

Parks & Green Spaces Strategy

- 20 year strategy & investment programme
- Raise quality of parks & green spaces
- Access a range of quality parks & green space
- Help to create a green & sustainable City
- Protect needed green space from development
- Rectify shortage in certain types of green space
- Identify where investment most needed
- Promote healthy lifestyles & social inclusion
- Encourage community participation by all communities
- Sub-Strategies: Playing Pitch, Allotments, Wildlife

Why are we reviewing the PGSS?

- 9 years into 20 year strategy
- Not re-writing Strategy
- Assess progress against targets
- Review progress against quality, access and quantity standards
- Re-evaluate targets in current financial climate
- Reassess cost of upgrading all green space typologies to quality standard of 3?
- Reassess cost of maintaining status quo
- Inform investment strategy: target needs
- New Targets: carbon neutral/climate change, health plan outcomes etc.

Where do we think we are?

- 3 pillars: Quantity, Quality, Accessibility
- Report on current status of 3 pillars
- Need to assess delivery against targets since 2008
- Sites scored 1-4: what is the score?
- Parks satisfaction data: trends generally stable 80-84% but uneven geographically
- Inform future investment strategy
- Stakeholder engagement

Quality Standards

- Site based assessments for each typology
- Score 1-10 based on 3 criteria
- Resources do not allow all sites to be reassessed; enough to be representative
- Sampling sites: not all sites as previously
- Representative samples in each NP area:
- Area teams and Parks Forum to do assessments?

Timescales & Process

- Project Brief
- Communication Plan
- Liaise with stakeholders: who?
- Governance: Develop a PGSS Project Board
- Site Quality Assessments; Feb 2017
- April 2017 completion of scoping document

Ref	Target	Achieved
	Children's Play Space	
CY1	Increase no of play spaces (600 sq m min size)	Part
CY1	Develop natural play spaces	Part
CY1	All play areas smoke free	Yes
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
CY2	Provide separate teenage areas where possible	No
CY3	Maintain & enhance 3 major play spaces to attract citywide & regional users	
CY4	Enhance the wider park environment for play & work with children & Young People to explore & use green spaces positively	

	Formal Green Space	Achieved
FG1	Ensure there is a good quality traditional park within easy reach of home offering range of facilities	No
FG2	Introduce park keepers into the main traditional parks across the city	No
FG3	Restore, enhance & safeguard key historic estates/parks, respecting historic features & respond to modern needs	Part
FG4	Enhance entry points & boundaries to improve the welcome to the space & reinforce designed landscape within	Part
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
FG8	Restore & enhance formal squares to act as a focal point for residents & business communities	Part

	Informal Green Space	Achieved
IG1	Improve grass cutting, litter, fly tipping & dog fouling.	No
IG2	Tackle ASB in informal green space focussing on prevention & responsiveness, access & visibility	Part
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
IG4	Re-invest to upgrade informal green space where there is a shortage	No

	Natural Green Space	Achieved
NG1	Establish a network of 16 LNRs to provide high quality sites for wildlife & support community involvement	Part
NG2	Improve maintenance & management regimes to create welcoming & accessible spaces for people & wildlife	Part
NG3	Safeguard & enhance rich & diverse habitats & species within green spaces via a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)	No
NG4	Achieve favourable conservation status on all publicly accessible SNCIs controlled by BCC by 2020	No
NG5	Create new wildlife habitats to remedy shortfalls in natural green space	Part

	Active Sports Space	Achieved
AS1	Improve changing facilities, pavilions & pitch quality	Part
AS2	Smaller number of locations provide tennis courts - multiple courts managed by a club/ someone taking bookings	Part
AS3	Review & rationalise bowling provision	No
AS4	Provide right facilities & encourage participation in outdoor sport	
AS5	Enhance the wider park environment for informal sport	Part

	Land Management Policies	Achieved
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
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
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
LM9	Adopt sustainability targets in management of Bristol's parks and green spaces	Part
LM10	Manage & plant more trees to improve distribution & advocate importance of trees re climate change	Yes
LM11	Establish greater connection with transport planning to improve access entrances & pathways for different users	Yes
LM12	Improve the quality of green corridors, riverside routes & cycle/walkways through the city	No
LM13	Put measures in place to reduce motorbike access whilst seeking full access for legitimate users	Part

	Quality, Quantity and Access	Achieved
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
ST3	Ensure that in any land review adequate access is retained by applying the quantity standards & guidance	Yes

	Community Participation	Achieved
D1	Support participation & involvement in parks & green spaces through consultation, active management	Part
D2	Increase use & enjoyment of spaces through a range of activities including health & exercise related opportunities, events, festivals & improved information provision	Part

Reduce Targets: more SMART

Ideas for new targets

Background of budget issues

