

Plymouth City Council 2025 Non-Commercial Routes Network Tender Contract Award

Project details

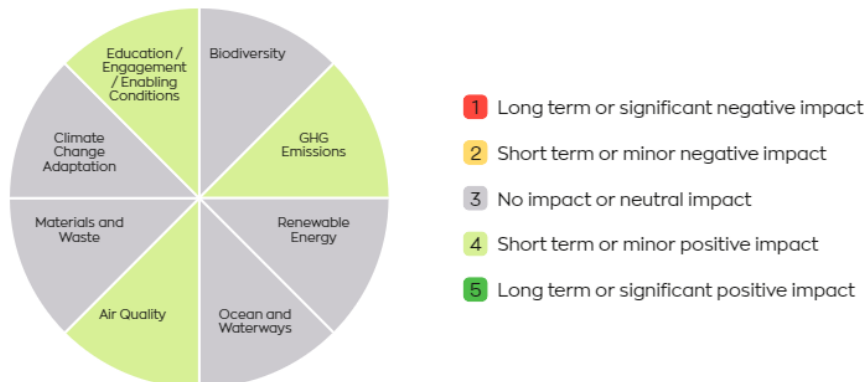
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Project summary

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Summary of assessment



This report is an assessment of the impact around awarding a number of local bus service contracts which will form part of the Council's non-commercial routes network. These services are vital for residents who have no other forms of transport to access employment, education, healthcare, leisure and retail opportunities.

The current non-commercial routes network will be maintained and the Council is also providing two additional services, one to the new crematorium on Haye Road and another link between Plymstock and Plympton via Sherford.

These services will provide residents with a sustainable form of transport to make these journeys therefore reducing reliance on the private car.

Assessment scores

Biodiversity

Score

(3) No impact or neutral impact

Score justification

This contract award will enable residents to have an affordable and greener way of accessing employment, education, healthcare, leisure and retail facilities. These services which will form part of the Council's non-commercial routes network will be delivered on existing highways and hence no change in biodiversity is expected.

GHG Emissions

Score

(4) Short term or limited positive impact

Score justification

This contract award maintains the existing non-commercial routes network, with no services being withdrawn. The award of these contracts will help Plymouth achieve its net zero goal by 2030. Retention of these services 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.

In the addition to not withdrawing any services this contract award also provides two new additional services. One of these services provide a connection to the new crematorium on Haye Road and the other provides a link between Plymstock and Plympton via Sherford.

These two new services are in response to requests from the public and by providing these services residents will use them as a sustainable form of travel between these locations, in turn reducing the reliance on private cars and therefore reducing the pollution of the natural environment via car emissions.

Renewable Energy

Score

(3) No impact or neutral impact

Score justification

This contract award will neither increase or decrease the provision of renewable energy in Plymouth, nor will it involve developing either policy or infrastructure that will facilitate an increase in renewable energy provision.

Ocean and Waterways

Score

(3) No impact or neutral impact

Score justification

Bus services awarded via this contract award will be delivered on existing highways and hence are not expected to have any impact on either the ocean or Plymouth's waterways.

Air Quality

Score

(4) Short term or limited positive impact

Score justification

The award of these contracts will help Plymouth achieve its net zero goal by 2030. Retention of these services 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.

In addition to not withdrawing any services this contract award also provides two new additional services. One of these services provides a connection to the new crematorium on Hays Road, and the other provides a link between Plymstock and Plympton via Sherford.

These two new services are in response to requests from the public and by providing these services residents will use them as a sustainable form of travel between these locations, in turn reducing the reliance on private cars and pollution of the natural environment via car emissions, therefore improving the air quality.

Materials and Waste

Score

(3) No impact or neutral impact

Score justification

The award of these contracts does not require any additional materials, therefore no additional waste will be generated.

Climate Change Adaptation

Score

(3) No impact or neutral impact

Score justification

The contracts awarded are not expected to lead to changes in the risk of flooding, increased urban islands or make Plymouth more or less resilient to the effects of climate change therefore will have no impact on climate change adaptation.

Education / Engagement / Enabling Conditions

Score

(4) Short term or limited positive impact

Score justification

The award of these contracts, which will form part 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, especially the new services to the crematorium and the link between Plymstock and Plympton via Sherford will help 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. The Council's behavioural change team will also assist in promoting these services, offering incentives and advice to encourage residents to try these new routes, and the benefits this can bring in terms of the environment.