

Appendix F - Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: Withdrawal of Funds to Neighbourhood Partnerships				
Report author: Penny Germon				
Anticipated date of key decision: 5th December				
Summary of proposals: To change the way BCC works with place based communities from a council-led neighbourhood partnership structure to an approach which encourages local self-organisation and community-led action. Establish new arrangements for making decisions about the local element of CIL and devolved S106.				
Will the proposal impact on...	Yes/ No	+ive or -ive	If Yes...	
			Briefly describe impact	Briefly describe Mitigation measures
Emission of Climate Changing Gases?	No			Giving access to council social media groups for communities to the council's centralised control centre, so they can deliver critical resilience information, such as weather warnings and advice, and co-ordinate action with relevant council teams and other organisations to incoming information from communities about what is happening on the ground, such as drains blocking during heavy rain, or the occurrence of fly tipping incidents, etc.
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	Yes	-ve	Risk of poorer information exchange between the council and communities about extreme weather, such as flood warnings.	
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	No			
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Yes	-ve	Risk of poorer information exchange between the council and communities about fly tipping.	
The appearance of the city?	Yes	-ve	Risk of poorer information exchange between the council and communities about anything that affects the appearance of communities.	
Pollution to land, water, or air?	Yes	-ve	Risk of poorer information exchange between the council and communities about pollution or nuisance.	
Wildlife and habitats?	No			
Consulted with: Environmental Performance Team				

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

While there will be no direct environmental impact from the proposal, the loss of any preferred communications channels between communities in Bristol and the council could lead to communication failures on environmental issues. This could affect two-way warnings, reporting, and responding during extreme weather, pollution, or fly tipping events. This will be avoided by the council's central control centre having access to and checking the council's social media accounts for specific communities and co-ordinating communications and responses. The overall indirect environmental impact is likely to be negative, but the suggested mitigation could make this impact neutral.

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