Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: International Strategy

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Anticipated date of key decision: March 2017

Summary of proposals:

Will the proposal impact on...

Emission of Climate Changing Gases?

Bristol's resilience	to t	he	effects	of	climate	change?
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Consumption of non-renewable resources?

Production, recycling or disposal of waste

The appearance of the city?

Pollution to land, water, or air?

Wildlife and habitats?

Consulted with:

Alex Minshull, Head of Sustainable City team during development of strategy. Alex is keen that we use the international strategy to show leadership on climate change and environmental issues, that we share best practice on air quality with other partner cities and support finding of partners and application of funding bids.

Summary of impacts and Mitigation - to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report

The only potentially negative impacts of this strategy are related to carbon emission related to travel. Through the international strategy we do not plan to have a net increase of travel. More, we plan to prioritise and make the most of the travel opportunities. There will be times when flying is required but this will only be considered if there is no alternative option in line with the Council's travel policy. We will also use teleconferencing where possible to attend meetings and conferences. There have been examples where we have delivered key notes through a video link.

The Strategy will have an overall positive impact on the Council's environmental policies including the Climate Change and Energy Framework and the Mayoral commitment to be carbon neutral by 2050. As with other key policy areas the international strategy supports the policy priorities through best practice exchange with other world leading cities, influencing policy at EU and global level, funding bids.

The overall impact of this strategy is positive. As air travel only forms a very small part of the council's carbon emissions, it is not considered that this proposal has significant negative impacts.

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