

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.

Project Title: Sexual Health Treatment & Prevention Service – Contract Award 2023				
Department: Public Health	Team: Adults			Person Responsible for assessment: Juliet Grainger
Date of assessment: 10/11//23		Is it a new or existing proposal?: Existing		
Brief description of the proposal: Request for cabinet to approve the Contract Award of the Sexual Health Treatment & Prevention Service				
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			x	
Energy use and CO ₂ emissions	x			The sexual health treatment and prevention service includes access to locality-based GP and Pharmacy sexual and reproductive health services e.g. contraception which reduces the need for people to travel
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity			x	
Use of sustainable products and equipment		x		Sexual health services by their nature generate clinical waste, e.g., syringes, testing equipment. There is also packaging that keeps equipment sterile and the use of PPE.

				<p>Many of these products are plastic based and therefore not currently sustainably manufactured. Products and packaging must also be disposed of frequently. These products will also need to be transported to the clinical sites and require regular delivery.</p> <p>As this is an existing service, we do not anticipate an increased impact. NHS waste management services are already in place. Products and equipment are sourced via the NHS supply chain and the appropriate governance arrangements.</p>
Minimising waste		x		<p>Clinical waste, packaging and PPE disposal required. As this is an existing service, we do not anticipate an increased impact. NHS clinical waste management services are already in place.</p>
Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change	x			<p>Locality based services reduce the need for residents to travel across the City</p>
Overall conclusion on the environmental and sustainability impacts of the proposal	<p>The sexual health service includes the main University Hospital Birmingham genito-urinary medicine and contraceptive clinics run by the Umbrella service and sexual and reproductive health services offered in the community via GP practices and pharmacies. Whilst clinical services will require the use of sterile and disposable equipment and generate clinical waste, this will not be exacerbated by the contract extension.</p> <p>The governance and monitoring sits within our existing service contract and is part of the NHS infrastructure e.g. the NHS supply chain has a sustainability strategy and targets to <i>“become the world’s first carbon net zero national health system by 2045, and 2040 for the emissions we control directly.”</i></p>			

If you require assistance in completing this assessment, then please contact: ESAGuidance@birmingham.gov.uk