

Appendix F - Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: North & East Bristol Universal Business Support Project				
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Anticipated date of key decision 3rd March 2020				
Summary of proposals: The report details the objectives and funding structure of the North and East Bristol Universal Business Support (NEB-UBS) Project over 2020-23. Cabinet approval is sought to commit £300,000 match revenue funding in total over 3 years and authorise the commissioning of the Project delivery in Bristol, following the £450,000 WECA grant funding being confirmed on 31 st January.				
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	Most new and existing businesses supported across sectors should minimise their operating emissions.	Advice, support, and grants will be given to adopt or increase EBRE measures. Positive policies and advocacy by Bristol City Council and its delivery partners. In order to deliver the objectives of sustainable, inclusive growth and the commitments made to support the Climate Emergency, each service will also embed information, advice and guidance on low carbon interventions, products, services and practices, which will act as an introduction and wider referral service to more in depth sustainability projects delivered locally and nationally.
		+ive / -ive	The energy efficiency and carbon emissions of workspaces provided may be good or poor. There are plans to provide new workspace aimed at start up and early stage business support (both private	Any new workplaces will need to meet planning requirements.

			and social enterprises) are under development, for example, by the Black South West Network for a BAME Enterprise Hub in St Paul's / Easton area. There have also been early discussions about small-scale co-working space projects at Southmead and Lockleaze. In addition the PCRf (Port Communities Resilience Fund) has invested around £500,000 capital in Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston ward to create a network of Jobs Training and Enterprise (JTE) hubs, by improving facilities at existing community centres or as part of a new build community facility (Lawrence Weston).	
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	Yes	+ive	New workplaces could be highly resilient, or not very resilient.	Encourage new workplaces provided to be made resilient to flooding (if in or very near flood risk areas), high winds, and extreme prolonged hot and cold weather conditions.
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	Yes	+ive	Most new and existing businesses supported should use resources more efficiently.	Advice, support, and grants will be given to adopt or increase EBRE measures. Positive policies and advocacy by Bristol City Council and its delivery partners.
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Yes	+ive	Most new and existing businesses supported should minimise their	Advice, support, and grants will be given to adopt or increase EBRE

			production of waste and recycling.	measures. Positive policies and advocacy by Bristol City Council and its delivery partners.
The appearance of the city?	No			
Pollution to land, water, or air?	Yes	+ive	Most new and existing businesses should avoid or minimise pollution.	
Wildlife and habitats?	Yes	+ive	Most new and existing businesses should avoid or minimise harm to wildlife or habitats (where applicable).	Advice, support, and grants will be given to adopt or increase EBRE measures. Positive policies and advocacy by Bristol City Council and its delivery partners.
Consulted with: BCC Sustainability Service and the Project Delivery Partners				
Summary of impacts and Mitigation - <u>to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report</u>				
<p>The significant impacts of this proposal: a substantial number of start-up entrepreneurs and existing businesses in North East Bristol will be assisted by the project and coached / supported to reduce their emissions and other harmful environmental practices. Workplaces will be provided for some, which may help keep operations lower carbon.</p> <p>Mitigation measures included in proposals: Inclusion of content on Environmental Business and Resource Efficiency measures and best practices in the enterprise advice / support workshop programme and on-line platforms, and positive policies and advocacy by BCC and partners to improve business practices.</p> <p>The net effects of the proposals are positive.</p>				
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