## **Appendix F: Eco Impact Checklist**

Project Name: Enterprising West of England (EWoE) Programme

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Anticipated date of key decision: 19th September 2017

<u>Summary of proposal:</u> Enterprising West of England (EWoE) is a three year European-funded programme that officially started earlier this year. It will support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) throughout the West of England area in starting and growing their business. It will be delivered through a consortium of partners: Business West (lead); Bristol City Council; Bath and North East Somerset Council; South Gloucestershire Council; North Somerset Council; the Princes Trust; and business support agency YTKO Group.

By delivering the majority of EWoE programme activity through the region's local authorities, EWoE can link into the regulatory services requirements for businesses and offer assistance to those businesses that traditionally wouldn't access this kind of support, or may face barriers in doing so, and by maximising the opportunities available through, for example, appropriate delivery at community level, engaging with and utilising the experience of those organisations most closely aligned with the needs of the local people they serve.

BCC will be leading on two major EWoE work packages:

- i) Outset Bristol and South Gloucestershire, involving support for business startup and early stage growth
- ii) Environmental Business & Resource Efficiency support where we are partnering with Bath & North East Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils to procure specialist provision (outside the wider EWoE programme consortium) for advice to start ups and existing/early stage small businesses in Bristol and the West of England.

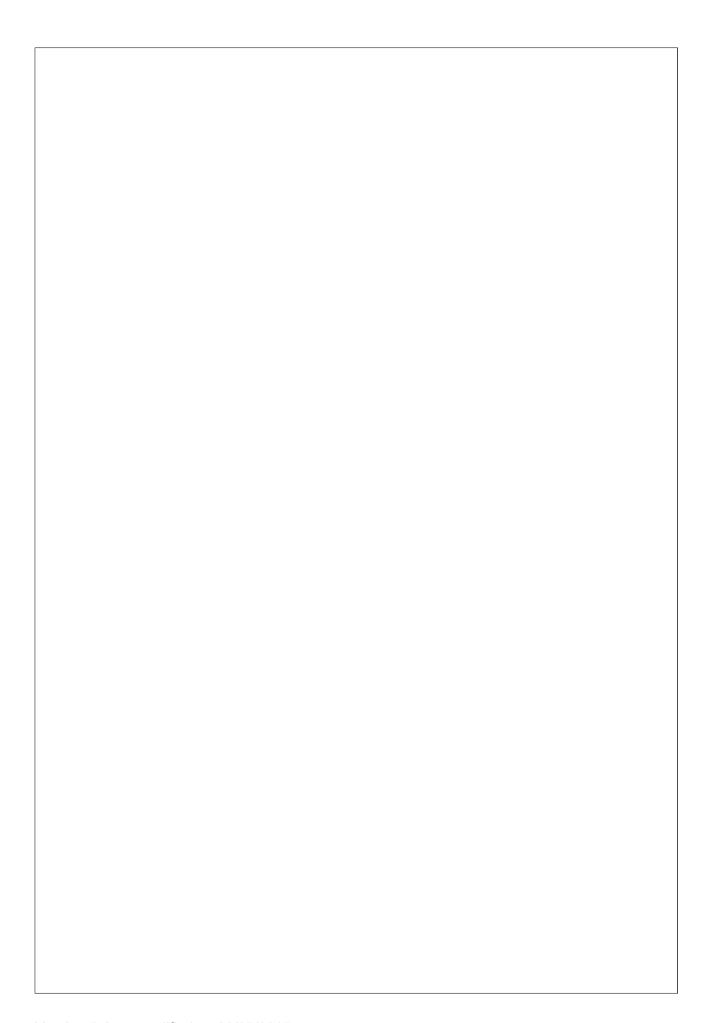
The total value of the two BCC packages, cross-boundary with South Gloucestershire Council (excluding Bath & North East Somerset areas where relevant) is £870,000 over three years.

