

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	Bristol Heat networks – Phase 2
Please outline the proposal.	<p>1. Capital spend of (up to) £9 million of Prudential Borrowing as allocated to Energy Service for the expansion of Bristol's heat networks. Capital to fund the heat network and associated energy centres (including a 100 Temple St Energy Centre)</p> <p>2. BCC Energy Service to apply for BEIS Heat Network Investment Project (HNIP) capital grant funding.</p> <p>3. Application for further feasibility funding to BEIS HNDU</p> <p>4. Associated heat network procurement activities to be undertaken to ensure timely delivery of the network</p> <p>5. Carry out enabling works for the development of the strategic heat network outside of Bristol</p>
What savings will this proposal achieve?	Developments connected to the network will have lower energy costs for the provision of heat with potential opportunities for income generation via private wire. The project will also achieve CO2 savings in its supply of low-carbon heat and electricity; and cost savings for developers connecting.
Name of Lead Officer	Paul Barker

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.
Where Bristol Heat networks are connected to social housing blocks, BCC have the opportunity reduce heating costs i.e. for people in fuel poverty.
Please outline where there may be significant negative impacts, and for whom.
None

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 – The project does not affect service access, levels of representation or reduce the quality of life. It provides a wider positive impact to reduce the effects of climate change.
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Service Director sign-off and date:	Equalities Officer sign-off and date:  Duncan Fleming 7/6/2018
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