

Parks & Green Spaces Strategy Targets		Achieved	Notes/explanation
Ref	Target		
	Children's Play Space		
CY1	Increase no of play spaces (600 sq m min size)	Part	
CY1	Develop natural play spaces	Part	Playfinders
CY1	All play areas smoke free	Yes	Signs installed in play areas. Cannot be enforced.
CY1	Community/schools shared use areas		
CY2	Create wheels parks within 2km of home	No	
CY2	Multi-use games area within 1km of home	Part	MUGAs installed using s106 money
CY2	Provide separate teenage areas where possible	No	
CY3	Maintain & enhance 3 major play spaces to attract citywide & regional users	yes	Hengrove, Blaise & Oldbury Court
CY4	Enhance the wider park environment for play & work with children & Young People to explore & use green spaces positively		
	Formal Green Space		
FG1	Ensure there is a good quality traditional park within easy reach of home offering range of facilities	No	No new formal parks have been created
FG2	Introduce park keepers into the main traditional parks across the city	No	No longer realistic without funding being available: only possible to have on-site presence on sites where full time maintenance required
FG3	Restore, enhance & safeguard key historic estates/parks, respecting historic features & respond to modern needs	Part	Estates gone downhill recently: need investment and improved management
FG4	Enhance entry points & boundaries to improve the welcome to the space & reinforce designed landscape within	Part	Some done, lots to do
FG5	Safeguard designed landscapes arising from historic development of city to enhance variety of experience		
FG6	Invest in horticultural training to invest in raising horticultural standards	Part	
FG7	Provide highly visual perennial planting schemes in key formal green spaces	Part	Needs to be low maintenance planting possibly to replace higher maintenance schemes such as bedding
FG8	Restore & enhance formal squares to act as a focal point for residents & business communities	Part	Portland Square restored, Brunswick etc not done, Victoria Square being done
	Informal Green Space		
IG1	Improve grass cutting, litter, fly tipping & dog fouling.	No	
IG2	Tackle ASB in informal green space focussing on prevention & responsiveness, access & visibility	Part	Less stolen cars
IG3	Upgrade some areas to allow safe informal play & sport, including enclosing with railings & make dog free	No	
IG4	Consider transferring surplus low value green space to other uses or development to generate funds	Part	Salcombe Road Rec sold
IG4	Re-invest to upgrade informal green space where there is a shortage	No	
	Natural Green Space		
NG1	Establish a network of 16 LNRs to provide high quality sites for wildlife & support community involvement	Part	From Tom Penn: - Now 12 LNRs created, 4 more being progressed in conjunction with AWT, My Wild City, SLA. From Becky Belfin: - We currently have 12 LNRs. We are looking to designate more over the next 12 months, but this will be reliant on the Friends Groups raising funds to help pay the legal fees involved, and potentially address other issues, such as the need for a management plan.
NG2	Improve maintenance & management regimes to create welcoming & accessible spaces for people & wildlife	Part	Haycuts, some entrances improved. We achieved this whilst we had a Woodland & Wildlife Team, but less so since we lost Justin and his team in early 2014. In more recent years it has been achieved in part through partnership working (e.g. our SLA with AWT, specific projects such as B-Lines, green capital funding for groups such as Volunteering Matters). However, most of this maintenance is carried out by external volunteers and contractors, as and when funding is available. The degree to which this has been achieved through our internal grounds maintenance teams varies across the city and from site to site (mainly depending on the size of the site and resources available), so it might be worth asking the Parks Area Managers to comment on that target too. On some sites Friends groups are beginning to make a vital contribution to this.

