

## Eco Impact Checklist

<b>Title of report: Refugee Resettlement Furnishing Contract</b>				
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<b>Anticipated date of key decision 6 December 2022</b>				
<b>Summary of proposals: To contract a provider to fully furnish up to 50 properties per year to house resettled refugees who are supported for between 3-5 years.</b>				
<b>Will the proposal impact on...</b>	<b>Yes/ No</b>	<b>+ive or -ive</b>	<b>If Yes...</b>	
			<b>Briefly describe impact</b>	<b>Briefly describe Mitigation measures</b>
Emission of Climate Changing Gases?	yes	-ive	Fulfilment of the service provision requires the majority of furnishings to be bought new.	Whilst balancing the requirements of the service provision, re-use of second hand items will be sought wherever possible and appropriate.
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	no	none		
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	yes	-ive	Fulfilling the needs of the service requires provision of new furniture and household items.	Wherever possible, purchase of new items should specify to be durable and those that consume energy should be highly rated for energy efficiency.
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	yes	-ve	Contract will require waste can be recycled	Contract will require minimal use of packaging where possible and all packaging must be recyclable.
The appearance of the city?	no	none		
Pollution to land, water, or air?	no	none		
Wildlife and habitats?	no	none		
<b>Consulted with: Refugee clients. We have furnished 150 properties and received feedback from clients. Clients are offered new mattresses, bedding and kitchen equipment. Upcycled goods can be used for other furnishings. There is a strong dislike of second hand wardrobes but we do use second-hand sofas and dining tables and chairs, TV stands, small tables, side tables and chests of drawers which are acceptable to clients which minimises the high volume of packaging for new goods.</b>				
<b>Summary of impacts and Mitigation - <u>to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report</u></b>				
The significant impacts of this proposal are that the majority of items will be bought new due to refugee clients being newly arrived and having a preference for new goods. There				

are frequent complaints when some recycled or upcycled goods are used. These are specified within the contract but a balance must be made with client preferences.

The proposals include the following measures to mitigate the impacts: Where items are new we will specify that they are durable and highly rated for energy efficiency, and that packaging must be recyclable, for example no polystyrene chips.

The net effects of the proposals are negative but relatively small.

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