

Decision Pathway – Report



PURPOSE: Key decision

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 03 November 2020

TITLE	Climate and Ecological Emergency Programme		
Ward(s)	Citywide		
Author: Alex Minshull	Job title: Sustainable City and Climate Change Manager		
Cabinet lead: Cllr Shah	Executive Director lead: Stephen Peacock		
Proposal origin: Mayor			
Decision maker: Cabinet Member			
Decision forum: Cabinet			
Purpose of Report:			
Cabinet is asked to:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the successful progress made in the implementation of the Mayor’s Climate Emergency Action Plan (July 2019). 2. Note that the council and partners have developed 2 key new One City strategies this year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. One City Climate Strategy (February 2020) b. One City Ecological Strategy (September 2020) 3. Approve the Climate and Ecological Emergency Programme as Bristol City Council’s initial response to these strategies. 4. Approve spend of £0.92m from the Climate Change Reserve in financial year 2020/21 towards the delivery of the Programme. 5. To grant delegated authority to the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, and the Section 151 Officer, to approve future spend from the Climate Change Reserve, up to £3m in total, in line with the programme outlined in the FBC and subject to substantial progress in line with the key milestones being reported annually. 			
Evidence Base:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bristol City Council declared a Climate Emergency in November 2018 and the Mayor published his initial Action Plan in July 2019. Bristol declared an Ecological Emergency in February 2020. 2. The City Council has funded the development of 2 strategies as a result. These have been agreed by the One City Environment Board, co-chaired by the Mayor. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. One City Climate Strategy b. One City Ecological Strategy 3. The Mayor has endorsed both these strategies and has committed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensuring that Bristol City Council (BCC) is carbon neutral for direct emissions by 2025 b. Supporting and co-ordinating delivery of the strategies c. Developing BCC Action Plans setting out how the Council will contribute to the implementation of these strategies 			
Cabinet Member/Officer Recommendations:			
That Cabinet:			
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- b. One City Ecological Strategy (September 2020)
3. Approve the Climate and Ecological Emergency Programme as Bristol City Council’s initial response to these strategies.
 4. Approve spend of £0.92m from the Climate Change Reserve in financial year 2020/21 towards the delivery of the Programme.
 5. Authorise the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, and the Section 151 Officer, to approve future spend from the Climate Change Reserve, up to £3m in total, in line with the programme outlined in the FBC and subject to substantial progress in line with the key milestones being reported annually.

Corporate Strategy Alignment:

1. The key actions in this Programme are set out in the Corporate Plan and the adopted documents referred to in the evidence base.

City Benefits:

1. Ultimately, the Programme will reduce the city’s carbon and ecological footprint contributing to a more sustainable world for all.
2. The Programme will contribute to making Bristol a more climate resilient city.
3. The Programme includes the Council making an appropriate contribution to enabling action by city partner and citizens; this will not only reduce emissions and environmental harm but contribute to the achievement of other Council objectives on energy, travel, air quality, health etc.
4. The Programme aims to attract external funding to contribute to the goals of the strategies.

Consultation Details:

1. The approved business plan for the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service includes the core actions above.
2. The strategies were developed with a wide range of partners.
3. Specific projects in the Programme will undertake appropriate consultation with stakeholders.

Background Documents:

- The [Mayor’s Climate Emergency Action Plan](#)
- The [One City Climate Strategy](#)
- The [One City Ecological Strategy](#)
- Full Business Case Appendices

Revenue Cost	New Costs £3m Existing Revenue £1.05m over 4 years	Source of Revenue Funding	Climate Change Reserve £3m Agreed Service Revenue budget 20/21-23/24
Capital Cost	£ N/A	Source of Capital Funding	N/A
One off cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saving Proposal <input type="checkbox"/>	Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/>

Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:

1. Finance Advice:

The programme already has approved revenue funding of up to c£1.05m (over a 4 year period) to fund Sustainable City and Climate Change activities.

This report seeks approval to spend the 0.92M to deliver the action plans and other year 1 priorities. It also seeks delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the the Cabinet Member for Finance, and the S151 Officer for the approval of all future drawdowns from the £3m Climate Change Reserve.

The approval of this report does not constitute a new funding pressure for the Council, as funding was set aside

as part of 2020/21 budget setting. Any additional spend over and above existing budgets will need to be brought back to Cabinet for approval.

See Appendix G for further Finance comments.

Finance Business Partner: Kayode Olagundoye, Interim Finance Business Partner, Growth and Regeneration, 26 October 2020

2. Legal Advice: Legal advice should be sought in relation to any procurement and related considerations arising from the implementation of the Programme as outlined in the Full Business Case. Any contracts must be awarded in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council’s internal procurement rules. The recommendation seeks approval for future spend from the Climate Change Reserve, notwithstanding that it may involve spend above the key decision threshold.

Legal Team Leader: Husinara Jones, Solicitor, 22 October 2020

3. Implications on IT: No anticipated impact to IT Services

IT Team Leader: Simon Oliver, Director Digital Transformation, 6 October 2020

4. HR Advice:

The report identifies additional resource which will be required to deliver the actions and outcomes within the business case, summarised in section 20.2 of the business case. This is in addition to existing staff who are currently allocated to the project. Recruitment will progress on approval of the business case. There are no other HR implications evident.

HR Partner: Celia Williams, 5 October 2020

EDM Sign-off	G&R EDM	16 September 2020
Cabinet Member sign-off	Cllr Shah	5 October 2020
For Key Decisions - Mayor’s Office sign-off	Mayor’s Office	5 October 2020

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Mayor’s Climate Emergency Action Plan - Appendix A1 Programme Summary – Appendix A2 Full Business Case - Appendix A3 	
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	NO
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment – see business case in Appendix A2	NO
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix G – Financial Advice	YES
Appendix H – Legal Advice	NO
Appendix I – Exempt Information	NO
Appendix J – HR advice	NO
Appendix K – ICT	NO
Appendix L – Procurement	NO