristol Energy. Currently BCC is seeking initial bids from organisations before beginning a shortlisting process at the end of September 2020.

**Goal 8:** Due to covid-19 Going for Gold diverted its focus to the emergency food response, support for food businesses and creating the #BristolFoodKind campaign. It is still planned to submit the bid for the Award in March 2021. We hope to use GFG as springboard for further strategic work on food.

**Goal 9:** Household recycling increased (dry recycling by 25%, food by 8%) however waste increase by 12%.

**Goal 25:** Bristol Local Plan timetable has changed following change in the regional planning arrangements. The new local plan is expected to be adopted in 2023. In the meantime, further guidance has been issued on the use of existing policies in the local plan to achieve better climate and sustainability outcomes.

**Goal 26:** Work will commence on a Blue Green Infrastructure Plan in 2021. This will help us to deliver on the WoE Joint Green Infrastructure Strategy and inform the forthcoming Local Plan review and other strategies, plans and projects.

- **Goal 27:** FEN festival back to April, so now looking to plan separate awards ceremony in Oct 2021, linked to Climate Strategy delivery themes. Nominations due to open March 2021. Important to show this is a collaborative initiative, with opportunities to link with forthcoming BGCP Climate Action programme and Climate Leaders group, and to align with run up to COP26. [KP] to progress conversations with BGCP around funding / sponsorship opportunities.

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Additional comments on Goal 9:

- Opportunity to amplify these changes, based on changes at 6/12 month review
- In wording of goals in One City Plan refresh, could distinction between business and household waste be clearer?
- How can we support businesses/manufacturing in UK using recycled materials?
- Un-recyclable single-use PPE is a challenge – could there be an opportunity to share a city message around this, particularly within schools? [AC] suggested the Board could return to this conversation at a future Board meeting.

(8) One City Plan 2021 refresh process and timeline

[LT] provided summary of proposed refresh process and timeline, and proposed that a new Board sub-group be established (with focus of work between November – December 2020) Board approve timeline and process, but subject to further amendments necessary based on feedback from City Office.

[BR] and [GF] volunteered for group, and [IB], [SW] and [JF] to confirm representation from Ecological Emergency Strategy perspective.

Notes from discussion:

- There is a lot of actions and goals to fit into the next 10 years (decade of transformation) but although OCP framework may need to focus in on a set number

<p>of priorities, we should not change or push back scale or date of targets to fit the timeline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board sub-group could begin review mid-October, ahead of receiving and incorporating further stakeholder input</li> <li>• Action from Ecological Emergency working group is to ensure strategy is fed into One City Plan</li> <li>• Climate Strategy sub-group spent a lot of time on the refresh last year to incorporate new 2030 target, so One City Plan refresh sub-group would need to bring any suggested changes to this group.</li> </ul>	
<p>(9) Change in membership Environment Agency</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [AH] leaving Environment Agency</li> <li>• Rebecca Kirk taking on AH's role and is currently Director of Housing with Dorset council and has a background in public and environmental health</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision: Board endorse co-Chair proposal to invite [AH] successor, Rebecca Kirk, to join to retain membership of Environment Agency.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebecca will join next ES Board meeting</li> </ul>	
<p>(10) AOB</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [LT] BACCC Co-Chairs unable to join today, but wanted to highlight new report on <a href="#">Climate Assembly UK</a>.</li> <li>• [LT] BGCP will be inviting expressions of interest from BGCP members in the government's new <a href="#">Kickstart programme</a>, as there is potential for Business West and Wessex Water to play an intermediary role to enable smaller organisations to access this scheme.</li> <li>• [JF] approached by a <a href="#">radical leadership programme</a>, which could be an opportunity for Board members or a Bristol cohort to go through a coached 'sprint process' programme.</li> <li>• [LT] Bristol Pound paper circulated to Board, highlighting new Bristol Pay approach, which will create tokens for individuals to reward and incentivise behaviour change. Suggested this could be considered as part of BCC communications strategy, members to contact [LT] if they would like an introduction to Bristol Pound.</li> </ul>	<p>[All] to contact [JF] with interest in Gigatonne Challenge.</p>
<p>1645</p>	<p><b>Meeting ends</b></p>