

## Eco Impact Checklist

**Title of report:** Removal of deceased on behalf of HM Senior Coroner for Avon

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**Anticipated date of key decision:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

### Summary of proposals:

- The rapid transport of the deceased from place of death to an appropriate mortuary is public health matter.
- HM Senior Coroner for Avon's area covers the four unitary authorities of Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils. The intention is to continue to contract this service for the Avon Coroner.
- All HM Coroner referred deaths must to be removed from either the hospital or the community to a mortuary, which in the Avon area is to the public mortuary at Flax Bourton, North Somerset, pending post mortem examination. Occasionally the deceased may need to be moved to another mortuary eg contingency partner in Gloucester or for deceased children to specialist units at Great Ormond Street, London.
- The contract service level for the collection of the deceased for transport is less than 60 mins for a forensic case and 90 mins for a non-forensic case anywhere within the community.

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	Carbon dioxide from car emissions.	Utilise the shortest routes to the given mortuary.
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	YES	-ive	Carbon dioxide from car emissions.	Utilise the shortest routes to the given mortuary.
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	YES	-ive	Diesel or petrol	Utilise the shortest routes to the given mortuary.
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	No		N/A	N/A
The appearance of the city?	NO		N/A	N/A
Pollution to land, water, or air?	YES	-ive	Carbon dioxide from car emissions will affect	Utilise the shortest routes to the given mortuary. Request within the contract that the vehicles used are

			local air quality	modern, regularly serviced and ideally not diesel vehicles. Here is a hierarchy of the least to most polluting vehicle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electric Vehicles</li> <li>• Plug in Petrol Hybrid</li> <li>• Petrol hybrid</li> <li>• Gas or petrol</li> <li>• Plug in Diesel Hybrid</li> <li>• Diesel Hybrid</li> <li>• Diesel</li> </ul>
Wildlife and habitats?	NO		N/A	N/A
<b>Consulted with:</b> Nicola Hares – Environmental Project Manager				
<b>Summary of impacts and Mitigation - <u>to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report</u></b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For environmental considerations, the movement of deceased must utilise the shortest routes to the given mortuary, where practicable.</li> <li>• The vehicles must be regularly serviced and maintained as appropriate. Ideally look for the fleet to not be made up of diesel vehicles and look for alternatives such as petrol/ hybrid or electric.</li> <li>• The council may inspect at any time, without prior notice to the contractor, any vehicle used in the pursuance of this contract for the purpose of inspecting the condition and fitness for purpose of the vehicle.</li> </ul>				
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