

Can a focus on urban resilience help to tackle inequality? Reflections from Bristol

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100RC DEFINITION OF RESILIENCE USED BY ALL CITIES

URBAN RESILIENCE

Is the capacity of **individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, and systems** within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic **stresses** and acute **shocks** they experience.



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In Bristol we decided to talk about “flourishing for all in the face of future uncertainty”

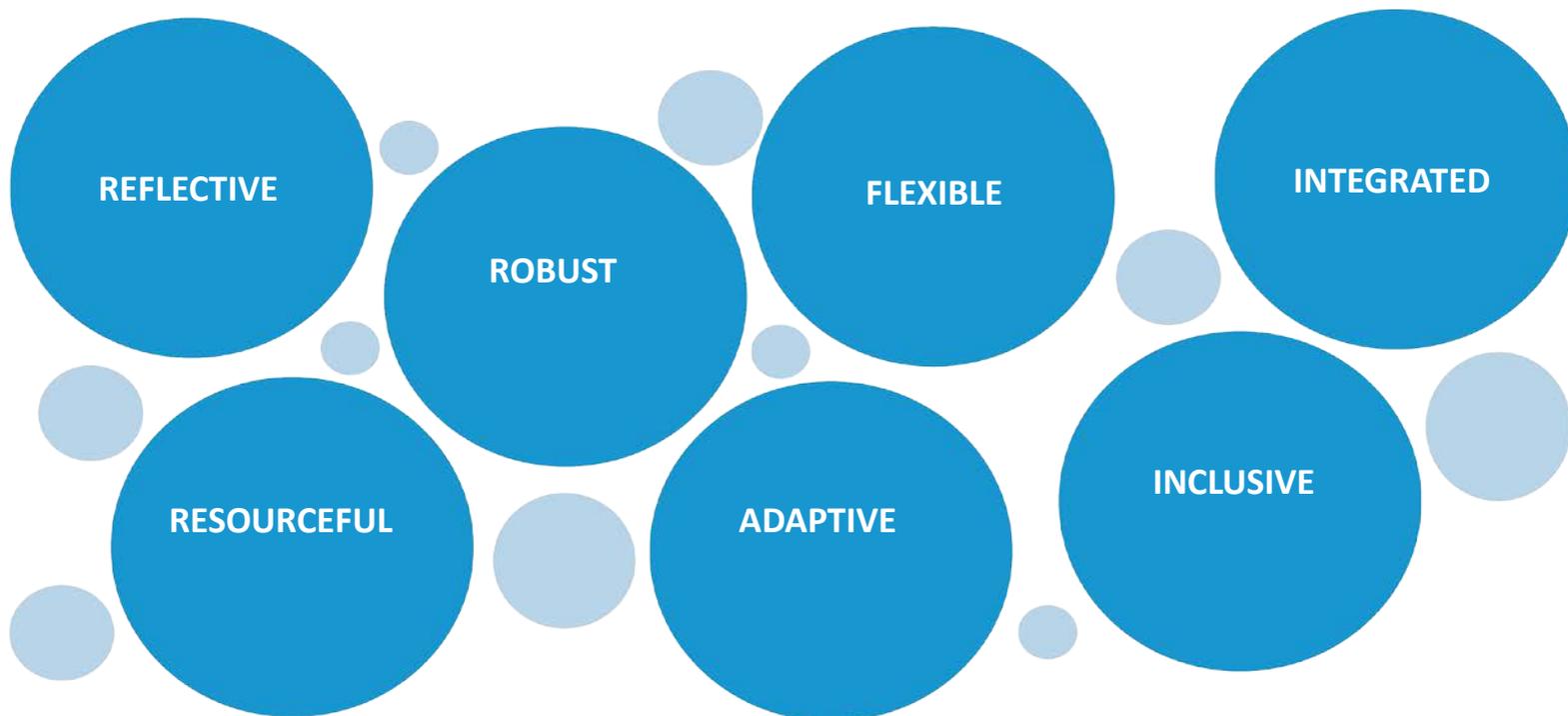
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Courtesy of University of West of England

Qualities of a resilient city

Resilient city systems need qualities that enable them to withstand, respond, and adapt more readily to shocks and stresses.



Our strengths and challenges

An aerial photograph of Bristol, UK, showing the city's layout, the River Frome, and surrounding green spaces. Three hot air balloons are visible in the sky above the city.

