

About our Local Action 21 Programme

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What's in a name?

- At Johannesburg (2002), the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives introduced the motto “Local Action 21”
- Part of the continuing implementation of global agreement Agenda 21 (1992)
- www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/agenda21/index.htm
- Like some others, this council has chosen this motto, having updated our approach to strategic and community involvement activities www.localaction21.org

This programme of work...

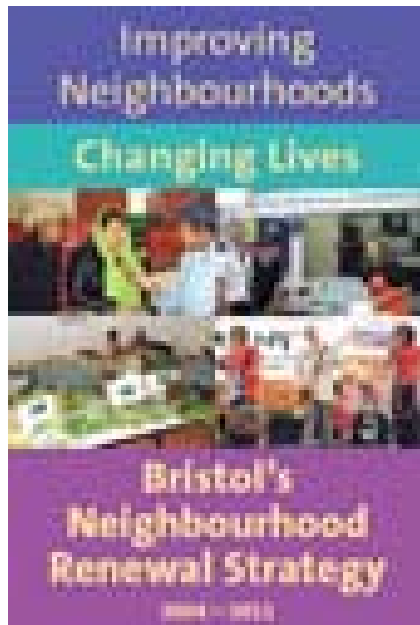
- Was approved by Executive Member for Sustainable Development, Sept. 2004
- Is a framework for moving on from work done around the Local Agenda 21 Strategy
- Responds to Best Value and Local Agenda 21 review work

It is about the council playing its part in...

- Promoting more sustainable actions by everyone in their communities
- Promoting decision-making by organisations and individuals that better integrates environmental, social and economic considerations

It helps achieve goals in published strategies:

- Bristol Community Strategy (Published by Bristol Partnership, approved by council 2003)



- Bristol Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy 2004-11 (Adopted by council 2004)

STRUCTURE

Bristol Community Strategy

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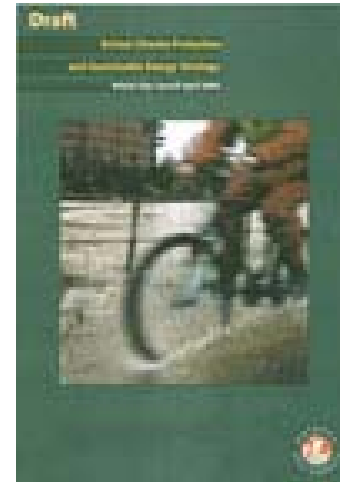
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CO2 strategy

Staff travel
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Education for
sustainability

It helps achieve goals in published strategies:

- Bristol Climate Protection & Sustainable Energy Strategy (Adopted by council 2004)



- Learning to Last in Bristol Strategy (Published by Bristol Education for Sustainable Development steering group 2003)

Recognised within it are:

- Value of work driven by Local Agenda 21 Strategy, base for Community Strategy
- Long-term potential of Bristol Partnership to contribute to widespread use of sustainable practice in everyday life
- Value of linking local Bristol work with communities to same across the world
- Value of involving representative range of City people in action for sustainable development

It sits alongside other council sustainable development programmes:

- Management of the council's environmental impacts
- Development of policies and projects addressing energy use, climate change, construction, procurement, food
- Operation of CREATE Centre and Ecohome
- Quality of Life Indicators programme

It sits alongside mainstream contributions:

- E.g. Allotments provision
- Management of parks and open spaces
- Neighbourhood Renewal
- So... Local Action 21 programme is just one part of the bigger picture – one focal point for tackling certain challenges

Local Action 21 Programme

– Three core aims

- Raise awareness and educate about sustainable development

Broadly –

- Working with steering group to implement joint strategy
- Integration into council services, staff development
- Developing CREATE Centre connections with diverse local communities

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- Promote sustainable communities

Broadly –

- Pilot *Sustainable* neighbourhood plans
- Support sustainable regeneration practice
- Fund community and neighbourhood sustainability projects

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- Support Bristol's strategic partners to make decisions that promote sustainable development

Broadly –

- Help Bristol Partnership with sus. dev. goals and protocol
- Support its Delivery Groups and Sustainable Development Action Group
- Assist its links with on the ground sustainable development action

The programme is holistic

- It will be implemented by working with council partners and external partners
- Each of the three strands of work is dependent on the other two to be successful

What are your thoughts?