

Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: Business Plan 2021-22				
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Anticipated date of key decision: 16 February 2021 (Corporate Leadership Board)				
<p>Summary of proposals: The aim of the Business Plan is to show what actions we will take in 2021-22 to meet the commitments that have been made in the Corporate Strategy 2018-2023.</p> <p>For each of the key commitments in the Corporate Strategy, the Business Plan summarises high level actions and success measures that will make sure we spend our money, time and resources as effectively as possible.</p> <p>The Performance Framework is a more detailed set of measures used to measure, gauge, report upon, support and challenge performance from an operational managerial level up to the highest strategic levels of the council.</p>				
Will the proposal impact on...	Yes/No	+ive or -ive	If Yes...	
			Briefly describe impact	Briefly describe Mitigation measures
Emission of Climate Changing Gases?	Y	+ive	<p>Integrating council actions on the climate emergency into all council services, strategies, plans, projects and activities through the implementation of the Mayor's Climate Emergency Action Plan* and delivering the Council's contribution to the One City Climate Strategy.</p> <p>One City Plan goal of the city becoming carbon neutral, developing a 12-year strategy to accelerate delivery to 2030.</p> <p>Working with Bristol Energy to continue to develop City Leap energy partnership</p>	

		-ive	<p>Commitment to continue to expand heat networks and focus on energy efficiency programmes across our housing and those in private sector.</p> <p>Promoting a shift to sustainable and active travel</p> <p>Some projects will generate embodied emissions from purchasing goods and materials and direct emissions from works.</p>	<p>Project co-ordinators will design and implement projects to minimise overall emissions and contribute to the council's carbon neutrality goals.</p>
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	Y	+ive	<p>Embeds principle of reducing environmental impact by using clean energy, improving air quality and reducing waste and pollution and considering resilience and environmental impact in all policy and decision making.</p> <p>Developing a River Avon flooding strategy that will build up long term resilience of local communities.</p>	
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	Y	+ive	<p>Commitment to investing in renewable energy and energy efficiency schemes.</p> <p>Commitment to build 2,000 new homes each year by 2020</p>	<p>Process managed through the planning process with new homes</p>

		-ive	Some projects will use non-renewable resources.	<p>more energy efficient than older existing stock</p> <p>Project co-ordinators will design and implement projects to minimise the overall use of non-renewable resources, except where they provide significant benefits (such as reducing emissions).</p>
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Y	+ive	<p>Support efforts to progress to a situation where 50% of all city waste collected is sent for reuse, recycling and composting</p> <p>Extend Big Tidy initiative to deliver a service for all council housing sites and across the rest of the city, covering wards not included in the original initiative</p>	<p>Project co-ordinators will design and implement projects to minimise the production of waste. Where it is necessary, the waste hierarchy will be applied to reuse or recycle as much of it as possible. Waste will be reused, segregated, stored, transferred, treated or disposed of correctly, legally and sustainably.</p>
		-ive	Some projects will produce wastes	
The appearance of the city?	Y	+ive	Embeds commitment to improving physical and geographical connectivity whilst maintaining green infrastructure and green space and	Detailed guidance and policy in local plan and other statutory planning documents.

			<p>integrating green space into urban design.</p> <p>Commitment to continue to make sure parks are well kept green spaces with continued development of Parks Prospectus inviting partnership work and investment</p> <p>Supporting One City aspirations for tree planting in the city</p>	
		-ive	<p>Some projects may temporarily detract from the appearance of the city while works are taking place.</p>	<p>Project co-ordinators will design and implement projects to minimise any negative visual impacts.</p>
Pollution to land, water, or air?	Y	+ive	<p>Commitment to improve local air quality via development of clean air plan and Clean Air Zone</p> <p>Commitment to deliver a Bristol Transport Plan that will support the city in achieving its target to be carbon neutral by 2030</p> <p>Commitment to implement a programme to review the capacity of waste and recycling communal bins and on-street mini centres</p>	<p>Development and measures detailed through the proposed Traffic Clean Air Zone</p>
		-ive	<p>Some projects may pose a risk of</p>	<p>Project co-ordinators will design and implement</p>

			discharging pollutants to water, air or land, or causing light, noise, dust, or odour nuisances.	projects to minimise pollution risks by using less hazardous materials, screens, dust suppression and best practice for storing, using, refuelling, maintaining and cleaning materials and equipment.
Wildlife and habitats?	Y	+ive	Commitment to continue to make sure parks are well kept green spaces Commitment to implement the Ecological Emergency Programme and support the One City Ecological Emergency strategies, working via partners.	
		-ive	Some projects may affect, enclose, downsize, or remove habitats and green and blue spaces.	Project co-ordinators will design and implement projects to minimise any negative impacts on habitats and species and to aim for biodiversity net gain wherever possible. This may include biodiversity offsetting (replacing lost habitat type with equivalent habitat types in another location) where this is possible and is the only means to achieve this.

Consulted with: Internally with EDMs, Cabinet members and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (workshop on February 3 and for noting on March 1 OSMB)

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

Environmental impacts of key targets and policy commitments that are referenced in this document (air quality / carbon neutrality target / renewable energy etc.) were considered during the decision making process. While the aim is to achieve the positive outcomes listed above, there will inevitably be some potential for negative impacts from implementing some projects.

Mitigation will be separately considered for any specific measures requiring Cabinet approval, but will follow the generic pattern of mitigation set out in this assessment.

The Business Plan 2021-22 sets out how the council will meet its commitments from the Corporate Strategy which provides for significant environmental improvement, in particular a reduction in citywide CO2 / nitrogen dioxide emissions and improvements to local air quality.

Specific decisions and policy making in the future will be guided by this Business Plan but will be subject to separate approvals. The overall impact of this Business Plan is likely to be positive.

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