

## Eco Impact Checklist

<b>Title of report: Parks and Green Spaces – future funding model 2018-20</b>				
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<b>Anticipated date of key decision: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018</b>				
<b>Summary of proposals:</b> By April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019 the parks and green spaces revenue budget will be reduced to £1.6m, a £2.95m reduction since April 2017 and a £4.35m reduction since April 2014. In order to continue to provide and maintain the current estate of green spaces in Bristol and many of their facilities including play and sports, an innovative solution is needed to this budget reduction.				
Will the proposal impact on...	Yes/ No	+ive or -ive	If Yes...	
			Briefly describe impact	Briefly describe Mitigation measures
Emission of Climate Changing Gases?	Yes	-ive	Increase of events taking part in parks will increase emissions and travel.	Use green events toolkit to advise event planners and ensure OEP12 standard is met in the Public Outdoors Events Policy. Encourage event planners promote sustainable travel to venues.
		+ive	Reduced maintenance – Reduced use of equipment meaning less emissions from petrol powered machinery reducing consumption and improving air quality.	
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	No			
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	Yes	-ive/ +ive	Increased number of concessions in parks	During procurement process for concession stand holders consider local sources, healthier options, Fairtrade.
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	No			
The appearance of the city?	Yes	+ive/ -ive	Reduced maintenance including replacement of formal flower borders with floral meadow displays.	The opportunity to increase biodiversity could see more engaging spaces with improved wildlife.
Pollution to land, water, or air?	Yes	+ive/ -ive	Reduced maintenance –	

			<p>Reduced use of equipment reduces air quality impacts from petrol powered tools.</p> <p>Increased events may increase travel to parks areas</p>	<p>Encourage event planners promote sustainable travel to venues.</p>
Wildlife and habitats?	Yes	-ive/ +ive	<p>Events and introduction of fee paying activities could disturb wildlife.</p> <p>Reduce number of hanging baskets and replace formal borders with floral meadow displays. Reduction of maintenance in parks, opportunity to create low maintenance biodiversity friendly areas.</p>	<p>Consider local biodiversity when planning events, communicate with ecology officers if needed.</p> <p>Opportunity to increase biodiversity with wildlife friendly planting, ensure species planted will have a positive effect on local biodiversity, speak with ecology officers if necessary.</p>

**Consulted with:**

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

The significant impacts of this proposal are...

The proposal to reduce maintenance in parks and replace floral beds with meadow beds could have positive impacts to wildlife and biodiversity and these areas will need to be managed correctly. There are negative impacts associated to this report, the main being the proposal to increase events within parks which will increase emissions, travel and may have a detrimental effect on local wildlife.

The proposals include the following measures to mitigate the impacts...

When planning meadow bed areas speak with ecologists and other sources to ensure best practice planting is used to ensure the best impact on wildlife and biodiversity. Ensure events are effectively managed and that consideration to environmental impacts are made for each event.

The net effects of the proposals are mixed but with effective management of change and events impacts can be minimised and positive. Money savings and income generation will

ensure the retention of green space which is positive.

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