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NG3	Safeguard & enhance rich & diverse habitats & species within green spaces via a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)	No	There is no longer a BAP as they are no longer favoured by Central Government as policy. From Becky Belfin: - The Bristol Biodiversity Action Plan was in place between 2008 and 2013. Following the publication of 'Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services' in 2011, BAPs were dropped in favour of adopting a more integrated, ecosystem approach, delivering at a landscape scale through the establishment of the Local Nature Partnerships.
NG4	Achieve favourable conservation status on all publicly accessible SNCIs controlled by BCC by 2020	No	From Tom Penn: - Not achievable: instead there is single data list of SNCIs in conservation management. From Becky: - There is a 'single data list' which is a list of all the datasets that local government must submit to central government. One of these (ref 160-00) is the % of local sites (e.g. SNCIs) in positive conservation management. The figures for Bristol for this target for the last 8 years are: 2008/09: 32% 2009/10: 39% 2010/11: 53% 2011/12: 58% 2012/13: 76% 2013/14: 76% 2014/15: 75% 2015/16: 77% This is for all SNCIs though, not just publicly accessible ones. However most of the change has been on sites that we own, which are publically accessible. Most of the increase resulted from the work of the Woodland & Wildlife Team, led by Justin Smith. Since that internal resource has gone the results have plateaued and are likely to soon start declining, particularly if we are no longer able to maintain a SLA with AWT, and if nothing is set up in its place.
NG5	Create new wildlife habitats to remedy shortfalls in natural green space	Part	Reduced grass cutting has improved some habitats, annual meadow planting. From Becky: - This has happened in places, e.g. Bedminster – meadow areas at Gores Marsh. The annual and perennial meadows will have contributed to this across the city. I haven't necessarily been involved with a lot of these, so if you want a full list it's probably worth asking the operations co-ordinators. For example, I think habitat creation was proposed at Monks park open space, but I don't know if it has happened.
Active Sports Space			
AS1	Improve changing facilities, pavilions & pitch quality	Part	Netham?
AS2	Smaller number of locations provide tennis courts - multiple courts managed by a club/ someone taking bookings	Part	LTA bid (speak to Dave Huggell)
AS3	Review & rationalise bowling provision	No	Needs to be done. Bowling greens should either be leased to clubs or closed down to provide events spaces
AS4	Provide right facilities & encourage participation in outdoor sport		Covered by Playing Pitch Strategy?
AS5	Enhance the wider park environment for informal sport	Part	MUGAs, sports areas
Land Management Policies			
LM1	Enhance destination parks & city centre spaces, maintaining them to highest standard	No	
LM2	Create a major new park at Hengrove, offering traditional and new & exciting leisure opportunities	No	Likely to be done as part of proposed development
LM3	Restore & develop park buildings for a range of alternative uses	No	
LM4	Provide good quality accessible toilets at main traditional parks & sports grounds to British Toilet Assoc standards	Part	Some toilets restored, most poor. Is this realistic if we cannot maintain? Need to review toilet provision in parks
LM5	Improve access to green space for a wider range of people by creating dog free spaces & retain space for dogs	No	
LM6	Develop role of on-site staff & dog wardens to tackle dog mess & uncontrolled dogs via education, enforcement	No	
LM7	Develop & redesign some backland sites to provide frontages of houses overlooking to improve safety	No	
LM8	Build into green spaces measures to adapt to or mitigate climate change including trees, drought resistant plants, water storage	Part	Tree Planting re One Tree Per Child, hay cuts, reduced maintenance, some drought resistant planting
LM9	Adopt sustainability targets in management of Bristol's parks and green spaces	Part	Introduced recycling

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LM10	Manage & plant more trees to improve distribution & advocate importance of trees re climate change	Yes	One Tree per Child
LM11	Establish greater connection with transport planning to improve access entrances & pathways for different users	Yes	Lots has been done re Cycling City etc
LM12	Improve the quality of green corridors, riverside routes & cycle/walkways through the city	No	Not very much done
LM13	Put measures in place to reduce motorbike access whilst seeking full access for legitimate users	Part	Operation Biker is ongoing
Quality Standard			
ST1	Raise the quality of all parks & green spaces to minimum of good (3) focussing on most deprived areas	No	
ST2	Ensure that in any land review adequate access is retained by applying distance standards & guidance	Yes	
Distance Standards			
	Distance to nearest green space	400m	
	Distance to childrens play space	450 m	
	Distance to formal green space	600m	
	Distance to informal green space	550m	
	Distance to natural green space	700m	
	Distance to Active sports space	Determined by Playing Pitch Strategy	
ST3	Ensure that in any land review adequate access is retained by applying the quantity standards & guidance	Yes	
D1	Support participation & involvement in parks & green spaces through consultation, active management	Part	The work that Becky is doing will help to facilitate more of this. Need 2 banners of ParkWork (1) Giving people work experience (2) volunteering (this could include corporate volunteers as well as individuals). "ParkWork Work Harder". Utilise staff & vehicles. We currently train a lot of volunteers for little return. Possibly transfer some of existing staff to train up and support volunteers.
D2	Increase use & enjoyment of spaces through a range of activities including health & exercise related opportunities, events, festivals & improved information provision	Part	Need to identify parks and green spaces suitable for events and activities to bring in income, and promote spaces available for events.