

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. This assessment must be completed for CLT and Cabinet reports where appropriate. It is the responsibility of the Service Director signing off the report to ensure that the assessment is complete.

To complete the assessment, you should consider whether the proposal will have a positive or a negative impact on each of the key themes by placing a (✓) for positive, (x) for negative and (?) for unclear impact, and (N/A) for non-applicable impact. Further guidance on the completion of the template is available on page 3 below.

Project Title:	Regulated Adult Social Care Commissioning – Home Support and Quick Discharge Services			
Directorate: Adults	Team: Commissioning		Person Responsible for assessment: Alison Malik	
Date of assessment: 23/10/23	Is it a new or existing proposal? Existing services being recommissioned			
Brief description of the proposal: Approval is being sought to a Commissioning Strategy for the commissioning of Regulated Adult Social Care – in particular for home support services for adults and children and quick discharge services to support hospital discharge that the Council has a statutory duty to provide for citizens under the Care Act 2014. The Council currently commissions around 70 independent care providers to provide these services on our behalf and holds contracts with each organisation/care location.				
Potential impacts of the policy/development/ decision on:	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	No Specific Impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated, what action will be taken?
Natural Resources - including water, soil, air		X		The services provided will require the use of natural resources to operate their offices, however care is provided in citizens own homes and the carers would make use of the citizen's utilities as needed. However, contracts require all providers to ensure that they are familiar with the Council's aims for a Sustainable Birmingham and shall ensure that in its performance of the

				<p>Service, it uses working methods, equipment, materials and consumables which minimise environmental impact.</p> <p>The environmental impact will also be incorporated into provider Social Value action plans.</p>
Energy use and CO ₂ emissions		x		<p>The services provided will require energy use through things like lighting and heating in care providers offices, through to travel to citizens homes.</p> <p>Citizens are living in their own homes and the carers would make use of the citizen's utilities. Carers will be required to travel to provide care to individuals in their own homes and this is a significant part of the service delivery model for home care.</p> <p>However, contracts require all providers to ensure they are familiar with the Council's aims for a Sustainable Birmingham and shall ensure that in its performance of the Service, it uses working methods, equipment, materials and consumables which minimise environmental impact.</p> <p>The environmental impact will also be incorporated into provider Social Value action plans.</p> <p>Finally, Commissioners have designed the commissioning model on a geographic basis, to reduce travel or carers to a maximum of 2 miles per call for home support services. Recent cost of care data, confirms the average travel time for home support to be 1.5miles per call. This geographic model takes into account road and public transport routes and therefore not only reducing the need for travel, but also maximises the opportunity for use of public transport in delivering care.</p>

				Although the Quick Discharge Service is a city-wide service, the provider is required to operate a locality level, as this is an integral part of the Intermediate Care Service approach.
Quality of environment			x	Care providers generally operate from fairly small offices and contracts require all providers to ensure they are familiar with the Council's aims for a Sustainable Birmingham and shall ensure that in its performance of the Service, it uses working methods, equipment, materials and consumables which minimise environmental impact.
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity			x	None identified.
Use of sustainable products and equipment		x		<p>As providers are providing personal care, in some cases it is not always possible to use sustainable products e.g. the requirement to use disposable PPE.</p> <p>The use of sustainable products and equipment will be incorporated into provider Social Value action plans.</p> <p>However, contracts require all providers to ensure they are familiar with the Council's aims for a Sustainable Birmingham and shall ensure that in its performance of the Service, it uses working methods, equipment, materials and consumables which minimise environmental impact.</p>
Minimising waste		x		<p>As providers are providing personal care, in some cases it is not always possible to reduce waste as some products must be disposable and certain waste types must be disposed of in line with Infection Control Procedures e.g. disposal of human waste.</p> <p>Minimisation of waste will be incorporated into provider Social Value action plans.</p> <p>However, contracts require all providers to ensure they are</p>

				familiar with the Council's aims for a Sustainable Birmingham and shall ensure that in its performance of the Service, it uses working methods, equipment, materials and consumables which minimise environmental impact.
Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change			x	See conclusion below.
Overall conclusion on the environmental and sustainability impacts of the proposal	<p>Whilst the services commissioned by the Council that are within scope of this decision do have an impact on the environment, carers are delivering care to citizens in their own homes. The key environmental impact of the service is in travelling between care calls, however Commissioners have designed the commissioning model on a geographic basis, to reduce travel or carers to a maximum of 2 miles per call for home support services. Recent cost of care data, confirms the average travel time for home support to be 1.5 miles per call. This geographic model takes into account road and public transport routes and therefore not only reduces the need for travel, but also maximises the opportunity for use of public transport in delivering care.</p> <p>Some elements of the service require compliance with national guidance and legislation in relation to Infection Control practice and the type of supplies that can be used. In these cases, there are sometimes limitations in relation to use of sustainable products. However, providers are required to take opportunities to reduce their environmental impact wherever possible and we will capture any actions taken through their Social Value action plan.</p> <p>All care providers are required to ensure that they are familiar with the Council's aims for a Sustainable Birmingham and shall ensure that in its performance of the Service, it uses working methods, equipment, materials and consumables which minimise environmental impact. This will be monitored through providers Social Value Action Plans, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport: encouraging use of low/zero emissions vehicles to travel between residents • Buildings: encouraging homes to work towards lowering their emissions by moving away from fossil fuel to low emission technologies and improving the fabric of their buildings in order to reduce their heating etc. • Minimising Waste and the use of sustainable products: encouraging providers to procure locally and 			

	avoiding single use products wherever possible.
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