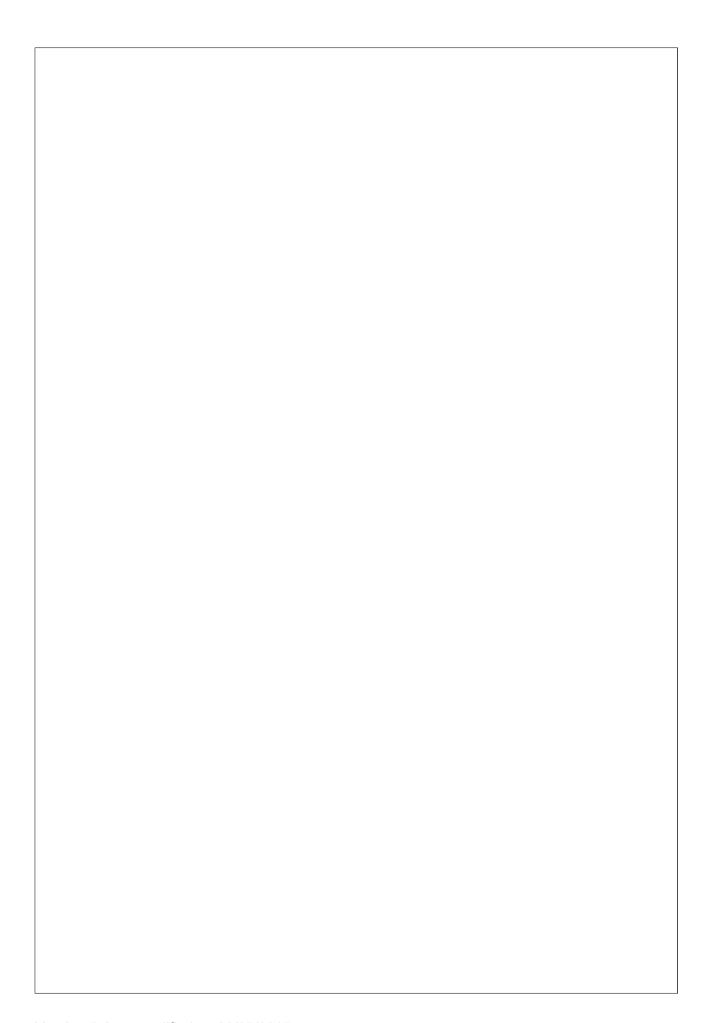
It is important to note that the nature of programme activity will not directly involve changes to the physical environment, but rather revolve around the provision of support in a range of existing venues to entrepreneurs and individuals who are, or may be thinking about, developing their businesses. Any negative or adverse environmental impacts are therefore likely to be minimal.

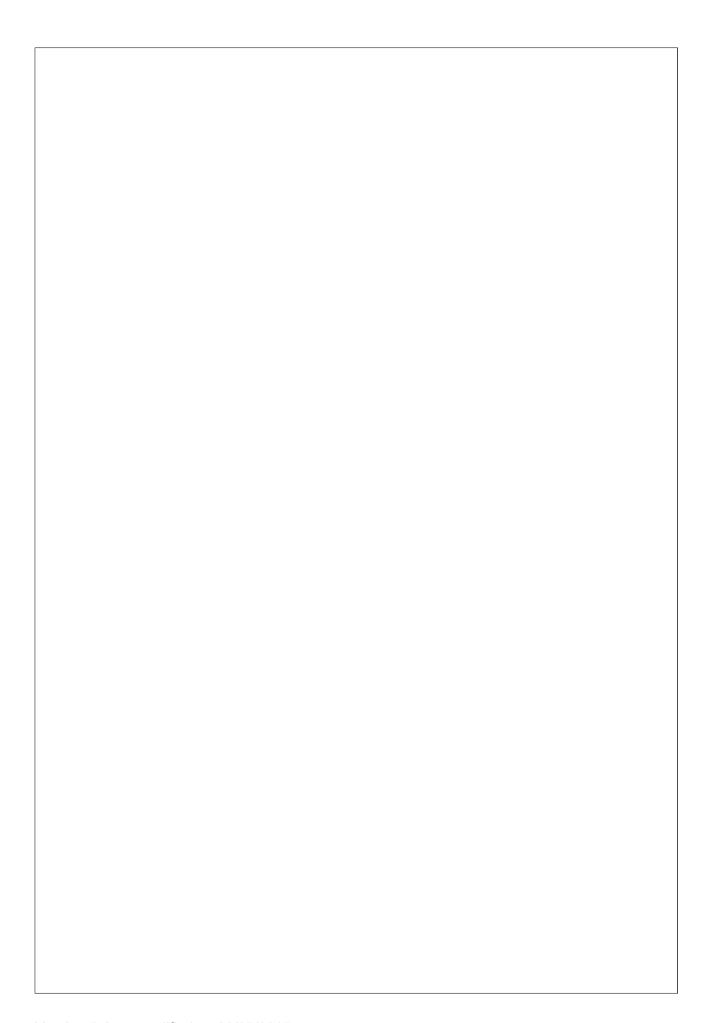
In terms of environmental resource efficiency, the following overall EWoE programme outcomes are anticipated with roughly a third of these overall outcomes happening in Bristol through provision, where possible, in various community-based settings citywide: 344 enterprises receiving information, diagnostic and brokerage support; 116 individuals assisted to be enterprise ready; 58 enterprises receiving business support.

