

Environmental Impact Assessment [version 1.0]

Proposal title: Wrap Around Childcare		
Project stage and type: Initial Idea Mandate	☐ Outline Business Case	☐ Full Business Case
☐ Policy ☐ Strategy ☐ Function ☒ Service	⊠ New	☐ Changing
☐ Other [please state]	☐ Already exists / review	
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Service Area: Early Years	Lead Officer role: Project Le	ad

Step 1: What do we want to do?

The purpose of this Environmental Impact Assessment is to help you develop your proposal in a way that is compliant with the council's policies and supports the council's strategic objectives under the One City Ecological Emergency Strategy and the latest Corporate Strategy.

This assessment should be started at the beginning of the project proposal process by someone with a good knowledge of the project, the service area that will deliver it, and sufficient influence over the proposal to make changes as needed.

It is good practice to take a team approach to completing the Environmental Impact Assessment. See further guidance on completing this document. Please email environmental.performance@bristol.gov.uk early for advice and feedback.

1.1 What are the aims and objectives/purpose of this proposal?

Briefly explain the purpose of the proposal and why it is needed. Please use <u>plain English</u>, avoiding jargon and acronyms.

The introduction of 'Wrap Around Childcare' is childcare provision directly before and after the school day, during term time only and for primary school age children (0800-1800). This is a Department for Education initiative to support working parents with childcare across England. The aim is that by March 2026, all primary schools and academies should have wrap around childcare where demand is needed, to enable parents to take up employment / extend employment hours and includes travel time to and from their child's school/academy. BCC will provide funding (£1.8M) to schools and academies to cover the creation or expansion of existing wrap around childcare in a variety of delivery methods (e.g. on school sites, through childminders, through private nursery provision). Schools / Academies will submit applications and funding awarded where a) demand is evidenced, b) a full and sustainable plan is agreed. Funding will only be available until March 2026, when the school/academy should have a sustainable model up and running. Funding will be 'front loaded' so that rapid growth can take place in terms of wrap around childcare places.

Although being led by Early Years (due to the sufficiency duty managed by the team to ensure sufficient childcare up to the age of 14 years old), this is exclusively to provide wrap around childcare places for primary aged children.

1.2 Will the proposal have an environmental impact?

Could the proposal have either a positive or negative effects for the environment now or in the future? If 'No' explain why you are sure there will be no environmental impact, then skip steps 2-3 and request review by sending this form to environmental.performance@bristol.gov.uk

If 'Yes' complete the rest of this assessment.				
☐ Yes	⊠ No	[please select]		

- The majority of provision (if not all) will be on the same site of the school or academy and parents are already travelling to school for their child's primary education, there will not be any additional travel / pollution etc.
- We are not providing capital grant funding (only start up funding for staff training etc) so no 'building' work will be completed which could have an environmental impact.
- Additional waste will be minimal as many children will be using existing resources, already provided by the school

1.3 If the proposal is part of an options appraisal, has the environmental impact of each option been assessed and included in the recommendation-making process?

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If 'Yes' please ensure that the details of the environmental impacts of each option are made clear in the pros and cons section of the <u>project management options appraisal document</u> .					
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable [please select]					
If 'No' explain why environmental impacts have not been considered as part of the options appraisal process.					

Step 2: What kinds of environmental impacts might the project have?

Analysis of impacts must be rigorous. Please demonstrate your analysis of any impacts of the proposal in this section, referring to evidence you have gathered. See detailed <u>guidance documents</u> for advice on identifying potential impacts.

Does the proposal create any benefits for the environment, or have any adverse impacts?

Outline any potential benefits of the proposal and how they can be maximised. Identify how the proposal will support our corporate environmental objectives and the wider One City Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategies.

Consider how the proposal creates environmental impacts in the following categories, both now and in the future. Reasonable efforts should be made to quantify stated benefit or adverse impacts wherever possible.

Where the proposal is likely to have a beneficial impact, consider what actions would enhance those impacts. Where the proposal is likely to have a harmful impact, consider whether actions would mitigate these impacts.

Enhancements or mitigation actions are only required when there is a likely impact identified. Remember that where enhancements or mitigation actions are listed, they should be assigned to staff and appropriately resourced.

