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Bristol is crowned best city in Europe

Bristol City Council Press Release - 27th November

Bristol was last night (Wednesday) crowned European City of the Year after scooping a prestigious award from a think tank that champions great place-making. The city won the European City of the Year category at the annual awards held by the Academy of Urbanism, whose 100 members include industry-leading architects, planners, engineers, developers and designers...

John Thompson, Chairman of the Academy of Urbanism, said: "It has won because of its overall quality of life and opportunities, plus they're making a significant effort on sustainability issues, which we were very impressed with.

"It has transformed itself and become a very good place to be - it has a pretty vibrant economy and is well-placed for all sorts of reasons."

Chris Balch, one of the panel that assessed the European City finalists, said: "Bristol is a vibrant and cosmopolitan European city - its international profile reflects a rich fusion of cultural heritage, surrounding natural beauty and a bustling mix of communities. Importantly, Bristol's residents feel relatively safe by comparison with other cities."

Airbus joins up with Bristol colleges

Evening Post – 25th November

One of Bristol's biggest employers has unveiled plans to build a new engineering and technology campus with the help of the city's colleges. Planemaker Airbus – which employs about 5,000 people at its Filton plant – is planning to turn over 17 acres of its sprawling site around Pegasus House for the new campus...

Greenest market in the UK

BCC Press Release – 21st November

Bristol's St Nicholas Markets has been crowned the UK's greenest market.

The National Market Traders Federation (NMTF) declared the markets - managed by Bristol City Council - winner of its national competition at a reception held in the House of Parliament on November 20th 2008...

Cabot Circus is "best shopping centre" retail development in Europe in 2008

Invest in Bristol News – 21st November

Bristol's new £500 million retail development, Cabot Circus won the "best shopping centre" award at the 2008 MAPIC international retail development conference in Cannes on 21st November.

The award was presented to the Bristol Alliance (Hammerson and Land Securities) by an international panel of judges from the retail property industry.

New Bristol tech firms raise £23m

Evening Post – 20th November

More than £23 million of investment funding has been raised this year for a dozen companies based in Bristol University's SETsquared Business Incubator Centre. Together, the centre's 37 high-tech businesses have increased turnover by 20 per cent to more than £6m and increased staff by 66 per cent to 175 people...

High demand for landmark office building – new tenants sign up

Knight Frank Press Release - November

Knight Frank are reporting high levels of interest in Colston Tower, one of Bristol's largest and most distinctive city centre office buildings with stunning views over Bristol City Centre and the Floating Harbour.

New occupiers include DBM Plc, the management



and business consultants and SBW Advertising Ltd, the advertising agency who have both taken occupation of accommodation within Colston Tower during the last 4 months. Considerable interest is also being shown in the remaining office space.

Joanna Skinner at Knight Frank said. "We are seeing a lot of interest from companies attracted by Colston Tower's central location - close to the new Cabot Circus development - whilst retaining the benefit of direct access to the M32, A4 and Bristol Temple Meads train station."...

**Business booms for Onepost
Evening Post – 17th November**

Onepost has seen a boom in postal activity, handling more than 16 million items in September 2008 compared with seven million in September 2007. The Bristol-based firm, born out of the postal deregulation, is a postal advice organisation...

Bristol's "excellent" paragon building new home for law firm

Thring Townsend Lee & Pembertons Press Release – 12th November

Expanding firm's relocation underlines Bristol's continuing draw, says King Sturge. A leading law firm has completed another successful deal – this time for themselves to take space in one of central Bristol's finest new office buildings.

Top 100 law firm Thring Townsend Lee & Pembertons has outgrown its existing offices at Lewins Mead and announced plans to lease 21,500 sq ft of prime office space on the top two floors of the aptly-named The Paragon building in Victoria Street, which is being developed by Bristol based company, Cubex Land...

Bristol is Britain's greenest city

Evening Post – 9th November

Bristol has been named as Britain's most sustainable city in a report published today. Bristol knocked Brighton and Hove from first place in the second Sustainable Cities Index which ranks the 20 biggest British cities according to social, economic and environmental performance. Bristol's triumph was in part due to its rise in recycling and composting rates and its high scores on water quality, waste collection and green spaces...

Redland House in Clifton to get £10m eco revamp

Evening Post – 9th November

PLANS for a £10 million redevelopment of an "eyesore" Clifton office building have been given the go-ahead. Bristol City Council has approved a planning application for a scheme involving the partial demolition of Redland House, a derelict, empty 1970s office building formerly occupied by Nat West.

CSJ Planning, on behalf of client Redland House BV, secured the unanimous approval of the Bristol City Council North Area Planning Committee subject to completion of a "Section 106" agreement, which will include contributions to highways works to improve public transport and help tackle problems of illegal parking in the vicinity.

The approved scheme will increase the available floorspace from 3,233 sq m to 6,895 sq m...

Major Airbus deal

Evening Post – 7th November

European planemaker Airbus says Spanish tourism company Grupo Marsans has made a firm order for 61 aircraft worth almost \$9 billion at list prices.

The order includes four superjumbo A380s, 10 long-range A350-900s, five wide-bodied A330-200s and 42 single-aisle planes from the A320 family...



Bristol short-listed as first European Green Capital

Bristol City Council Press Release - 6th November

Bristol has been chosen as the only city in the UK to be short-listed for the European Green Capital Award...

Leader of the Council Helen Holland said: "This is absolutely fantastic news for Bristol and it is a real credit to our city and our partners that the bid we submitted has been recognised. It is an honour to be considered alongside these other great European cities. Our vision is to make Bristol a truly green capital with a more sustainable future for everyone. By working together, residents alongside local businesses and organisations, we can tackle head-on the big issues that face us such as climate change, transport and congestion, and the longer term creation of better neighbourhoods."

The announcement of the first two European Green Capitals for 2010 and 2011 will be made at a ceremony planned for early 2009.

Bristol Water sign Network Maintenance contract with Daniel

Bristol Water Press Release – 4th November

Bristol Water have signed a 5 year contract with Daniel Contractors Ltd to maintain the company's 6600 km mains network. The five-year collaborative partnership has the potential to be extended to ten years which would bring the total value of the contract to around £100m...

High demand for new Bristol office development

Evening Post – 3rd November

The Bristol offices of commercial property consultancies, Lambert Smith Hampton (LSH) and Atisreal, announce the completion of the first unit on Trinity Office Park, a development by private investors, facilitated by Flower and Hayes. Trinity Office Park is a new development of three, three-storey, office buildings, totalling 33,000 sq ft and available floor by floor from 3,014 sq ft...

Future is bright for Orange's Bristol outfit

Evening Post – 3rd November

With its headquarters already a big part of the Bristol business scene, Orange its retail outlets, which employ 60 retail staff, are now making a mark of their own.

The city is home to three of the company's top 20 performing stores in the UK.

The company's newest venture, the shop at Cabot Circus, is one of 60 new-format retail outlets that Orange is opening over the next year, as part of an expansion plan laid out by CEO Tom Alexander in June.

Nick Lowe, area manager for Orange, said the shop, which has only been open for a month, is performing well above expectations and is best placed to capitalise on the estimated 321,000 potential mobile phone customers in Bristol.

"The Cabot Circus Orange shop is already ranked as the 14th best performing store in the UK – which is quite a feat considering there are more than 340 Orange stores in the UK..."

