

Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: Outline Business Case for Reprofiling of Children's Homes Project				
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Anticipated date of key decision: 18 th April 2018 (OBC being presented to DWG)				
Summary of proposals: To close the 5 existing BCC run children's homes and open a larger number of smaller 2/3 bedded homes to create greater flexibility and placement matching opportunities and better value for money from our homes.				
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	The fact that we are intending to have a higher number of children's homes in our estate will result in an increase in consumption of electricity and gas.	Where existing buildings are acquired for use as a children's home in the new model the scope for mitigation will be limited. However, there are potential opportunities being explored to acquire new homes being built on council land for the purpose, and where this is the case there will be increased scope to influence the use of efficient buildings and renewable energy. The new homes will become integrated into the council's Environmental Management System, environmental impacts can be managed through this via audits, site visits and training,
		+ive	The children's homes that are currently open are not filled to full capacity so some energy is wasted heating empty rooms	New children's homes will be operated to full capacity so there will be no energy wasted heating empty rooms.
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	No			

Consumption of non-renewable resources?	Yes	-ive	The fact that we are intending to have a higher number of children's homes in our estate will result in an increase in consumption of electricity and gas	See mitigation measures as mentioned above.
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Yes	-ive	<p>The fact that we are intending to have a higher number of children's homes, means there is potential for more recyclable waste to be produced.</p> <p>Waste will be produced from closing existing children's homes.</p>	<p>These will be residential properties and all waste will be disposed of/recycled in the usual way for household waste. Ensure that recycling is encouraged in homes and that staff are aware of what can be recycled. Provide training if possible. Ensure bins are clearly signed to make it clear where waste should be going.</p> <p>Apply the waste hierarchy to any items, ensuring to re-use where possible. Where waste needs to be disposed of ensure legally compliant contractors are used (Bristol Waste are the Bristol City Council contractor) and that waste paperwork is obtained.</p>
The appearance of the city?	No			
Pollution to land, water, or air?	No			
Wildlife and habitats?	No			
Consulted with:				
Summary of impacts and Mitigation - <u>to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report</u>				
<p>There are significant impacts of this proposal arising from the intention to have a higher number of children's homes within Bristol City Council's estate and the consequential potential for an increased consumption of electricity and gas and creation of additional waste, there will also be waste created from the closure of existing children's homes. The new homes will be normal residential 4/5 bedroom homes acquired from either existing</p>				

council stock, purchased on the open market or as part of an arrangement with a developer. The construction of the buildings is not within the remit of the project. The new homes will become integrated into the councils Environmental Management System and environmental impacts will be managed through this.

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