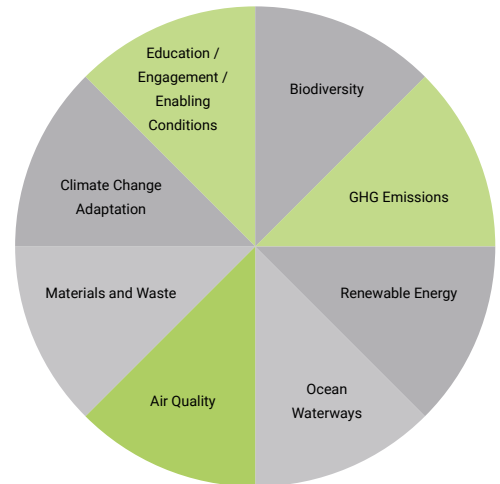


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Assessment Initial Summary:

This report is an assessment of the anticipated impact of the re-procurement of a number of bus services that form the Council's non-commercial routes network.

Assessment Final Summary:

The Council's non-commercial routes network provides a vital lifeline in areas where bus operators do not deem commercial services to be viable, and ensure improved access to employment, education, healthcare, leisure and retail opportunities for residents. These services reduce reliance on car usage, offering a greener, more sustainable alternative. This project has therefore been assessed as having a positive climate impact; the benefits are expected to be achieved in the education and engagement, GHG emissions and air quality sectors due to the anticipated change in travel behaviour enabled by an improvement in Plymouth's bus services.

Biodiversity Score: 3

Biodiversity Score Justification: The re-procurement of the Council's non-commercial routes network will enable residents to have an affordable and greener way of accessing employment, education, healthcare, leisure and retail opportunities. This will be delivered on existing highways and hence no change in biodiversity is expected.

Biodiversity Score Mitigate: No

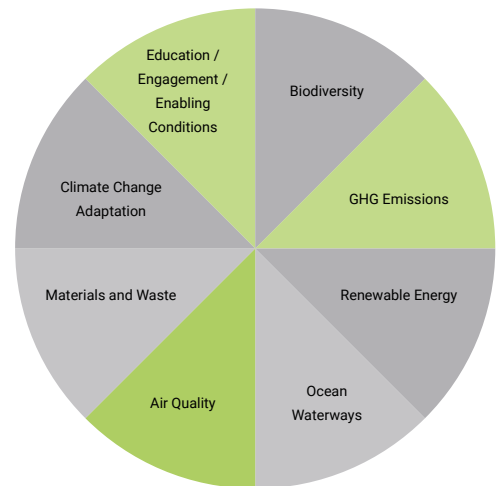
GHG Emissions Score: 4

GHG Emissions Score Justification: The re-procurement of the Council's non-commercial routes network will help Plymouth to achieve its net zero goals by 2030. Retention of the network will provide residents with an alternative sustainable mode of transport, and therefore an associated reduction in car use, making buses more efficient (with respect to bus emissions per passenger) and reducing greenhouse car emissions from private cars.

GHG Emissions Score Mitigate: No

Renewable Energy Score: 3

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Renewable Energy Score Justification: This procurement will neither increase or decrease the provision of renewal energy in Plymouth, nor will it involved developing either policy or infrastructure that will facilitate an increase in renewal energy provision.

Renewable Energy Score Mitigate: No

Ocean and Waterways Score: 3

Ocean and Waterways Score Justification: Bus services re-procured through this project will be delivered on existing highways and hence are not expected to have any impact on either the ocean or Plymouth's waterways.

Ocean and Waterways Score Mitigate: No

Air Quality Score: 4

Air Quality Score Justification: The re-procurement of the Council's non-commercial routes network will help Plymouth to achieve its net zero goals by 2030, and improve air quality. Retention of the network will provide residents with an alternative sustainable mode of transport, and therefore an associated reduction in car use, making buses more efficient (with respect to bus emissions per passenger) and reducing greenhouse car emissions from private cars.

Air Quality Score Mitigate: No

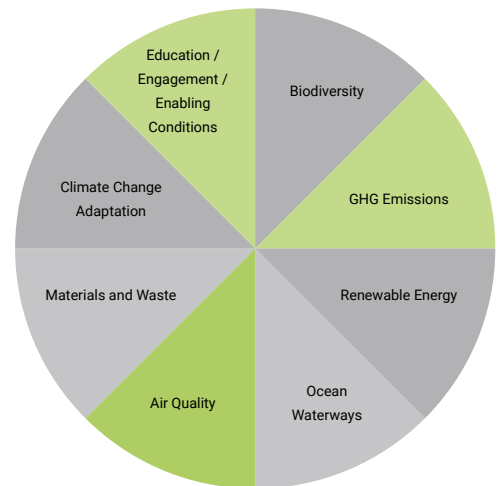
Materials and Waste Score: 3

Materials and Waste Score Justification: This project covers the re-procurement of the Council's existing non-commercial routes network. As such, no additional materials will be required and no additional waste will be made.

Materials and Waste Score Mitigate: No

Climate Change Adaptation Score: 3

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Climate Change Adaptation Score Justification: Re-procurement of the Plymouth non-commercial routes network is not expected to impact on climate change adaptation.

Climate Change Adaptation Score Mitigate: No

Education / Engagement / Enabling Conditions Score: 4

Education / Engagement / Enabling Conditions Score Justification: The provision of the Council's non-commercial routes network helps to engage residents who have no other means of transport to access employment, education, healthcare, leisure and retail opportunities. Promotion of these services will help to engage residents with public transport and in doing so will educate them around the need for a change in travel behaviour, and a greater use of sustainable transport, in response to the climate emergency.

Education / Engagement / Enabling Conditions Score Mitigate: No

Wheel Key

- Long lasting or severe negative impact
- Short term or limited negative impact
- No impact or neutral impact
- Short term or limited positive impact
- Long lasting or extensive positive impact