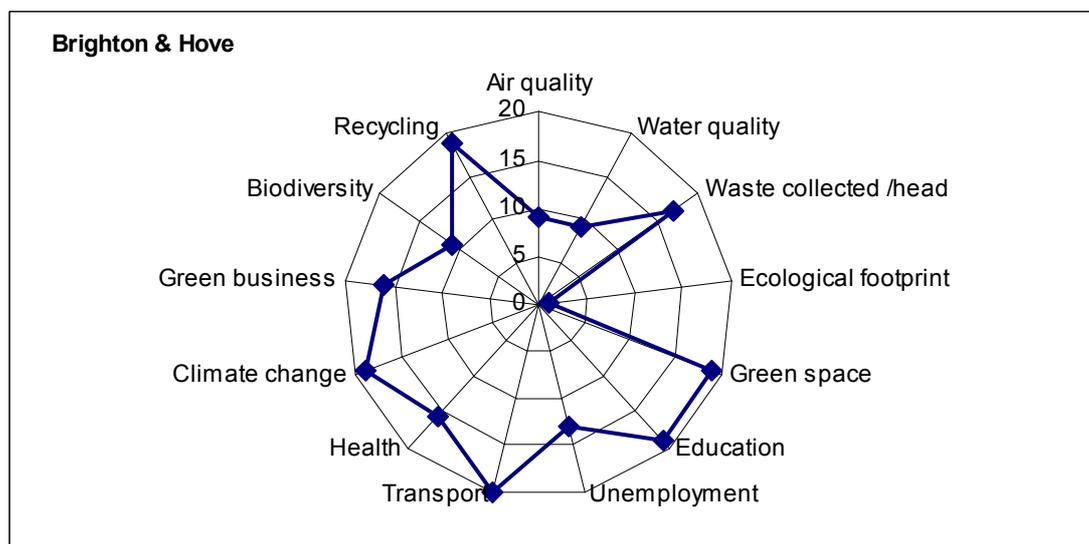


## Brighton and Hove

**Overall ranking for 2008: 2**

2007 ranking: 1



This spider chart shows positions for each indicator where 20 is the highest and one the lowest score. Points near the centre of the circle are lower positions indicating where more work needs to be done and ranks near the outside are higher than other cities.

## Indicators set

### Environmental Basket

**Overall environmental ranking - 12 (2007 – 15)**

Year	Air quality	Water quality	Household waste collected per head	Ecological footprint	Total basket score
2008	9	9	17	1	36
2007	8	9.5	17	1	35.5

(where 20 = highest, 1 = lowest)

This basket's indicators provide an indication of the city's environmental performance:

- **Air quality** – A new indicator for the 2008 Index is the annual mean of Nitrogen Oxides as NO<sub>2</sub>, therefore there is no comparison with 2007 levels which used PM<sub>10</sub>, this change was at the request of several local authorities.
- **River water quality** – the percentage of rivers where biological and chemical qualities were deemed to be good or fair (2006 estimates).
- **Household waste collected per head (2006/7)** – a partial proxy for the resource use per capita.

- **Ecological footprint** – the impact of services, housing, transport and consumables on the environment (2003 estimates).

**Overall comments on the environmental basket** – Brighton and Hove have not had any significant change in individual environmental indicators this year, although overall it has moved up slightly up the rankings, relative to other cities. Brighton and Hove still has the largest ecological footprint per capita of all the cities.

### Quality of Life Basket

**Overall quality of life ranking – 1 (2007 – 1)**

Year	Employment	Transport	Education	Life expectancy	Green space	Total basket score
2008	13	20	19	15.5	19	86.5
2007	15	20	19	20	19	93

(where 20 = highest, 1 = lowest)

These indicators aim to provide data on what the city is like to live in and how it is performing on social sustainability.

- **Employment** – the number of benefit claimants as a percentage of the working age population (2008).
- **Education** – percentage of the working age population with NVQ2 or equivalent (2007).
- **Transport** – resident satisfaction with local bus service (2007).
- **Life expectancy from birth** – a measure of health and longevity (2004-6), this indicator has changed from 2007 where we used healthy life expectancy from 65, as this data is updated annually.
- **Resident satisfaction with green space** – percentage of residents who think that their local parks and open spaces have improved or stayed the same during the last three years (England 2003/4, Wales 2006).

**Overall comments on the quality of life basket** – Brighton and Hove has continued to perform well on transport and education, keeping the city in first place in this basket for the second year running.

### Future Proofing Basket

**Overall future proofing ranking - 1 (2007 – 1)**

Year	Climate change strategy	Biodiversity	Green business	Recycling	Total basket score
2008	19	11	16	19	65
2007	10	11	12	24	57

(where 20 = highest, 1 = lowest, except for climate change / recycling in 2007 which used different scoring systems)

The data in this basket reflect the preparedness of the city for the future and its readiness to respond to the challenge of sustainability.

- **Local authority commitments on climate change** – councils were scored on three areas; the existence of climate change strategy, ring-fenced

resources for climate change mitigation or adaptation, and targets on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction that exceed the Government's target on 50% by 2050.

- **Biodiversity** – percentage of land deemed to favour biodiversity as an indicator of the robustness of the system (2006/7).
- **Green businesses per capita** – the number of green businesses listed on yell.com under the following categories; Environmental Consultants, Water Conservation and Management, Energy Saving Consultants, Conservation Groups and Pollution Control (July 2008).
- **Recycling** – percent of household waste recycled or composted (2006/7).

**Overall comments on the future proofing basket** – Brighton and Hove retains its top position due to the council's climate change strategy and an improvement on the ranking on green business.

<sup>1</sup> As Brighton has no rivers the city is not graded on this indicator and the other indicators in the environmental basket are weighed up instead (introduced in 2008 following feedback).

