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City Innovation & Sustainability

Smart City & Innovation

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Background

Bristol City Council's (BCC) Smart City strategy was introduced focusing on 3 core dimensions:

- Smart Data
- Smart Energy
- Smart Transport

This trilogy has consistently enabled Bristol to punch above its weight in the Smart City arena to gain local and international funding and prominence. Leading to it becoming UK's leading "smart city" according to the second [UK Smart Cities Index](#), commissioned by Huawei UK.

Smart Data plays a particular exciting role as the [Open Data Barometer](#), a composite index developed by the [World Wide Web Foundation](#), found that the UK ranks 1st out of 92 nations in terms of readiness for open data initiatives, their implementation and their impact on business, politics and civil society.



Our Data Bristol Initiative

BCC's Our Data Bristol Initiative aims to enable local people and organisations to use and benefit from data and technology.

The Our Data Bristol initiative is a data platform and programme of engagement opportunities co-ordinated by Bristol City Council, with contributing partner organisations and the data community.

The programme is aligned with the Council's aims and objectives and will be influenced by the One City Approach currently being developed.

Bristol city council is establishing governance groups to support the programme. These groups oversee the platform and programme, and provide practical support for use of data across the council and city.

Input will also be sort from existing open data champions, project leads and equalities leads from across the city.

Why open data?

- Improve the city's democratic dialogue and deepening the relationship with citizens.
- Increased transparency and accountability.
- Identifying new datasets and having the ability to combine these to uncover new insights into the city and a renewed sense of understanding.
- Unlocking potential value which can empower the local digital economy and fuel new enterprise.
- Enabling innovative data-driven products towards more efficient models of service delivery.
- Helping citizens access the information needed to build evidence based cases for change.



Why open data? (continued)

Transparency

Publishing info that's useful to the public, paid for by the public, it's simply the right thing to do. Providing a platform for citizens to gain valuable insight and help them to make better informed decisions and support FOI requests.

Support Collaboration

Can help people within an organisation to understand each others perspectives and work better. We also collaborate beyond the council to create better solutions to our problems, engaging with developer communities to turn data into useful things.

Economic Growth

Bristol is an environment where there are so many young digital businesses that could benefit from use of this data to create improved services. visualisations. apps that will create jobs and push the economy of the city forward.

Be Exemplar

There's a belief that by leading the way we can bring other organisations along with us to publish their data openly and enable wider insight.

Get involved

We would be very grateful for your input into the programme.

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