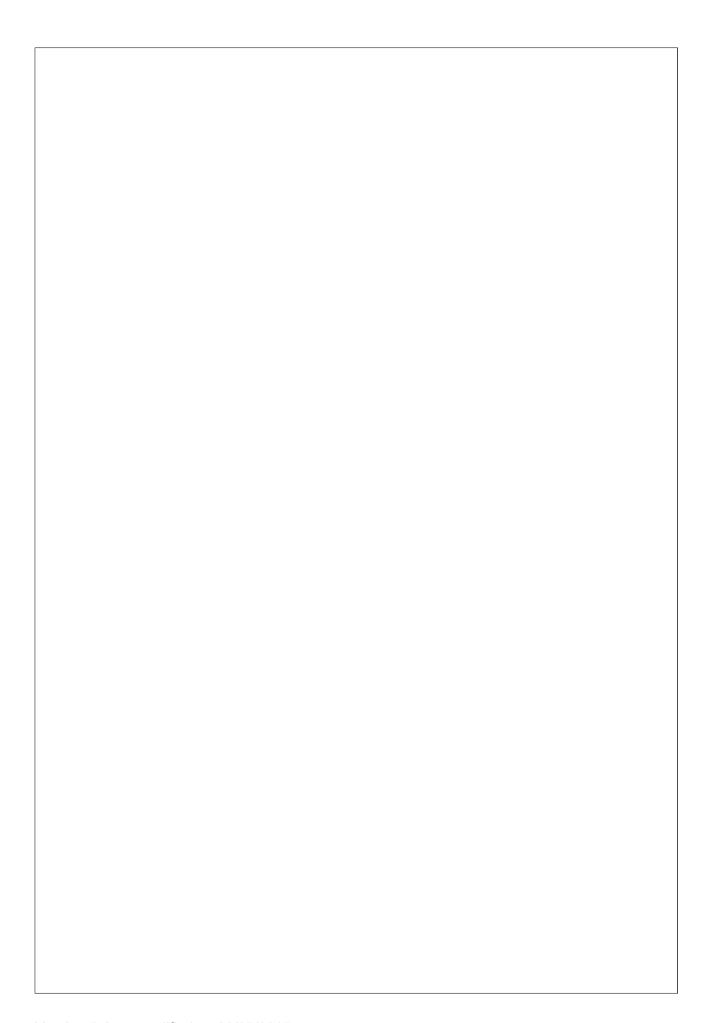
While significant efforts have been made to build flexibility into the programme it is nevertheless the case that, given the constraints associated with this particular funding stream, and given BCC isn't lead partner, the scope for fundamental changes to the overall delivery model is limited.

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Emission of Climate Changing Gases?	

