

Bristol City Council Equality Impact Relevance Check



This tool will identify the equalities relevance of a proposal, and establish whether a full Equality Impact Assessment will be required. Please read the guidance prior to completing this relevance check.

What is the proposal?	
Name of proposal	Portway Park and Ride Rail Station bid proposal
Please outline the proposal.	<p>Bristol City Council's Strategic City Transport team is preparing two bids to enable the development of a rail station platform at the existing Portway bus park and ride site: one to the Department for Transport's New Stations Fund 2 and another to the Local Enterprise Partnership's Local Growth Fund. Bidding for both competitions simultaneously will increase the likelihood of the Council securing funding for development of the station.</p> <p>Complementing the existing bus park and ride facility the addition of a rail station will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve connectivity to both the BTQEZ and the Avonmouth Enterprise Zone - Provide alternative transport for car users travelling to the city centre - Provide a rail-based P&R service for the Bristol Arena - Reduce road congestion, airborne pollution, carbon emissions and car parking demand in inner Bristol – particularly at peak times. - Improve connectivity to stations in the north and inner Bristol – inc. regional rail services - Be capable of interfacing with existing/planned projects such as MetroWest phase 1. <p>Bristol City Council is bidding for £2.225M to complete the works and if successful in the bidding process will see detailed design work for the station undertaken in 2017/18 with construction from 2018-2019. The first trains would be expected to start serving the station in May 2019.</p>
What savings will this proposal achieve?	The proposal will not result in any savings.
Name of Lead Officer	Colin Rees

Could your proposal impact citizens with protected characteristics? (This includes service users and the wider community)

Please outline where there may be significant opportunities or positive impacts, and for whom.

- The Portway P&R rail station will provide open access, Equality Act compliant, sustainable transport infrastructure for residents and visitors to the city, including those with protected characteristics.
- The station will provide additional travel options for visitors and commuters travelling into the city centre, and provide improved access to the Avonmouth Enterprise Area, Bristol Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone and the Arena, linking in with local and national train services.
- As a sustainable alternative to car use, the rail station will provide air quality improvements benefitting the health of our residents.

Please outline where there may be significant negative impacts, and for whom.

There are no projected negative impacts for citizens with protected characteristics

Could your proposal impact staff with protected characteristics?

(i.e. reduction in posts, changes to working hours or locations, changes in pay)

Please outline where there may be significant opportunities or positive impacts, and for whom.

This project will not have a negative impact in terms of a reduction in posts, changes to working hours or changes in pay.

Please outline where there may be negative impacts, and for whom.

There are no projected negative impacts for staff with protected characteristics

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required?

Does the proposal have the potential to impact on people with protected characteristics in the following ways:

- access to or participation in a service,
- levels of representation in our workforce, or
- reducing quality of life (i.e. health, education, standard of living) ?

Please indicate yes or no. If the answer is yes then a full impact assessment must be carried out. If the answer is no, please provide a justification.

Yes. The development of the Portway P&R Rail Station will require a diversity impact assessment which will be carried out by Network Rail as part of the Governance for Railway Investment Projects process. This will ensure that facility is designed in a way to allow access by all users, including those with protected characteristics.

The bid to the Department for Transport's New Stations Fund will require BCC to undertake a diversity impact assessment before submitting any proposal.

Service Director sign-off and date:

Anne James
Equality and Community Cohesion Team
Leader
6/10/2016