

Appendix F

Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: Affordable Housing Funding Policy 2019

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Anticipated date of key decision: 02/04/2019

Summary of proposals: To support the delivery of affordable housing through adoption of Affordable Housing Funding Policy 2019. The Housing Delivery Plan, approved in March 2017, recognised that urgent action was needed to address the growing affordable housing requirements in Bristol by making a number of key interventions including a major affordable housing funding programme of £52m. To date in the first eighteen months £13.1m has been allocated to Housing Associations in Bristol to deliver 302 affordable rented homes. 46 affordable rented homes have already been completed and let through this programme. The programme has the potential to provide a further 530 affordable rented homes through housing associations and if it is agreed to extend the programme - through community led housing organisations

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	Possible lead to increase in house building, most likely only increase levels of housing association development (Developments may have already been brought forward by private companies however) - Construction works or redevelopment works associated with housing works.	The homes will be required to meet the Government's Building Regulation standards in addition to be in full compliance with Bristol Local Plan including the <i>Urban Living SPD, Heat Hierarchy, Bristol's</i> space standards and other emerging policies. And will need to adhere to planning policy, including policy documents BCS13-15. Appraisal criteria for registered providers seeking grant funding includes weighting against following the Bristol Local Plan (Which include relevant sustainable planning policy) and weighting against innovative construction practices.
		+ive	On-going consumption of resources through energy and heat to houses. Increased affordable housing will be likely to reduce the number of tenants in private rented housing, moving more people	

			into more energy efficient housing	
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	Yes	-ive/+ive	New housing could be built in flood risk areas	This will be covered in the planning process. Planning policy BCS16 will need to be adhered to.
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	Yes	-ive	Resources will be used with any development of housing.	See above.
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Yes	-ive	Waste will be generated with any development of housing.	Any major development will be likely to go through a separate cabinet decision and will have ECo IA comments through this.
The appearance of the city?	Yes	+ive/-ive	New or refurbished housing will change the appearance of the city	Will be covered through the planning process.
Pollution to land, water, or air?	Yes	+ive/ -ive	House building or refurbishment works can release pollution	Will be covered through the planning process.
Wildlife and habitats?	Yes	+ive/-ive	New homes may be built in areas where there is wildlife	This will be covered through the planning process

Consulted with:

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

The significant impacts of this proposal are... There is potential for increased housing development (However, it is likely developments will only be existing proposals brought forward by private contractors), BCC have control through the planning process. Impacts include resource use, energy use and waste generation. The proposals include the following measures to mitigate the impacts... All developments will follow planning policy and the Bristol Local Plan, this is a weighted criteria against grant funding appraisal. The net effects of the proposals are mostly negative but can be mitigated through planning policy.

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