

Title:	City Sustainability Action Plan - One Planet Living
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Purpose/Key Messages:	This is a draft 3-year Sustainability Action Plan for both the council and the city; partners are encouraged to engage in a further development phase for the plan between now and February 7.
Significance to BHSP and Delivering SCS outcomes:	This is a comprehensive 3-year draft action plan with a long term vision that will help the city deliver many of the SCS outcomes and the Climate Change Strategy.
What is BHSP being asked to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree to the approach taken – i.e. joint ownership of the Plan by Partnerships and the Council - Agree to the proposed governance arrangements and the BHSP role
Next steps and report back mechanism:	Following the development phase, a revised plan will come back to the BHSP in March.

1. Background

On 24 May 2011 the BHSP noted the usefulness of the One Planet framework, and that the CSP were taking these agendas forward. The draft One Planet Living Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) is the first three-year plan of action to implement the BHSP's agreed One Planet Framework for the city.

The framework illustrated what the city needs to do to reduce its ecological footprint from three and a half planets to one over the next three decades.

The draft plan follows a scope set by sustainable development charity BioRegional (http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/downloads/bhcc/sustainability/2011_-_One_Planet_Regions_Targets.pdf) and therefore has sections for both the council's internal operations and for the city as a whole. This would

gain independent third party assessment with a view to endorsement of the plan as a whole for Brighton & Hove as a “One Planet City”.

The draft Plan has been developed by senior officers within the Council and by leaders and experts from the Food Partnership, the Transport Partnership, the CSP, the Environment Agency, the Public Health Directorate, and the Economic Partnership, in consultation with other stakeholders.

2. Development phase

The draft One Planet Living Sustainability Action Plan is going to the city council's Policy & Resources Committee (P&R) on 29 November with a recommendation to put it out as a draft for further development between December and early February;

The further development phase is planned to run from now until 7 February 2013, targeted at key stakeholders. As the “Urban Section” of the Biosphere management strategy, the plan will also be subject to a wider consultation with a wider public.

Following improvements to the draft plan, the intention is to go back to the council's P&R committee and to the City's Public Service Board for approval before being submitted to BioRegional for independent assessment with a view to endorsement of Brighton & Hove as a One Planet city.

The **proposed governance arrangements** for implementing the plan aim to:

- Define responsibilities for implementing the SAP for the Council and for the city.
- Define accountability for the SAP.
- Define how the SAP will be reviewed.

3. City Governance Proposals

We are discussing with partnerships ways to integrate the key city sustainability themes, with clear roles for the Public Service Board, Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership, and City Sustainability Partnership. ‘City Leads’ have and will be identified for each Principle, with clear lines of accountability and responsibility, and potential support from Partnerships and from the council.

As far as possible the existing City Performance Plan would be the source of the headline Sustainability Indicators to measure progress against the Sustainability Action Plan. The CPP is already led by the priorities and outcomes in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

4. Council Governance Proposals

A draft structure has been proposed:

- A One Planet Board, chaired by the Chief Executive, will report to the Policy and Resources Committee;
- The SAP will be delivered via existing structures and improvement plans;
- Key posts have been identified as Principle leads;
- Existing commitments will be extended to the council's Environmental Management System.

5. Potential CSP role

The City Sustainability Partnership has reducing the city's ecological footprint as its main purpose; its members have drafted, shaped, and championed implementation of this plan, in particular the core ecologically related sections.

Half of the principles though have a clear home in other partnerships and these roles are being discussed with them.

A number of CSP members have been involved in drafting plan sections and have discussed taking the plan through a phase of further development, from December to early February, through discussion with stakeholders. The CSP leads on Zero Carbon, Zero Waste and Sustainable Materials, Sustainable Water, Land Use and Wildlife – potentially with a view to the Biosphere Partnership leading on the latter two in due course

These are suggested as the priority roles for the partnership, along with examining the links between different sections and the opportunities these present, not least for financing or funding, which is suggested as a key focus of working groups for each section.

CSP members also want a role however in relation to the city Sustainable Transport section (potential Transport Partnership lead) Culture & Community (potential split lead between Arts Commission and CVSF); Equity & Local Economy (potential lead split between Inclusion, Engagement and Economic Partnerships); Health & Happiness (lead to be confirmed with Healthy City Partnership or Health & Well-being Board)

The OPL SAP is on the agenda of most of these partnership meetings in the next three months.

6. Potential BHSP role

- To provide a co-ordination framework for the OPL SAP within which the other partnerships can operate
- To bring together key city stakeholders with a role in developing or implementing the plan

With the PSB, to be responsible for developing and driving the implementation of the SAP

Draft OPL SAP: http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/downloads/bhcc/sustainability/CSP_12_11_12_SAP_merged_document_v11.pdf