

## Eco Impact Checklist

| <b>Title of report: Fees and Charges in Excess of Inflation – Parking in Parks</b> |            |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                      |
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| <b>Anticipated date of key decision</b>                                            |            |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                      |
| <b>Summary of proposals: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>                             |            |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                      |
| Will the proposal impact on...                                                     | Yes/<br>No | +ive<br>or<br>-ive | If Yes...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      |
|                                                                                    |            |                    | Briefly describe impact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Briefly describe Mitigation measures |
| Emission of Climate Changing Gases?                                                | Yes        | +ive               | The additional income from higher car parking fees in parks and green spaces will support the maintenance of green spaces, including their ability to mitigate climate change through carbon sequestration. This helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Maintaining high quality footpaths and cycle paths within parks will continue to encourage emission-free active travel. |                                      |
| Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?                             | Yes        | +ive               | Low-lying parks can act as sinks for floodwater and parks on higher ground can soak up rainfall and slow its flow into drains and rivers. Green and blue spaces stay cooler than areas mostly made up of hard surfaces and can cool the city during heatwaves. The additional income may help maintain the effectiveness of these natural services.                                |                                      |

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| Consumption of non-renewable resources?    | No  | n/a  | No additional equipment will be required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| Production, recycling or disposal of waste | No  | n/a  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| The appearance of the city?                | Yes | +ive | The funds generated from increased car parking charges in parks and green spaces will help to maintain the current levels of services and prevent a decline in their appearance due to the ongoing cost of living crisis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| Pollution to land, water, or air?          | Yes | +ive | Parks and green spaces positively contribute to the reduction of land, water, and air pollution in several ways. They act as natural filters, purifying air and water by removing pollutants through processes such as photosynthesis, soil absorption, and evapotranspiration. They also help to reduce soil erosion, preventing the loss of fertile soil and reducing the risk of water pollution. Maintaining high quality footpaths and cycle paths within parks will continue to encourage pollution-free active travel. |  |
| Wildlife and habitats?                     | Yes | +ive | Parks and green spaces provide important habitats for wildlife, promoting biodiversity and supporting the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |

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| <b>Consulted with: n/a</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                   |                        |  |
| <b>Summary of impacts and Mitigation –</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                   |                        |  |
| <p>The increased income from higher car parking fees in parks and green spaces will contribute to maintaining current levels of service to continue, so the environmental impact will be neutral. It will help to ensure that the critical ecosystem services from parks are maintained, including air and water purification, carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat, promoting mental wellbeing and encouraging active travel by providing safe and pleasant routes through the city. By maintaining these green spaces, their capacity to mitigate the impacts of climate change will be sustained, providing continued benefits for both the environment and park visitors.</p> <p>Consideration of the financial impact on Parks users has been included in the Equalities Impact Assessment.</p> |  |                                                   |                        |  |
| <b>Checklist completed by:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                                                   |                        |  |
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| Extension:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                   |                        |  |
| Date:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 22/02/2023                                        |                        |  |
| Verified by<br>Environmental Performance Team                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | Giles Liddell, Project Manager -<br>Environmental |                        |  |