

Environment and Sustainability Assessment

Project Title:	Neighbourhood Network Schemes Recommissioning			
Department: Adult Social Care	Team: Prevention & Communities Commissioning Team	Person Responsible for assessment: Matthew Bick		
Date of assessment: 13 th May 2021	Is it a new or existing proposal? Existing proposal to be recommissioned and extended			
Brief description of the proposal: As part of Adult Social Care's strategy to prevent, reduce and delay the need for Citizen to access long-term care service; we have 10 Neighbourhood Networks Schemes (NNS) working to develop a range of community-based support within neighbourhoods. They do this by asset mapping, capacity building, localised commissioning, developing partnerships with the voluntary sector, Health, Social Care and other parts of the public sector. We propose to recommission and extend NNS starting from April 2022 for 5 years.				
Potential impacts of the policy/development decision/procedure/ 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- Impact on natural resources including water, soil, air			√	
Energy use and CO ₂ emissions			√	
Quality of environment	√			Each NNS has worked with local older people to identify ways to promote wellbeing and independence through being active. This has led to mapping of environmental groups or activities and small grants for community projects that improve the local environment. E.g. community led litter clearance.

Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity	√			<p>Each NNS has mapped local green spaces and activities / groups / services active in these places. The NNS promotes positive participation of older and disabled adults as part of the Prevention First Outcomes – ‘being more active’ & ‘reducing isolation’. NNS also work in partnership with the Future Parks Accelerator Programme which protects and develops natural resources in urban areas, and make sure green space are accessible. https://www.futureparks.org.uk/birmingham</p> <p>Across the City NNS’ have also awarded small grants for projects in local green spaces e.g. allotments or community gardens.</p>
Use of sustainable products and equipment			√	
Minimising waste			√	
Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change			√	
Overall conclusion on the environmental and sustainability impacts of the proposal	<p>Although improving the environment / use of green spaces is not the primary purpose of the NNS; their work to build the capacity of community based support to enable older, and disabled, people to lead happy independent lives in their own homes will make a positive contribution to improving the local environment. NNS are also based on a local partnership model which will provides opportunities to work with specialist environmental or green space projects.</p>			