

Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: Early Payment Initiative				
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Anticipated date of key decision: 03 Nov 2020				
Summary of proposals: Implementation of an Early Payment Initiative which would aim to make payments to suppliers in a much shorter timeframe than current invoice terms which would enable the Council to make savings of £0.4m - £0.5m per annum.				
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	Use of software requires powering council and supplier ICT systems. Since servers and PCs would be powered anyway for other reasons, this is unlikely to change the use of ICT energy much overall.	Use of web hosted software where possible. Encourage supplier to use electricity generated renewably (where REGOs have been retired, to avoid any double counting for electricity used in the UK). REGO is the Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origin. For any additional council electricity use, the council generates about as much renewable electricity as it uses, excluding street lighting.
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	No			
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	No			
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	No			
The appearance of the city?	No			
Pollution to land, water, or air?	No			
Wildlife and habitats?	No			
Consulted with:				
Summary of impacts and Mitigation - <u>to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report</u>				

The significant impacts of this proposal are in electricity use from using ICT equipment to run the software, but it is unlikely that the overall use of ICT energy will change much.

Mitigation measures will include the potential use of web hosted software (commercial datacentres run efficiently on minimal hardware) and encouraging the supplier to use to use electricity generated renewably, with the REGOs retired.

The net environmental effect of the proposal is likely to be neutral, or .

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