

## Eco Impact Checklist

**Title of report: Social Value policy review**

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**Anticipated date of key decision 9/3/2021**

### Summary of Proposals

The proposal is to update the Council's Social Value policy.

Social Value is about taking wider social, economic and environmental impacts into account when making decisions. The existing policy primarily applies this approach to procurement decisions. The revised policy proposes to start to apply Social Value considerations to other decisions the Council makes, such as grant allocations, investments and decisions about land.

The priorities of the new policy are to:

- Reduce poverty and inequality;
- Increase the city's resilience and environmental sustainability; and
- Enhance community economic and social wellbeing.

The details of exactly how particular types of decision should be made is left to be defined in separate process documents, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet member.

However, the policy does set out:

- The sorts of decisions Social Value should start to be applied to:
  - Service delivery improvements
  - Non-Treasury investments
  - Enhancing / Securing inward impact investments
  - Procurement
  - Partnerships
  - Community led housing
  - Community Asset Transfers / land proposals
  - Regeneration, construction and physical development activity
  - Grant awards and grant applications to other bodies
- 10 key objectives we're looking to achieve when we apply Social Value. With respect to eco impact, this includes the following aims:
  - Support the creation of high quality, affordable and sustainable homes and inclusive public spaces
  - Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and pollution
  - Reduce waste, particularly waste that is harmful and/or sent to landfill

- Support the creation, retention and growth of ecologically resilient, wildlife-rich and inclusive places

The planned impact of the policy is therefore to:

- Encourage, challenge and reward partners and suppliers who deliver wider economic, social and environmental benefits for Bristol through the way they work
- Take wider impacts into account during decision-making, and so secure additional benefits (reduced emissions, etc)

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	Policy aims encourage commitments from suppliers to reduce direct or embodied emissions	
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	Yes	+ive	Policy aims to encourage support for sustainable development	
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	Yes	+ive	Policy aims to encourage support for sustainable development	
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Yes	+ive	Policy aims to reduce waste, particularly hard-recycle waste	
The appearance of the city?	Yes	+ive	Policy aims to encourage support for creation of inclusive wildlife-friendly areas	
Pollution to land, water, or air?	Yes	+ive	Policy aims to reduce air pollution	
Wildlife and habitats?	Yes	+ive	Policy aims to encourage support for creation of inclusive wildlife-friendly areas and minimise any loss of habitat	

**Consulted with: Giles Liddell**

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

The significant impacts of this proposal are to take wider environmental benefits into account when the Council makes decisions, and thereby encourage positive impacts on the environment. No mitigation measures are necessary.

The overall environmental impact is expected to be positive.

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