

Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: Bristol Heat Networks - Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)				
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Anticipated date of key decision: 03/03/2020				
<p>Summary of proposals: The purpose of this report is to gain approval for the creation of Special Purpose Vehicle companies (SPV's) required to receive grant funding from the Heat Network Investment Project (HNIP), for the continued development of the Bristol heat network programme.</p> <p>The case for the continued development of heat networks has been made previously and in September 2019 Cabinet (see background documents) approved funding for the Old Market and Redcliffe Heat networks including the application for grant funding from HNIP. That Cabinet report noted the need for the creation of SPV's to hold HNIP grants.</p> <p>The creation of the SPV's also facilitates the creation of a competitive heat market consistent with the City Leap heat strategy.</p> <p>Cabinet Approval is sought to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establish two (2) Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) companies under Bristol Holding Limited (BHL) in order to draw down HNIP (Heat Network Investment Project) grant funding awarded to BCC (Cabinet approval previously received for the grant application) 2) Establish further SPVs to receive future HNIP funding on the same basis as above without the need to return to Cabinet following each successful funding bid. 				
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	While the structure of the companies set out in the report has no direct environmental impact, the use of grant funding in excess of £10m will have significant impact on the development of the heat network, which will deliver energy efficiency and low carbon heat to customers.	
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	Yes	+ive	While the structure of the companies set out in the report has no direct environmental impact, the use of	

			grant funding in excess of £10m will have significant impact on the development of the heat network, which will improve the energy security and climate resilience of the city by generating heat from a diverse range of low and zero carbon sources at various locations within the city.	
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	Yes	+ive	While the structure of the companies set out in the report has no direct environmental impact, the use of grant funding in excess of £10m will have significant impact on the development of the heat network, which will reduce the use of mains gas (a non-renewable fossil fuel) by generating heat from a diverse range of low and zero carbon sources.	
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Yes	-ive	While the structure of the companies set out in the report has no direct environmental impact, the use of grant funding in excess of £10m will have significant impact on the development of the heat network, which will create waste during the initial installation of pipes and energy centres.	Contractors will provide waste management plans and dispose of waste according to waste legislation and the waste hierarchy. Works will be programmed to take place alongside other essential highway works to reduce overall waste.

The appearance of the city?	Yes	+ive/-ive	While the structure of the companies set out in the report has no direct environmental impact, the use of grant funding in excess of £10m will have significant impact on the development of the heat network, which will involve some construction works during the initial installation of pipes and energy centres. The completed energy centres will slightly change the appearance of the city, but it may be a positive or negative impact.	Any new construction is likely to be subject to Bristol Planning Policy.
Pollution to land, water, or air?	Yes	+ive	While the structure of the companies set out in the report has no direct environmental impact, the use of grant funding in excess of £10m will have significant impact on the development of the heat network, which will reduce the amount of gas burnt to produce heat by generating heat from a diverse range of low and zero carbon sources.	
Wildlife and habitats?	Yes	-ive	While the structure of the companies set out in the report has no direct environmental impact, the use of grant funding in	Ensure areas of construction do not affect any existing wildlife if being constructed in green spaces. Engage with BCC ecology officer to do an ecology survey.

			<p>excess of £10m will have significant impact on the development of the heat network, which will involve some construction works during the initial installation of pipes and energy centres. This may damage habitats and affect wildlife.</p>	<p>The urban environment means any impact is likely to be small.</p> <p>There is a need to comply with environmental permitting law, and any specific environmental legal and regulatory requirements concerning particular works in or near watercourses.</p> <p>Avoiding the disturbance of any contaminated river bed, and managing any invasive species present may be necessary for some works.</p>
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Consulted with:

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

The significant impacts of this proposal are indirect, but include:

- A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- More resilience to heat supply in the city by using a diverse range of heat sources.
- Low carbon heat supply which will aid with achieving carbon neutrality
- Possible highways disruption during installation, leading to a temporary increase traffic congestion
- Waste from removal of existing plant and equipment
- Resources for the manufacture and installation of new plant and equipment.
- Works on or near water.

The proposals include the following measures to mitigate the impacts: Where possible, carry out works as part of BCC capital projects, ensure contractors are well managed and comply with relevant environmental legislation (such as waste legislation).

The net effects of the proposals are positive.

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