GENERAL COMMENTS (highlighting	ght any potent	tial issues that might impact all or many categories)
ENV1 Carbon neutral:		
Emissions of climate		
changing gases		
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BCC has committed to	Benefits	
achieving net zero emissions		
for its direct activities by		
2025, and to support the city		

in achieving net zero by 2030.					
Will the proposal involve transport, or the use of energy in buildings? Will the	Enhancing actions				
proposal involve the					
purchase of goods or services? If the answer is yes	Persistence	 of effects:	☐ 1 year or less	☐ 1 – 5 years	☐ 5+ years
to either of these questions, there will be a carbon					
impact.	Adverse				
Consider the scale and timeframe of the impact,	impacts				
particularly if the proposal will lead to ongoing					
emissions beyond the 2025					
and 2030 target dates.	Mitigating actions				
Further guidance					
☐ No impact	Persistence	of effects:	☐ 1 year or less		☐ 5+ years
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ENV2 Ecological recovery: Wildlife and habitats BCC has committed to 30% of its land being managed for nature and to halve its use of pesticides by 2030.	Benefits				
Consider how your proposal can support increased space for nature, reduced use of pesticides, reduce pollution to waterways, and reduce	Enhancing actions				
consumption of products that undermine ecosystems	Persistence	of effects:	☐ 1 year or less	□ 1 – 5 years	☐ 5+ years
around the world. If your proposal will directly lead to a reduction in habitat within Bristol, then consider how your proposed	Adverse impacts				
mitigation can lead to a biodiversity net gain. Be sure to refer to quantifiable changes wherever possible.	Mitigating actions				
<u>Further guidance</u>					
☐ No impact	Persistence		☐ 1 year or less	☐ 1 – 5 years	☐ 5+ years

ENV3 A cleaner, low-waste city: Consumption of resources and generation of waste	Benefits				
Consider what resources will be used as a result of the proposal, how they can be minimised or swapped for	Enhancing actions				
less impactful ones, where	Persistence	of effects:	☐ 1 year or less	☐ 1 – 5 years	☐ 5+ years
they will be sourced from, and what will happen to any waste generated	Adverse impacts				
Further guidance	Mitigating actions				
☐ No impact	Persistence	of effects:	☐ 1 year or less	☐ 1 – 5 years	☐ 5+ years
ENV4 Climate resilience: Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change Bristol's climate is already	Benefits				
changing, and increasingly frequent instances of extreme weather will become more likely over time.	Enhancing actions				
Consider how the proposal	Danaistanas	of officers.		□ 1	□ F
will perform during periods of extreme weather (particularly heat and flooding). Consider if the proposal will	Adverse impacts	or enfects:	□ 1 year or less	☐ 1 – 5 years	□ 5+ years
reduce or increase risk to people and assets during extreme weather events. Further guidance No impact	Mitigating actions				
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Statutory duty: Prevention of Pollution to air, water, or land	Benefits				
Consider how the proposal will change the likelihood of	Enhancing actions				
pollution occurring to air, water, or land and what steps will be taken to prevent pollution occurring.	Adverse impacts	of effects:	□ 1 year or less	□ 1 – 5 years	□ 5+ years
Further guidance No impact	Mitigating actions				
	Persistence (of effects:	☐ 1 year or less	☐ 1 – 5 years	☐ 5+ years

Step 3: Action Plan

Use this section summarise and assign responsibility for any actions you have identified to improve data, enhance beneficial, or mitigate negative impacts. Actions identified in section two can be grouped together if named responsibility is under the same person.

This action plan should be updated at each stage of the project. Please be aware that the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service may use this action plan as an audit checklist during the project's implementation or operation.

Enhancing / mitigating action required	Responsible Officer	Timescale

Step 4: Review

The Sustainable City and Climate Change Service need at least five working days to comment and feedback on your impact assessment. Assessments should only be marked as reviewed when they provide sufficient information for decision-makers on the environmental impact of the proposal.

Please seek feedback and review by emailing environmental.performance@bristol.gov.uk before final submission of your decision pathway documentation¹.

¹ Review by the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service confirms there is sufficient analysis for decision makers to consider the likely environmental impacts at this stage. This is not an endorsement or approval of the proposal.

Where impacts identified in this assessment are deemed significant, they will be summarised here by the Sustainable City and Climate Change Service and must be included in the 'evidence base' section of the decision pathway cover sheet.

Summary of significant beneficial impacts and opportunities to support the Climate, Ecological and Corporate
Strategies (ENV1,2,3,4):
Summary of significant adverse impacts and how they can be mitigated:

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Date:	Date:
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