

Eco Impact Checklist

Title of report: 2023/24 Corporate Business Plan & Performance Framework				
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Anticipated date of key decision: April 4 2023 (Corporate Leadership Board); May 2 2023 (Cabinet – for noting only)				
<p>Summary of proposals: The aim of the Business Plan is to show what actions we will take in 2023/24 to meet the commitments that have been made in the Corporate Strategy 2022-2027. For each of the seven strategic themes 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>The delivery of City Leap will attract up to £1 billion zero-carbon energy projects, engagement with partners will help deliver results on food sustainability and retrofitting homes.</p> <p>Commitment to focus on energy efficiency and retrofit programmes across our housing and those in private sector. Continue to decarbonise homes.</p> <p>Promoting a shift to sustainable and active travel</p> <p>Move towards lower carbon footprint through estate review.</p>	N/A

		-ive	Enhance coordination between services to ensure climate policies, strategy and priorities are embedded in our policy, projects, and activities; including how money is spent on our land, buildings, and equipment. This will help contribute to the Council's 2025 net zero pledge. Some projects will generate embodied emissions from purchasing goods and materials and direct emissions from works.	Project co-ordinators will design and implement projects to minimise overall emissions and contribute to the council's carbon neutrality goals
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	Y	+ive	<p>Delivering River Avon flooding strategy that will build up long term resilience of local communities.</p> <p>A Blue/Green Infrastructure strategy will ensure future design is climate resilient, focus on tackling flood risk will improve people and places against increasing flood risk, key strategic improvements will be made to deal with increasing summer heat and other extreme weather.</p>	N/A
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	Y	+ive	Greater ecological focus on Local Plans will lead to improvement of renewable resources	N/A

		-ive	<p>being used in building new homes and promote use of low carbon modern methods of construction.</p> <p>Some projects will use non-renewable resources.</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>Work with businesses will deliver a more sustainable approach to disposing of commercial waste, trialling new ways of working.</p> <p>Continue to implement new approaches to managing waste and street cleansing in the city, this will include improvements to flats recycling and the expansion of the 'non-standard waste collection' to reduce litter, increase recycling, boost accessibility along the streets and improve the local area.</p>	N/A
		-ive	<p>Some projects will produce wastes</p>	<p>Project co-ordinators will design and implement</p>

				<p>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>
The appearance of the city?	Y	+ive	<p>Focus on biodiversity in Local Plan will improve the natural environment and look of the city. Will aim to enhance the natural environment across the city by utilising water and green spaces in planning.</p>	N/A
		-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>Promoting a shift to sustainable and active travel, including specific aims to decarbonise travel for young people with special educational needs and disability (aged 16-25). Improving</p>	N/A

			<p>connectivity across the City and working closely with WECA on enhanced partnerships with bus operators. Continued development of Liveable neighbourhoods projects.</p> <p>Improving local air quality via delivery of clean air plan and Clean Air Zone and improved emissions standards for Hackney cabs</p>	
		-ive	<p>Some projects may pose a risk of discharging pollutants to water, air or land, or causing light, noise, dust, or odour nuisances</p>	<p>Project co-ordinators will design and implement 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.</p>
Wildlife and habitats?	Y	+ive	<p>Formalised the commitment on ecological recovery – will drive delivery of the One City Ecological Emergency Strategy and BCC action plan – reduce use of products (inc pesticides) that undermine wildlife habitats and wider ecosystems Develop new evidence-based planning policies that respond to the ecological</p>	N/A

			<p>emergency for inclusion in the Local Plan</p> <p>Develop ecological and green infrastructure investment plans to help Bristol secure external investment and become a nature rich, climate resilient and climate neutral city</p>	
		-ive	<p>Some projects may affect, enclose, downsize, or remove habitats and green and blue spaces.</p>	<p>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.</p>

Consulted with: The actions and Key Performance Indicators identified in the draft Business Plan have been consulted on by Executive Directors, Directors and Heads of Service. The first draft of the Business Plan will be subject to input from all levels of the Decision Pathway and councillor scrutiny.

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

Environmental impacts of key priorities and policy commitments that are referenced in this document were considered when formulating the Corporate Strategy and when individual services were drawing up their Service Plans. 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 adoption of this Business Plan will have no direct impact, but the delivery of the

associated actions (particularly those attached to the sustainability building block in the Corporate Strategy 2022-2027) provides a basis for more environmentally sustainable planning and operational change to follow. Teams delivering projects can work closely with the Sustainable City Team to access their expertise in areas of sustainability relevant to projects being undertaken, this can be done through the planning and Eco IA process.

Actions within the Business Plan provide for significant positive environmental improvement, in particular a reduction in citywide CO2 emissions and improvements to local air quality. Specific decisions and policy making in the future will be guided by these key actions but will be subject to separate approvals. The overall impact of this Plan is likely to be positive.

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