



Environmental Impact Assessment [version 1.0]

Proposal title: Recommissioning of supported accommodation pathways for adults		
Project stage and type: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Idea Mandate <input type="checkbox"/> Outline Business Case <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Business Case		
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Function <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Changing
<input type="checkbox"/> Other [please state]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Already exists / review	
Directorate: Growth and Regeneration	Lead Officer name: Paul Sylvester	
Service Area: Housing Options	Lead Officer role: Head of Housing Options	

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 Climate Strategy](#), 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 plain English, avoiding jargon and acronyms.

- For Cabinet to authorise the Executive Director Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Delivery and Homelessness, to take all steps required to procure and award the contracts necessary for the implementation of the Homelessness Pathways Commissioning Plan for 3 years, with an option to extend for a further 2 years, in line with the procurement routes and maximum total budget envelope of £6,131,874 (subject to any annual uplift agreed that will be based on CPI and an appropriate Housing index) as outlined in the accompanying Cabinet report.
- For Cabinet to authorise the Executive Director Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Delivery and Homelessness to invoke any subsequent extensions or variations specifically defined in the contracts being awarded, up to the maximum budget envelope (subject to any annual uplift agreed that will be based on CPI and an appropriate Housing Index) outlined in the accompanying Cabinet report.

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.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	[please select]
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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?

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 [project management options appraisal document](#).

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	[please select]
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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 [guidance documents](#) 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 (highlight any potential issues that might impact all or many categories)		
Housing and Landlord Services commission 725 units of low, medium and high support accommodation for single homeless adults aged 22+ (Pathways 1-3) along with a Resettlement service which provides short-term support to Pathways' clients who move on to independent accommodation. A further 140 units of Pathways accommodation are funded by Public Health specifically for people looking to address substance use support needs (Pathway 4).		
While the Council commissions these services, and is responsible for all aspects of performance and contract management during the contract period, the buildings themselves in which the services are delivered and client are accommodated are owned and maintained by a variety of external organisations, many of whom lease these properties to the commissioned support providers. As such, the Council has limited oversight and control over whether the services themselves are delivered in sustainable buildings with green energy sources.		
ENV1 Carbon neutral: Emissions of climate changing gases	Benefits	
BCC has committed to achieving net zero emissions for its direct activities by 2025, and to support the city		

<p>in achieving net zero by 2030.</p> <p>Will the proposal involve transport, or the use of energy in buildings? Will the proposal involve the purchase of goods or services? If the answer is yes to either of these questions, there will be a carbon impact.</p> <p>Consider the scale and timeframe of the impact, particularly if the proposal will lead to ongoing emissions beyond the 2025 and 2030 target dates.</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Enhancing actions</p>	
	<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>	
	<p>Adverse impacts</p>	<p>The pathways accommodation services will use heat, power, and water. However, their recommissioning is unlikely to cause an increase in the current energy consumption.</p> <p>Providing support to clients living in dispersed accommodation across the city requires staff to use various forms of transport including personal cars.</p>
	<p>Mitigating actions</p>	<p>BCC’s established contract management processes will encourage considered use of efficient utilities and buildings.</p> <p>Support workers will be encouraged to reduce the use of personal cars where possible and to seek transport options that are better for the environment such as buses, trains, lift sharing and bicycles.</p>
<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>		
<p>ENV2 Ecological recovery: Wildlife and habitats</p> <p>BCC has committed to 30% of its land being managed for nature and to halve its use of pesticides by 2030.</p> <p>Consider how your proposal can support increased space for nature, reduced use of pesticides, reduce pollution to waterways, and reduce consumption of products that undermine ecosystems around the world.</p> <p>If your proposal will directly lead to a reduction in habitat within Bristol, then consider how your proposed mitigation can lead to a biodiversity net gain. Be sure to refer to quantifiable changes wherever possible.</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	<p>Benefits</p>	<p>Several of the supported accommodation pathways services have their own green spaces and garden areas, which clients often take responsibility for maintaining.</p>
	<p>Enhancing actions</p>	<p>The recommissioning of these services will help to ensure that these garden spaces are protected and continue to be used for this purpose. At the very least, this will contribute to maintaining current levels of biodiversity.</p>
	<p>Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years</p>	
	<p>Adverse impacts</p>	
	<p>Mitigating actions</p>	
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<p>ENV3 A cleaner, low-waste city: Consumption of resources and generation of waste</p> <p>Consider what resources will be used as a result of the proposal, how they can be minimised or swapped for less impactful ones, where they will be sourced from, and what will happen to any waste generated</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	Benefits	
	Enhancing actions	
	Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years	
	Adverse impacts	The provision of waste and recycling services, and staff and clients' willingness to correctly recycle waste will potentially have an adverse effect.
	Mitigating actions	Accommodation and support providers will be encouraged to reduce waste and promote recycling among the client group.
Persistence of effects: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year or less <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ years		
<p>ENV4 Climate resilience: Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change</p> <p>Bristol's climate is already changing, and increasingly frequent instances of extreme weather will become more likely over time.</p> <p>Consider how the proposal will perform during periods of extreme weather (particularly heat and flooding).</p> <p>Consider if the proposal will reduce or increase risk to people and assets during extreme weather events.</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	Benefits	Clients who are rough sleeping in Bristol during periods of extreme heat or sub-zero temperatures are supported by the St Mungo's Outreach Service to temporarily access accommodation, to avoid adverse impacts on their health due to particularly challenging weather conditions, under the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP). Some SWEP accommodation is located within the pathways services; in this way, the pathways contribute to reduced risk and increased safety for vulnerable rough sleepers during periods of extreme weather.
	Enhancing actions	Pathways services provide accommodation to rough sleepers during SWEP, protecting their health and wellbeing when temperatures are particularly high or low, and when sleeping outside would have an even more detrimental impact on people's health than normal.
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<p>Statutory duty: Prevention of Pollution to air, water, or land</p> <p>Consider how the proposal will change the likelihood of pollution occurring to air, water, or land and what steps will be taken to prevent pollution occurring.</p> <p>Further guidance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No impact</p>	Benefits	
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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
Encouraging support workers to reduce travel by car between support sessions with clients where possible and alternatively use public transport, share lifts, or use bicycles.	Paul Sylvester	October 2024-October 2029 (plus any subsequent extension periods).
The contract management process will encourage the use of efficient utilities and buildings.	Paul Sylvester (This is actioned however by managers overseeing the conversion works or development of the relevant properties.)	October 2024-October 2029 (plus any subsequent extension periods).
Accommodation and support providers will be encouraged to reduce waste and promote recycling among the client group.	Paul Sylvester	October 2024-October 2029 (plus any subsequent extension periods).

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.

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):
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Summary of significant adverse impacts and how they can be mitigated:
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Date: 08.01.24

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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.