

Bristol City Council Equality Impact Relevance Check



This tool will identify the equalities relevance of a proposal, and establish whether a full Equality Impact Assessment will be required. Please read the guidance prior to completing this relevance check.

What is the proposal?	
Name of proposal	DfT Funding Bids
Please outline the proposal.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the 11th September government announced £30m of funding available to Local Authorities (LA's) to support the retrofitting of older, more polluting buses in order to bring them up to the latest environmental standards. The maximum funding available per LA is £1.5m in 17/18 and £1.5m in 18/19: £3m in total. 2. The objective of the grant is to improve air quality through deployment of one, or a combination, of Selective Catalytic Reduction Technology, Diesel/Electric Hybridisation and/or Full Electric Conversion. Depending on the level of interest from local operators (and their preferred technology option), the grant provides an opportunity to improve 30-180 buses across the region. 3. The technologies work and perform in different ways but chiefly target >90% reduction in NOx and PM which are recognised as health-harming air pollutants. Evidence of the effectiveness of these technologies has been strengthened by the government's recently published Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme which provides a robust means for testing the emission reduction claims of the various suppliers. 4. Bristol's bus fleet accounts for approximately 23% of NOx emissions and so cleaning up the most polluting services is essential in meeting our air quality targets. Currently only approx. 1/7th of the buses operating in the West of England meet the most stringent environmental standards (Euro 6).
What savings will this proposal achieve?	The proposal will not provide any savings. The retrofit asset will be wholly-owned by the bus operator once fitted.
Name of Lead Officer	Jacob Pryor

Could your proposal impact citizens with protected characteristics? (This includes service users and the wider community)
Please outline where there may be significant opportunities or positive impacts, and for whom.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme will improve air quality in Bristol by reducing health-harming emissions of NOx and PM from local bus services. • Exposure to poor air quality can cause short-term eye, throat and nose irritation as well as headaches dizziness and fatigue. It can also exacerbate the effects of asthma, particularly in children. Sustained exposure to poor air quality can affect the respiratory and inflammatory systems and can also lead to more serious conditions such as heart disease and cancer. • People with existing lung and heart conditions are more susceptible.
Please outline where there may be significant negative impacts, and for whom.

- There are no projected negative impacts for citizens with protected characteristics

Could your proposal impact staff with protected characteristics?

(i.e. reduction in posts, changes to working hours or locations, changes in pay)

Please outline where there may be significant opportunities or positive impacts, and for whom.

- This proposal will not impact staff with protected characteristics.

Please outline where there may be negative impacts, and for whom.

- This proposal will not impact staff with protected characteristics.

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required?

Does the proposal have the potential to impact on people with protected characteristics in the following ways:

- access to or participation in a service,
- levels of representation in our workforce, or
- reducing quality of life (i.e. health, education, standard of living) ?

Please indicate yes or no. If the answer is yes then a full impact assessment must be carried out. If the answer is no, please provide a justification.

No full equalities is needed.



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