

**Eco Impact Checklist**

<b>Title of report: Young People's Housing &amp; Independence Pathway Commissioning Plan 2023</b>				
<b>Report author: Carmel Brogan</b>				
<b>Anticipated date of key decision</b>				
<p><b>Summary of proposals:</b> We are asking cabinet to agree the Young People's Housing &amp; Independence Pathway Commissioning Plan and to give delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Growth &amp; Regeneration to procure commissioned supported accommodation services and a youth hub focussed on preventing homelessness. We are also asking cabinet to give delegated authority to the Director Growth &amp; Regeneration to extend and vary the contracts for these services within the budget envelopes set out in the report. The contracts for the current Pathway services for young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness all end in 2024.</p> <p>We have developed a recommissioning plan for the Pathway which seeks to secure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved website and information resources for early homeless prevention</li> <li>• A recommissioned Youth Prevention Hub, focused on preventing homelessness for young people aged 16-24</li> <li>• A recommissioned supported housing pathway with a more flexible support offer</li> <li>• A specialist mental health support service, bringing specialist support to young people housed in the pathway and upskilling their key workers</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons for changes from the current Youth Housing &amp; Independence Pathway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current externally commissioned contracts are coming to an end in March 2024.</li> <li>• The BCC budget has been the same since 2017 and will no longer purchase the same level of services.</li> <li>• To respond to the changed needs of young people, especially after the pandemic, who are presenting increasingly with mental health needs.</li> <li>• To commission a supported housing pathway to enable the provider organisations to work in proactive partnership to make best use of scarce resources.</li> </ul>				
<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	+ve	All the accommodation provided for young people uses gas and electricity for heat, light and power.	Young people will be supported through the contracts to budget (minimise usage) and to manage their utilities efficiently. There may be opportunity for housing providers to look at efficiency measures in the home, perhaps accessing efficiency funding that is available. Looking at light fittings (LED), insulation, or boiler type. Housing providers could talk to the Councils

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				Energy Services to check if there is any funding available for efficiency works on properties. Can look at this during the procurement process.
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	No			
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	Yes	+ve	All the accommodation provided for young people uses gas and electricity for heat, light and power.	Young people will be supported to budget (minimise usage) and to manage their utilities efficiently. YP pay for usage through contracts giving reason to minimise usage.
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Yes	+ve	Domestic waste and recycling services are used for all the accommodation provided for young.	Young people will be supported to budget (minimise waste) and to recycle their waste appropriately.
The appearance of the city?	No			
Pollution to land, water, or air?	Yes		Transport	YP will be supported to use active/sustainable transport where appropriate.
Wildlife and habitats?	Yes		Green spaces on properties	YP will be encouraged and supported to engage in garden activities where there is access to green space on properties.
<b>Consulted with:</b>				
<b>Summary of impacts and Mitigation - <u>to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report</u></b>				
The support provided to young people through these contracts enables them to learn budgeting and resource management skills so that they are better able to reduce their gas, electricity, and water consumption, reduce waste and recycle appropriately.				
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