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Hello Viewer,

We understand you have recently attended a screening of the [People's Emergency Briefing](#).

As members of Bristol's [One City Environment Board](#), we wanted to reach out to local viewers during this important moment to acknowledge that the briefing is a hard watch and is likely to provoke feelings of concern.

Unfortunately, the content is an accurate reflection of the current and future scale of the twin climate and nature crises, as has been confirmed by the independent [Bristol Advisory Committee on Climate Change \(BACCC\)](#).

“Climate change **is already affecting everyone in Bristol** to some extent through the costs of food and energy, and health impacts of flooding and heatwaves.

The briefing features extreme scenarios, some of which are now unlikely due to action underway, but more urgent progress is still needed.

We already have the solutions to address these crises, including many leading community, corporate and council actions in Bristol.

Whilst large scale transformations is needed, every step taken now, however small, will reduce future risks.”

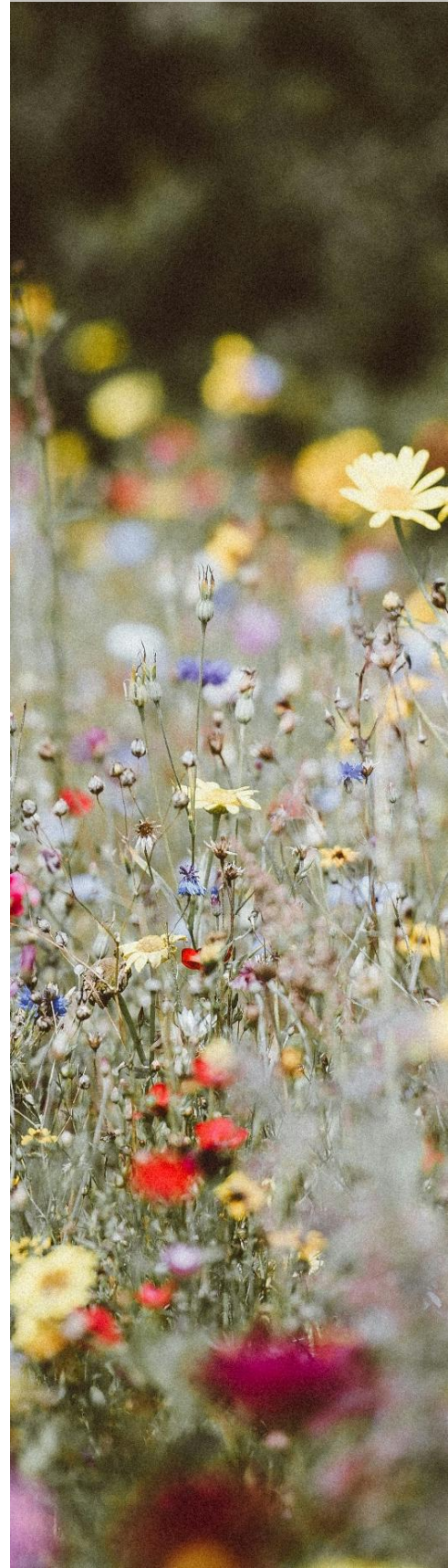
BACCC's Co-Chairs Jo House (Professor of Environmental Science & Policy at Bristol University) and Enda Hayes (Professor of Air Quality & Carbon Management at UWE Bristol)

In light of this reality, we wanted to connect with viewers to highlight the efforts underway locally — and share opportunities to be involved.

This work is not finished, but we believe it reflects a city taking these issues seriously.

 PLS read on...

BRISTOL
ONE CITY



... we want you to know!



Bristol people care about climate change.

Bristol people are taking action, 68 per cent of residents have created space for nature and nearly half have **reduced energy use at home** as a result

Bristol's Disabled people are leading the way

And Bristol people we are putting our hands in our pockets — raising **£2million** to support local action

But people cannot do this alone.

We need government and other organisations to play their part.

A One City Plan mission is, “In Bristol, we are collaborating to create a **climate resilient city** where **everyone is empowered** to act on climate and nature recovery”

The UK's first Local Nature Recovery Strategy is supported by the regional Growth Strategy

The new Western Forest will plant 20 million trees in Bristol and the region

£13.5m government funding has unlocked the next phase of **Bristol's heat network** and over 28,000 social housing properties are being retrofitted to be warmer, healthier and cheaper to live in

The region's Flood Defence Project is its biggest yet

Bristol City Council is **ahead of the curve** in planning investment and delivering action

And now...

We need to come together.

Bristol's [communities are taking action](#) — and they're not the usual suspects.

