

Climate Emergency Impact Assessment Form

Before completing this form, it is essential you read the Climate Emergency Impact Assessment guidance document.

This assessment is to help officers think about how their projects, procurements, commissioning, and services can align with the Council’s carbon reduction targets and aid in informed decision making. The level of detail required will be vary significantly. In many cases a simple qualitative assessment may be adequate, the depth of assessment will depend on the type of project/work matter being considered.

Title:

Beam Partnership – Housing & Employment Support

Type of Project:

Strategy/Policy	
Service/Function	Service – Housing and Employment Support
Other – please specify. (e.g. infrastructure/equipment purchase)	

Service area/Directorate	Change and Communities
Lead officer	Stuart Clifton
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Stuart Clifton – Housing Services Manager
Date impact assessment started	4th July 2022

Brief description of the project/activity including the proposed outcomes:

To partner with Beam a social enterprise organisation for a 12-month spend to save pilot programmes of working with 50 clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to support access into employment and housing. Through Beam's crowdfunding platform the clients will receive donations to provide the tools, training and equipment to support the clients to obtain employment, through Beam's partnered employers, and into stable accommodation. The expected outcomes of the pilot are 38 people start jobs, 15 people leave homelessness and 23 people avoid homelessness.

Options appraisal:

Were any other options considered in trying to achieve the aim of this project? If so, please give brief details and explain why alternative options were not progressed.

The Beam services are a unique response to provide an opportunity for homeless households to attract crowd funding to assist unblocking the issues they currently face. Research was conducted and no other providers could be identified who offer the same service as Beam.

Financial Impacts:

What impact will this proposal have on council carbon emissions? Increased emissions will increase costs in the long term. Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost, or reduce costs? The shadow price of carbon may need to be considered – see the guidance document.

Please explain why this will be the result, detailing estimated savings or costs where this is possible.

Consider impact over the lifetime of the project, this for example should include information on on-going maintenance, costs savings from lower energy use, long term implications in terms of carbon off-setting costs, due to not meeting the net zero ambition by 2030. A project might be very expensive in the short term if capital investment is required, but this could pay back over time in energy savings, and reductions of emissions, over a longer period.

Depending on the type of project this may be relatively simple or will require more detailed analysis and a clear outline of types of costs and how assessed.

Beam are based within inner London, but have expanded their services into outer London regions, including Kent. The primary model of support for the 50 clients will be remote interviews and support, therefore minimising the impact of council carbon emissions through the need to travel regularly into Kent. With supporting clients into accommodation with the private rented sector, accommodation must meet the minimum level energy efficiency (MEET) standard, an EPC Band of at least E.

Please provide details of external funding sought and obtained, (e.g. grant funding):

The project is to be funded from ring-fenced grant funding, with the majority of the cost of the project from the Rough Sleeper Initiative funding and funding for each tenancy secured from the Homelessness Prevention Grant.

Qualitative Impact Appraisal:

<p>How will this proposal impact on carbon/the environment?</p> <p>N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer-term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.</p>	<p>Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>No impact (Place an X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?</p> <p>Where possible/relevant depending on type of project please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes over and above business as usual. • Evidence or measurement of effect. • Figures for CO₂e • Links to relevant documents 	<p>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible and mitigate any negative effects.</p>
Energy:					
<p>The Council's energy consumption via its buildings and the services provided (electricity, gas, oil). Tick +ve if consumption will reduce.</p>		X			
Travel and Transport					
<p>The Council's energy consumption via travel (eg petrol/diesel). Tick +ve if consumption will reduce. If an EV is used the energy consumption can be included in the energy row above.</p>	X			<p>The service will be delivered predominately remotely, therefore reducing the impact of carbon from regular travel for the service provider and clients.</p> <p>By assisting clients to secure local jobs and housing, this will</p>	

				prevent the need for lengthy travel and commuting.	
Water					
The Council's water usage. Tick +ve if consumption will reduce.		X			
Waste including food waste					
Waste generated and type of waste. Tick +ve if consumption will reduce.		X			
Renewable Energy					
Creation of renewable energy. Tick +ve if it increases renewable energy production. Quantify these changes as part of the project benefits.		X			
Buildings & Infrastructure					
If the project involves the development/building of, or the acquisition of a building has the energy usage been considered. Tick +ve if the impact on the council's carbon emission reduce. Due to the nature of these projects a separate detailed assessment may be required to clearly quantify these changes.		X			
Embodied [†] energy - does your project/proposal include construction of buildings, refurbishment and fit-outs or other significant		X			

<p>infrastructure? If no, then tick neutral. If yes, have genuine efforts been made to minimise the embodied energy in the materials being used for that construction, and the source of such materials? Detail must be provided. Very often renovation can have a lower carbon footprint.</p>					
Impacts on the Borough in general					
<p>Assess the impacts of the project in terms of Borough wide carbon emissions and environmental impacts. Use the categories as listed in this table as a guide.</p> <p>Will this project increase pollution, (include any impacts on air, land, water, light, and noise)?</p>	X				<p>Clients who are assisted in local jobs and accommodation through the project will have a positive impact on the borough.</p>
Biodiversity					
<p>Protecting, enhancing, and increasing biodiversity (use of chemicals and their impacts e.g., on pollinators)</p>		X			
<p>Landscaping of green spaces in construction, civil engineering, highways, grass-cutting verges, and hedgerows</p>		X			
Climate adaptation and resilience					

Adapting to be able to cope with the effects of climate change, i.e., flooding/extreme heat		X			
Offset scheme					
Carbon offsetting – how will an increase in carbon emissions be offset. Tick +ve only if an effective offset scheme is used		X			

† for embodied energy information please see the guidance document

Good Practice Standards:

Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal? If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.

N/a

Summary:

Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, mitigation/adaptation, and next steps. This summary paragraph should be used as part of the cross-cutting issues in the main report to the decision maker and include this whole document as part of your appendices or background papers.

The climate emergency impact assessment has not identified any significant positive or negative impact on carbon or the environment, although it has identified some possible smaller positive impacts. The projects aim is support 50 clients, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, into employment and accommodation. The service will predominately be delivered remotely, minimising any carbon emissions from transport, as the service provider is based in

inner London. Accommodation that will be secured for clients but meet the minimum level of energy efficiency standards, of an EPC rating of at least an E, however, we would seek to ensure where possible that accommodation have an EPC rating above an E rating. Assisting clients to secure local employment opportunities and accommodation, will help reduce meet for longer distance travel and commuting, creating opportunities for the use of greener modes of transport to be used.

Sign off:

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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Completion date	5 th July 2022

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Signature	
Date	5 July 2022