



Bristol City Council

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Bristol city council has 6 corporate aims, including `invest for a sustainable environment`. These form the framework for the council's performance plan *Serving Bristol Better*. The performance plan also recognises three cross-cutting issues, one of which is sustainable development. The council's constitution, which may be viewed at www.bristol-city.gov.uk, includes the following:

***Full Council: The full council will approve or adopt the policy framework. (Part 2 A4.02)
The policy framework includes the Local Agenda 21 Strategy. (Part 2 A4.01)***

Role of executive: The executive has two deputy leaders, one of whom has special responsibility for sustainable development and social justice (including regeneration and equalities). (Part 3 Table RF1.) There is a separate executive member with responsibility for environment, transport and leisure who has responsibility for operational services in the department of environment, transport and leisure. This division of roles distinguishes between the cross-cutting nature of sustainable development (lead by the deputy leader) and the delivery of environmental services (lead by a different Executive Member.)

Overview and scrutiny: There are 6 `scrutiny commissions`, one of which is the sustainable development and social justice scrutiny commission. The terms of reference of the commission are summarised in the box below.

*Bristol's sustainable development and social justice scrutiny commission
summary of terms of reference*

Within the context of "*Serving Bristol Better*", delivering the council's vision of "*improving Bristol and the lives of all its people, now and for future generations*", and delivering the council's community leadership role to promote the social and economic well-being of the city,

1. To agree and deliver an annual programme of policy review / development work within the terms of reference of the commission
2. To respond to policy or budget referrals / consultation requests from a relevant executive member
3. To hold the executive to account and call-in decisions from the executive on areas which fall within the commission's terms of reference
4. To refer through the Corporate Affairs and Scrutiny Management Commission appropriate items to full council and to present final reports on policy development work to full council
5. To undertake scrutiny and call-in function for any council services which have significant impact on sustainable development and social justice issues, including matters arising out of the integrated equalities policy and the emergent social inclusion agenda; sustainable development aspects of the work of environment, transport and leisure and regeneration aspects of the work of neighbourhood and housing services
6. To promote the better delivery and integration of those services
7. To contribute to the development of policies in respect of these services
8. To investigate and make recommendations on issues of public concern related to these services where they are delivered by other agencies and impact on the quality of life of the citizens of Bristol

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