

Bristol Is Open — A City-Wide Smart City Testbed, and Its Wind-Down

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Bristol City Council and the University of Bristol launched 'Bristol Is Open' in 2015, a city-wide programmable smart-city testbed. It won UK smart-city awards, but a 2016 review found weak business focus; the joint venture is now dormant.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	0/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-15

[Bristol City Council / University of Bristol](#) — accessed 2026-08-15

[Bristol City Council — Bristol is Open](#) — accessed 2026-08-15

[Perform Green — Bristol Is Open case study](#) — accessed 2026-08-15

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