

## Environment and Sustainability Assessment

Birmingham City Council is required to assess any positive or negative impacts that any policy/strategy/decision/development proposal is likely to have on the environment. To complete the assessment, you should consider whether that policy/development/proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on each of the key themes by selecting whether the impact of the proposal is positive, negative or has no specific impact on the themes. Please only tick one of these, by deciding what the overall impact is. The assessment must be completed for all Cabinet reports. It is the responsibility of the Service Director signing off the report to ensure that the assessment is complete. The table below is for guidance only and should not be submitted as part of the report.

Theme	Example
Natural Resources - Impact on natural resources including water, soil, air.	Does the decision increase water use? Does the decision have an impact on air quality? Does the decision discourage the use of the most polluting vehicles (private and public) and promote sustainable modes of transport or working from home to reduce air pollution? Does the decision impact on soil? For example, development will typically use water for carrying out various operations and, once complete, water will be needed to service the development. Providing water to development and treating wastewater requires energy and contributes to climate change. Some of the activities including construction or disposal of waste may lead to soil pollution. The decisions may lead to more journeys thereby deteriorating air quality and thus contribution to climate change and greenhouse gases.
Energy use and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions.	Will the decision have an impact on energy use? Will the decision impact on carbon emissions? Most day-to-day activities use energy. The main environmental impact of producing and using energy such as electricity, gas, and fuel (unless it is from a renewable source) is the emission of carbon dioxide.
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity	The proposal may lead to localised impacts on the local green and open spaces which may have an impact on local biodiversity, trees and other vegetation in the area. Will the proposal lead to loss (or creation) of green and blue infrastructure?

	<p>For example, selling an open space may reduce access to open space within an area and lead to a loss of biodiversity. However, creating a new open space would have positive effects.</p>
<p>Use of environmentally sustainable products, equipment and packaging'</p>	<p>Will the decision present opportunities to incorporate the use of environmentally sustainable products (such as compostable bags, paper straws etc.), recycled materials (i.e. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Timber/wood), non-polluting vehicles, avoid the use of single use plastics and packaging.</p>
<p>Minimising waste</p>	<p>Will the decision minimise waste creation and the maximise recycling during the construction and operation of the development/programme/project?          Will the decision provide opportunities to improve recycling?          For example, if the proposal involves the demolition of a building or a structure, could some of the construction materials be reused in the new development or recycled back into the construction industry for use on another project?</p>
<p>Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change and deliver Route to Zero.</p>	<p>How does the proposal or decision contribute to tackling and showing leadership in tackling climate change and deliver Route to Zero aspirations?</p>

<b>Project Title: Procurement of NHS health checks and smoking cessation enhanced service contracts</b>				
<b>Department: Strategic, Equality and Partnerships</b>	<b>Team: Public Health</b>			<b>Person Responsible for assessment: Becky Pollard, Assistant Director of Public Health</b>
<b>Date of assessment: 22/02/2024</b>		<b>Is it a new or existing proposal? new proposal</b>		
<b>Brief description of the proposal: Approval is sought to progress to Cabinet the Public Health Division's additional planned procurement for both NHS Health Checks and Smoking Cessation services in adherence to the recently introduced Provider Selection Regime with a Direct Award Process being followed. The Cabinet Meeting that is being worked to will be held on 23rd April 2024. The Adults Team will seek to engage providers with a targeted approach before and during the procurement process to mitigate the risk of low engagement with the tender opportunity. The Adults Team has the budget available to increase service provision and this is met wholly through the Public Health Ring Fenced Grant. It will have no impact on the General Fund.</b>				
<b>Potential impacts of the policy/development decision/procedure/ on:</b>	<b>Positive Impact</b>	<b>Negative Impact</b>	<b>No Specific Impact</b>	<b>What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated, what action will be taken?</b>
Natural Resources- Impact on natural resources including water, soil, air			✓	No specific impact.
Energy use and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	✓			By increasing more local services it is hoped to reduce the number of journeys citizens will have to travel to access services.
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity			✓	No specific impact.
Use of sustainable products and equipment		✓		The smoking cessation service offers Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) and vapes to service users. NRT packaging is mostly recyclable, however the vapes available as part of the service do include both reusable and disposable options. Disposable vapes and batteries are recyclable but must be taken to a dedicated disposal centre. We are aware of a partnership between a vape

				company and Veolia that specialises in safe battery disposal which we will sign post our smoking cessation providers to.
Minimising waste		✓		Same as above.
Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change			✓	No specific impact. However, by having a wider geographical coverage of NHS Health Checks and smoking cessation service providers Birmingham citizens will have more choice. This could result in service users not travelling as far to access these services. This would result in shorter and fewer journeys which feeds into the wider Council plan priority regarding tackling climate change and delivering the Route to Zero aspirations.
Overall conclusion on the environmental and sustainability impacts of the proposal	In summary there are mostly no specific impacts apart from use of sustainable products and equipment which we plan to mitigate impact through promoting recycling and raising awareness of recycling schemes.			

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