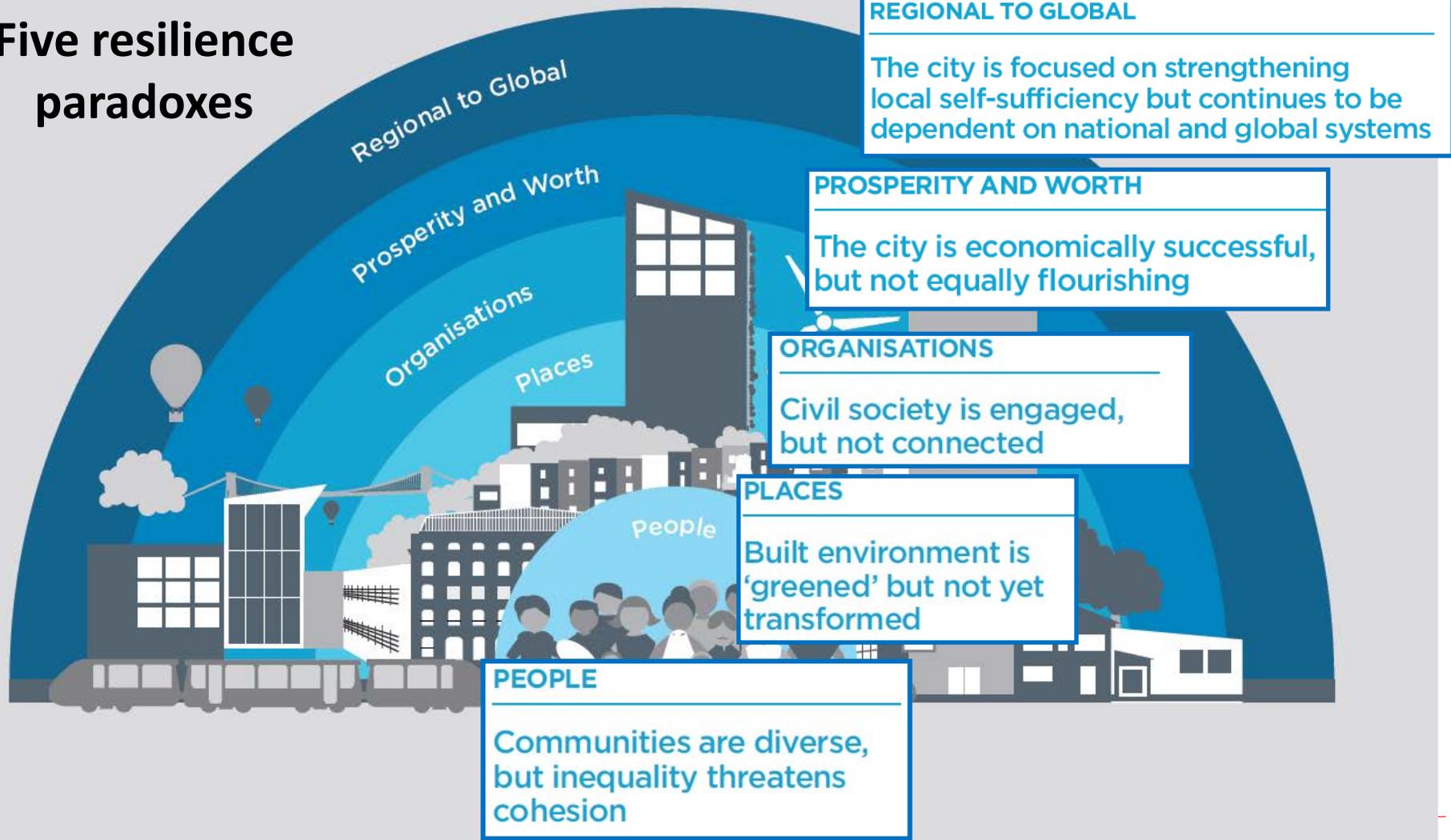
Some of our strengths

- Times 2017 Best Place to Live in the UK
- The UK's fastest growing city
- The UK's leading Smart City
- European Green Capital 2015
- European City of Sport 2017
- UNESCO Learning City 2017 and City of Film
- 46% of residents are educated to degree level
- Already investing £2.7+ billion in infrastructure

Some of our challenges

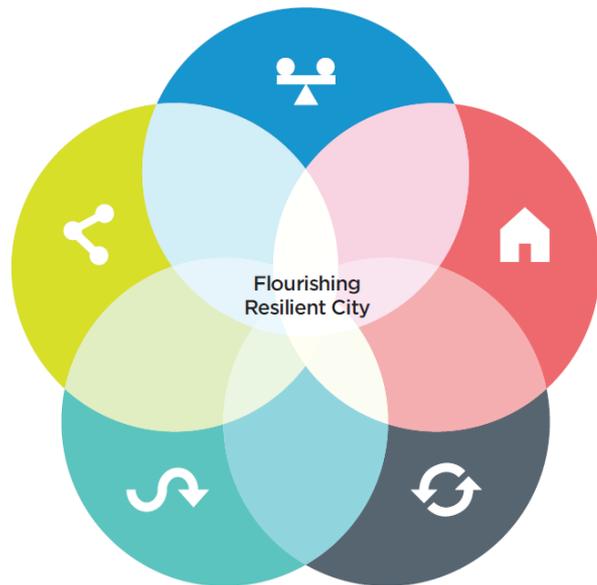
- 18,900 children live in poverty
- 979 homeless households in Bristol
- 300 deaths a year attributed to air pollution
- 53 areas ranked in the 10% most deprived in UK
- 16% of Bristolians living in unacceptable deprivation
- 7th worst UK city for race inequality
- 56% of the population are overweight or obese
- 35,250 people being treated for depression

Five resilience paradoxes



Bristol's Resilience Strategy

- Sets out a roadmap for a flourishing, resilient Bristol in 2066



Fair

Every person living in Bristol has the assets and opportunities to enjoy a good quality of life.



