

## Eco Impact Checklist

<b>Title of report:</b> Digital Strategic Partner				
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<b>Anticipated date of key decision :</b> 05/04/2022				
<b>Summary of proposals:</b> To procure a 'Digital Strategic Partner' who can provide additional capacity and capability at pace to support the Council's Digital transformation ambitions.				
Will the proposal impact on...	Yes/ No	+ive or -ive	If Yes...	
			Briefly describe impact	Briefly describe Mitigation measures
Emission of Climate Changing Gases?	<b>Yes</b>	+/- ive	Although an indirect impact the contractor chosen will use electricity  Opportunity to work with partners with specialist knowledge/ advise in the environmental impacts of digital and tech products.	There is potential that through procurement exercise it could be looked at to specify that contractor use a renewable energy supply  Through procurement exercise the is an opportunity to specify that the contractor have a specialist knowledge in the environmental impact of digital and tech products so we could better identify potential challenges and benefits.
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	<b>No</b>			
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	<b>No</b>			
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	<b>No</b>			
The appearance of the city?	<b>No</b>			
Pollution to land, water, or air?	<b>Yes</b>	+/-ive	Continued improvement to IT systems will reduce travel for meetings etc as connectivity is improved.  Historically use of large-scale	During procurement exercise can look at

			consultancies/suppliers led to additional expenses/time/travel given their cross-location working/ less local. However current ways of working for BCC focus on maximising virtual working and minimising travel unless necessary. At this stage also unknown who the supplier will be nor where their staff work.	scoring around locality of contractor to reduce travel distance in the event of travel being needed. Can liaise with sustainable procurement lead to look at metrics for this.
Wildlife and habitats?	<b>No</b>			
<b>Consulted with:</b> Giles Liddell 08/02/2022				
<b>Summary of impacts and Mitigation - <u>to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report</u></b>				
<b>The significant impacts of this proposal are...</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overarching impacts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategic partnership initiative will put in place a highly skilled, expert and suitable organisation for a long-term strategic partnership which provides access to best-in class Digital expertise. It will better enable us to achieve our digital ambitions, both for BCC staff and citizens alike.</li> <li>• It will do this by fully leveraging the capacity and expertise that exists, both within the Council and with our strategic partner, helping to accelerate the pace of delivery of our IT Strategy and wider Corporate Strategy priorities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Potential negative eco-impact</b> – Historically use of large-scale consultancies/suppliers led to additional expenses/time/travel given their cross-location working/ less local. However current ways of working for BCC focus on maximising virtual working and minimising travel unless necessary. At this stage also unknown who the supplier will be nor where their staff work.</li> <li>• <b>Potential positive eco-impact</b> - Through procurement exercise there is an opportunity to specify that the contractor have a specialist knowledge in the environmental impact of digital and tech products so we could better identify potential challenges and benefits</li> </ul>				
<b>The proposals include the following measures to mitigate the impacts...</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mitigation for travel of partner/ consultancy requires travel – Maximise use of virtual meetings/working from home where possible</li> <li>- Positive enhancement could also be inclusion of environmental/eco-impact knowledge/ expertise in relation to tech/digital projects <i>within</i> the scope of the partnership, which will maximise our ability to quantify and understand these elements in future</li> </ul>				
<b>The net effects of the proposals are...</b>				

- We will have the capacity and skills necessary to deliver the scale of our IT change desired.

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