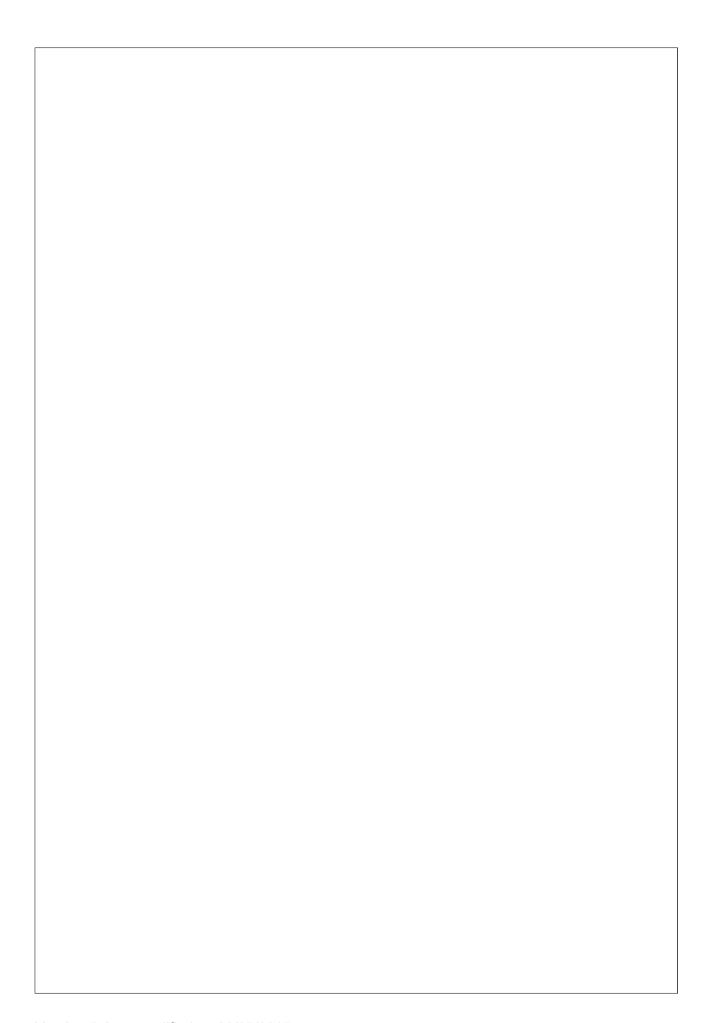


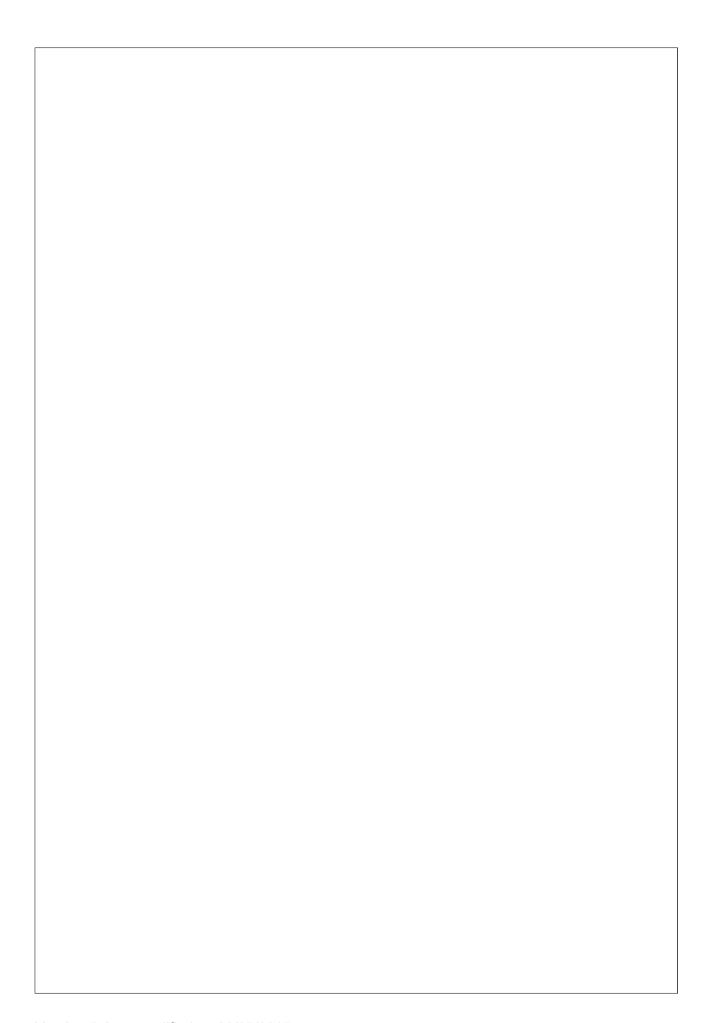






Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	





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Pollution to land, water, or air?
Wildlife and habitats?
Consulted with:
Summary of Impacts & Mitigation: to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report
A series of small events at a range of locations is likely to involve small amounts of local travel and is likely to cause an insignificant increase in emissions. However, the locality of training coupled with the emphasis on resource efficiency is likely to adequately mitigate any small impact. The direct overall environmental impact will be insignificant, although the indirect benefits of providing environmental resource efficiency training are likely to be beneficial.
Checklist completed by:
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