

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	Challenge Fund: Transport Maintenance Funding Bid
Please outline the proposal.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the 7th August government released guidance for applying to the Challenge Fund competition which aims to bolster local authority budgets for the maintenance of local roads and transport structures. 2. Two tranches of funding are open to applicants: smaller funding bids of <£5m for delivery in 2019/20 to contribute to road re-surfacing, maintenance of drainage assets and/or reconstruction of footways, cycleways and carriageways. 3. The 2nd tranche of funding is for larger funding bids >£5m for delivery in 2020/21 and is targeted at major maintenance projects including bridges, viaducts, retaining walls and other significant structures. 4. BCC are permitted to (and have) applied for both grants. 5. The deadline for both bid submissions was the 31st October: a full business case was required for the smaller bid and an Expression of Interest for the larger bid. 6. Bid A BCC has submitted a bid to undertake structural carriageway repairs to the resilient, strategic bus and cycle networks using innovative road condition survey techniques developed over the past year. The additional investment in the area will target highways that require surfacing in the next 2 years allowing the 20/21 and 21/22 road resurfacing programmes to be expanded. This will reduce potholes and temporary works, whilst improving road safety, customer experience and meeting the Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme which states that “Prevention is better than cure.” In addition, we intend putting Bristol’s waste plastics from the recycling centres into the base layers of the structural repairs. 7. Bid B: BCC have recently undertaken an inspection of St Philips Causeway (Spine Road) that runs from Lawrence Hill to the A4 Bath Road. The structure is now reaching 30 years old and requires its first major service. We have already reduced the speed limit on the 1km structure to 40 mph due to the condition of the central barrier. The surface and waterproofing are at the end of life and the structural bearings need servicing. The parapets do not meet safety standards for cyclists and the entire steel structure requires repainting as it is on the verge of needing total removal if it is not re-covered and re-protected. As part of this work we will be looking at the sustainable transport offer across the structure including a new segregated cycle lane and a new footway. The repairs are estimated to cost in the region of £20m. Should the Expression of Interest be accepted there will be a further opportunity to refine costs and the project plan as we take the proposal to Full Business Case for submission to the DfT later in the year. 8. Other options considered for the Larger Bid included Vauxhall Footbridge, the Avon Fixed Bridge and New Brislington Bowstring Bridge. These were not taken forward due to not meeting the criteria set by the funding body, most notably the requirement that repairs must exceed £5m.
What savings will this proposal achieve?	If successful both bids will bolster BCC’s transport maintenance budget. Alleviating some of the pressure off of this budget will allow additional essential repairs to be undertaken across the network.
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 safety for all road users by treating highway defects that will reduce the risk of accident and injury. • Additional benefits will be realised through the introduction of a new segregated cycle path and a new footway facility across St Phillips Causeway.
Please outline where there may be significant negative impacts, and for whom.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no anticipated negative impacts 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposal will not impact staff with protected characteristics.
Please outline where there may be negative impacts, and for whom.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 from this funding bid. Individual Equality Relevance Checks and, where required, Equality Impact Assessments will be carried out by scheme project managers for major works on a case by case basis.
	<i>Reviewed by Equalities and Community Cohesion Team 11/9/2019</i>