

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	Clean Bus Technology Fund Extension Funding
Please outline the proposal.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bristol City Council has been issued a Statutory Direction by government to bring levels of NO₂ within EU limit values in the shortest time possible. Poor air quality is having a detrimental impact on the health of residents, in particular vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children and those with existing cardiovascular and respiratory conditions 2. Buses and coaches contribute to approximately 23% of all NO_x in the city 3. The proposal would see 166 buses retrofitted with Selective Catalytic Reduction Technology (SCRT) which would reduce NO_x by approximately 60,226 kg/year – equivalent to a 92% reduction across the considered bus fleet. 4. The effectiveness of SCRT has been proven through previous projects that the council have delivered using the technology and have been verified by the 'CVTF & CBTF Programmes Evaluation Report' (August 2017).
What savings will this proposal achieve?	The proposal will not provide any savings. The retrofit asset will be wholly-owned by the bus operator once fitted.
Name of Lead Officer	Jacob Pryor

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.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme will improve air quality in Bristol by reducing health-harming emissions of NO_x and PM from local bus services. • Exposure to poor air quality can cause short-term eye, throat and nose irritation as well as headaches dizziness and fatigue. It can also exacerbate the effects of asthma, particularly in children. Sustained exposure to poor air quality can affect the respiratory and inflammatory systems and can also lead to more serious conditions such as heart disease and cancer. • People with existing lung and heart conditions are more susceptible. 	
Please outline where there may be significant negative impacts, and for whom.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no anticipated negative impacts for citizens with protected characteristics from this proposal 	

Could your proposal impact staff with protected characteristics?

(i.e. reduction in posts, changes to working hours or locations, changes in pay)

Please outline where there may be significant opportunities or positive impacts, and for whom.

- This proposal will not impact staff with protected characteristics.

Please outline where there may be negative impacts, and for whom.

- This proposal will not impact staff with protected characteristics.

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 – we have not identified any potential impacts.



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