

# GLOBAL DIRECTORY 2007/8

## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

### Bristol's carbon footprint

**Bristol council aims to reduce the city's emissions by 60% by 2050. Changes are already under way, says Lorraine Hudson**

● Bristol's carbon footprint is around 2.3 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year or six tonnes per capita (not including emissions resulting from activities caused by Bristol residents - such as aviation - outside Bristol). The major sources are energy use in homes (37%), industrial and commercial energy use (35%) and road transport (18%).

In 2004, the city adopted its first Climate Protection and Sustainable Energy Strategy and under its auspices has:

● Installed biomass boilers that use waste wood from Bristol's parks. The first was installed at Blaise Nursery and won the Regen SW Green Energy Award for Best Renewable Energy Project in the South West. It's the first wood fuel station in the south west that also processes wood chip for other biomass boilers installed by the council.

● Invested in energy efficiency in people's homes, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by over 20,000 tonnes per year. Contact the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre (run by the Centre for Sustainable Energy) on 0800 512012 to find out about grants available to you.

● Promoted walking and cycling by providing facilities including the innovative Bike Shed project (in partnership with the Mud Dock Cafe on the Harbourside): secure your bike, take a shower and/or have your bike fixed in one congenial spot.

● Planned for a local in-vessel composting facility and other waste treatment plants to recycle household waste and remove the need to transport waste outside Bristol. Since March 2006, household rubbish recycled in Bristol has increased from 18.5% to 37%.

Every organisation in the city can play its

part in making Bristol a low-carbon city while still maintaining its high quality of life. The Bristol Partnership is inviting all organisations to pledge to take action and help make Bristol a Green Capital. Over 30 organisations are already on board, including the University of Bristol, Bristol Primary Care Trust, Soil Association, Sustrans, Knowle West Media Centre, Space Engineering, Bond Pearce LLP and Luckwell Primary School. Find out more!

**Ffi:** [www.bristolpartnership.org/progress/activity/green\\_capital](http://www.bristolpartnership.org/progress/activity/green_capital) or call the Sustainability Team on 0117 922 4477



Biomass Boiler at Blaise Nursery, Bristol

a commitment to sustainable development. ICLEI works with local governments using international performance-based, results-oriented campaigns and programmes to implement the Local Action 21 mandate. **Contact:** ICLEI European Secretariat, Leopoldring 3, 79098 Freiburg, Germany. Tel: +49 76 136 8920 Fax: +49 76 136 89219 Email: [iclei-europe@iclei-europe.org](mailto:iclei-europe@iclei-europe.org) Web: [www.iclei-europe.org](http://www.iclei-europe.org)

**LOCAL AUTHORITY CARBON MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (LACM)** The Carbon Trust provides councils with technical and change management support and guidance to help them realise carbon emissions savings. **Contact:** Carbon Trust, 8th Floor, 3 Clement's Inn, London WC2A 2AZ. Tel: 0800 085 2005 Web: [www.carbontrust.co.uk/carbon/la](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/carbon/la)

**LOCAL AUTHORITY, LOCAL AGENDA (LA) 21 ACTION PLANS** The green consumer guide, in association with UK local government, have put together a comprehensive database. Tel: 0191 275 9777 Email: [la21@greenconsumerguide.com](mailto:la21@greenconsumerguide.com) Web: [www.greenconsumerguide.com/la21/main.php](http://www.greenconsumerguide.com/la21/main.php)

**LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION** connects citizens with the 49 town councils, parish councils and parish meetings in Bath & North East Somerset. **Contact:** Peter Duppa-Miller, LCA, Beechcroft, Combe Hay, Bath BA2 7EG. Tel: 01225 837271 Fax: 01225 840583 Email: [peter.duppa-miller@virgin.net](mailto:peter.duppa-miller@virgin.net)

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EUROPEAN & INTERNATIONAL UNIT** (previously Local Government International Bureau) provides information and support services to councillors and local authorities, and works with politicians internationally to strengthen lobbying work, bring international issues closer to local government and help councils operate more effectively in Westminster, Brussels and worldwide. **Contact:** Local Government House, London SW1P 3HZ. Tel: 020 7664 3100 Email: [info@lga.gov.uk](mailto:info@lga.gov.uk) Web: [international.lga.gov.uk](http://international.lga.gov.uk)

**NOTTINGHAM DECLARATION** Nearly 200 representatives of UK local government convened in Nottingham on 5 Dec 2005 to discuss what can be done about climate change. Since 2000, 200 councils have signed The Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change. By signing, they pledge to actively tackle climate change in your area and work with others to reduce emissions country-wide. Web: [www.nottingham2005.org](http://www.nottingham2005.org)

**NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY TEAM** promotes social, economic and environmental well-being by supporting local groups and initiatives and encouraging action on sustainability in the North Somerset Council, North Somerset Partnership and the wider community.

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emissions. Campaigning on a number of action points, including, most notably, the creation of procurement policies and alliances to accelerate the uptake of climate-friendly technologies and influence the market place. Tel: 020 7983 4627 Email: [contact@c40cities.org](mailto:contact@c40cities.org) Web: [www.c40cities.org](http://www.c40cities.org)

**CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION (CCP)** Campaign assists cities to adopt policies and implement quantifiable measures to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and enhance urban 'livability' and sustainability. More than 800 local governments participate in the CCP, integrating climate change mitigation into their decision-making processes. **Contact:** [www.iclei.org/index.php?id=800](http://www.iclei.org/index.php?id=800)

**CLIMATE CHANGE ALLIANCE** Association of European cities and municipalities that have entered into a partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples. Almost 1,000 European cities, municipalities and district authorities have joined the Alliance since its foundation in 1990. This worldwide alliance is united by a common concern for the world's climate. The CCA views its initiative as part of efforts towards sustainable development and north-south equity. **Contact:** Climate Alliance European Secretariat, Galvanistr. 28, D-60486 Frankfurt, Germany. Tel: +49 6971 71390 Email: [europe@klimabuendnis.org](mailto:europe@klimabuendnis.org) Web: [www.klimabuendnis.org/english/updatelframeset.htm](http://www.klimabuendnis.org/english/updatelframeset.htm), [www.local-climate-protection.eu](http://www.local-climate-protection.eu)

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**COMMONWEALTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORUM (CLGF)** works to promote and strengthen effective democratic local government throughout the Commonwealth and to facilitate the exchange of good practice in local government structures and services. **Contact:** 59 Southwark St, London SE1 OAL. Tel: 020 7934 9690 Fax: 020 7934 9699 Email: [info@clgf.org.uk](mailto:info@clgf.org.uk) Web: [www.clgf.org.uk](http://www.clgf.org.uk)

**GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR THE SOUTH WEST** works with other government departments, regional agencies, local authorities and private and voluntary sectors towards a sustainable future for the region. Its Greener Events guide has received national recognition. **Contact:** 2 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6EH. Tel: 0117 900 1700 Fax: 0117 900 1900 Email: [sucontactus@gosu.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sucontactus@gosu.gsi.gov.uk) Web: [www.gosu.gov.uk](http://www.gosu.gov.uk)

**IMPROVEMENT & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IDeA)** works for local government improvement using experienced councillors and senior officers, sharing good practice through the Beacons Scheme, and promoting the development of local government's management and workforce. **Contact:** IDeA, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill St, London EC1M 5LG. Tel: 020 7296 6880 Fax: 020 7296 6666 Email: [ihelp@idea.gov.uk](mailto:ihelp@idea.gov.uk) Web: [www.idea.gov.uk](http://www.idea.gov.uk)

#### INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (ICLEI)

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