

## 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.

<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Prevention &amp; Communities Grants Programme</b>			
<b>Directorate:</b> Adult Social Care	<b>Team: Prevention and Communities Commissioning</b>		<b>Person Responsible for assessment:</b> Victoria Tidy	
<b>Date of assessment:</b> 1st November 2022	<b>Is it a new or existing proposal?</b> existing			
<b>Brief description of the proposal:</b>  As part of Adult Social Care's strategy to prevent, reduce and delay the need for Citizen to access long-term care service; it aims to support older people, people with disabilities and/or people with mental health conditions. P&C Grants Programme moving forward ensures links to the whole life course approach and the new re-designed NNS service which includes Younger Adults with long-term disabilities. We propose to commence the new programme October 2023.				
<b>Potential impacts of the policy/development/ decision 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 - including water, soil, air			√	
Energy use and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions			√	
Quality of environment	√			The P&C Grants Programme has worked with local older and disabled 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&C Grants Programme promotes positive participation of older and disabled adults as part of the Prevention First Outcomes – ‘being more active’ & ‘reducing isolation’. Number of activities/services are delivered in local green and open spaces, making it more accessible to residents
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	Although improving the environment / use of green spaces is not the primary purpose of the P&C Grants Programme; 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 and communities will make a positive contribution to improving the local environment.			



### Guidance for completing the template

Theme	Example
Natural Resources - Impact on natural resources including water, soil, air.	<p>Does the decision increase water use?</p> <p>Does the decision have an impact on air quality?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Does the decision impact on soil?</p> <p>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 affluent water 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.</p>
Energy use and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions.	<p>Will the decision have an impact on energy use?</p> <p>Will the decision impact on carbon emissions?</p> <p>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.</p>
Quality of environment.	<p>Does the decision impact on the overall quality of the built environment?</p> <p>Decisions may have an impact on the overall setting, character and distinctiveness in the area. For example, if development involves ground digging and excavations etc. it may have an impact on the local archaeology.</p>
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity	<p>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.</p> <p>Will the proposal lead to loss (or creation) of green and blue infrastructure?</p> <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>
Use of environmentally sustainable products, equipment and packaging'	<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>
Minimising waste	<p>Will the decision minimise waste creation and the maximise recycling during the construction and operation</p>

	<p>of the development/programme/project?</p> <p>Will the decision provide opportunities to improve recycling?</p> <p>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>
Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change and deliver Route to Zero.	How does the proposal or decision contribute to tackling and showing leadership in tackling climate change and deliver Route to Zero aspirations?

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