Liveable

The city centre and neighbourhoods are great places for people of all ages to live, work, learn and play.



Sustainable

The city and region prosper within environmental limits through adopting new behaviours and technology.



Agile

Bristol citizens and leaders make agile decisions based on shared priorities and real-time information.



Connected

A strong network of local communities and organisations promotes trust, cooperation and shared action across the city.



Implementing priority resilience initiatives 2017-18

Bristol/100RC Mutual Year One Priority Initiatives

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Fair

1. Tackling street homelessness

19. Equality Charter

27. City Metrics and Sustainable Development Goals



Liveable

13. Bristol Transport Plan

14. Clean air city



Sustainable

17. Manage our future flood risk



Connected

21. City Office partnership working

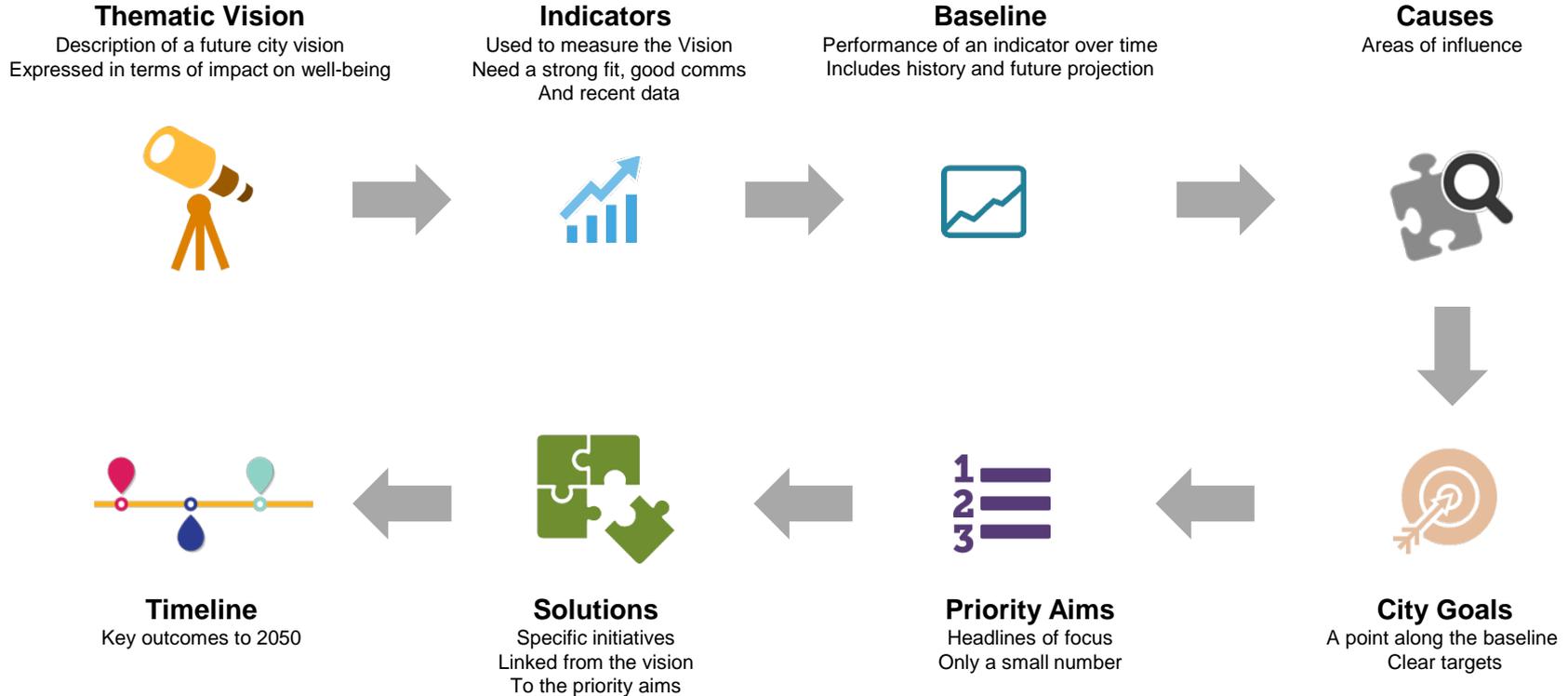
26. Varied and frequent experience of work



Agile

16. Establishing a resilient city financing structure

Building a One City Plan (using Marmot as the frame)



Reflections on using the resilience agenda to tackle inequality

- Has cross-party appeal
- Takes the long view
- Shines a light on vulnerabilities
- Favours early intervention and prevention
- Encourages multi-sector problem solving
- Emphasises qualities of integration and inclusion
- Demands new ways of thinking – system change