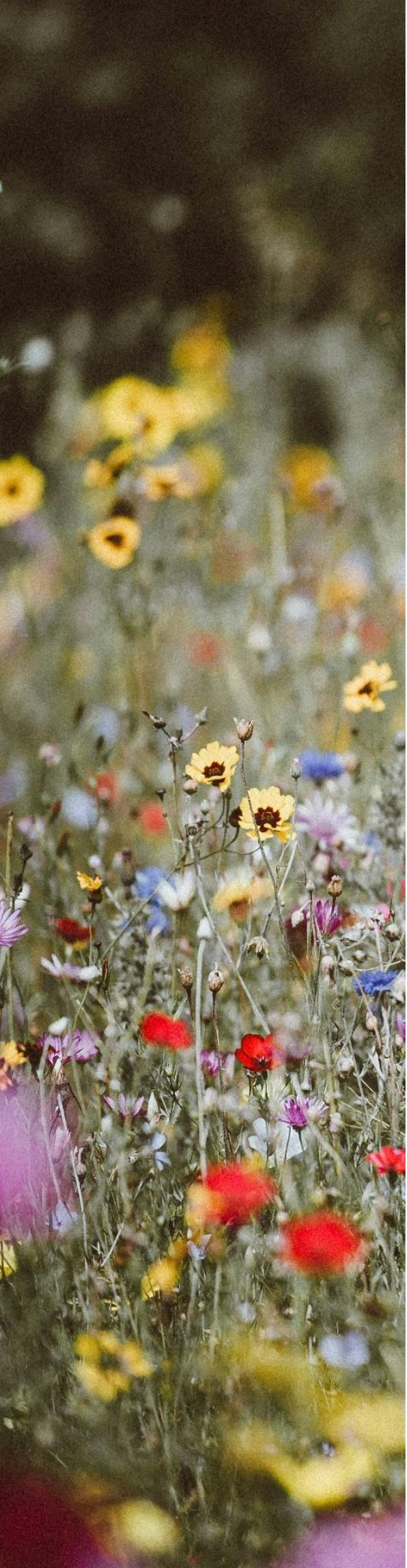
And now that work is [going regional!](#)

Bristol is home to the [largest place-based environmental network in the world](#)

Our city is home to innovative **pioneers and social enterprises**. Like [Share Bristol Library of Things](#) — with three sites and growing!

Bristol Waste's [Reuse Shops](#) have helped residents reuse over **a third of a million** objects

27 Bristol organisations from every sector came together to co-produce [the actions that will reduce our city's emissions](#), deliver prosperity and address inequality — and this work has received [international recognition](#)



Despite the progress and momentum we are so proud of, we acknowledge there is still much more to do.

As individuals and active citizens **your engagement, participation and action are vitally important** to increase social, political and financial support for climate, nature and resilience action at the city, regional and national level — and will help build upon these strong foundations.

So, on behalf of the One City Environment Board – for your participation and interest in the important issues covered in the People’s Emergency Briefing, we would like to say...

Thank you x

You are making an important national contribution by attending and participating in the People’s Emergency Briefing.

Should you wish to get more involved in local action, we have shared even more information overleaf.

We look forward to continuing to advocate and act on the issues raised in the People’s Emergency Briefing — and doing so together as part of Bristol’s One City Approach.

Yours sincerely,

**Lizzi Testani, Kit Connell and
Charlee Bennett**

Members of [One City Environment Board](#)
with support of co-chairs Savita Willmott and
Cllr Abi Finch

There's more?!!! 🤖

... yes, yes there is. 🙌

Further information

Bristol residents can make use of resources such as the [Bristol Climate Hub](#) to get inspired and take action at home, at work and in their communities.

At home: Bristol City Council provides information about [energy efficiency at home](#) and through the [Centre of Sustainable Energy's advice service](#) and [Retrofit West](#) any resident of Bristol can get free energy advice and discounted home energy retrofit surveys

Bristol neighbourhoods or communities can start the conversation and develop shared plans and action that respond to local priorities and build resilience — supported by the diverse range of networks and initiatives in our city, such as Bristol's [Community Climate & Nature Action Project](#).

Bristol businesses, employers or anchor organisations can share their ambitions and get involved with locally available programmes, resources and funding opportunities to deepen and accelerate their action, for example, by joining [Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership](#).

Bristol policy makers and service providers can embed the [Just Transition Declaration](#) principles in their service and infrastructure design and explore '[The Future Must Be Green and Accessible](#)' — a Community Climate Action plan co-developed by Bristol's community of Disabled people