

Appendix 2 – Guideline Criteria for Assessing Budget Options

Rating Scale	LT Financial Sustainability	Community Wealth Building Potential	Contributes to 2030 zero net carbon target	Addresses Housing & Homelessness Pressures	Supports a diverse, welcoming & tolerant city	Supports Health and Wellbeing	Supports those facing the impacts of austerity
0: significantly worsens the situation	Expensive service with no evidence of cost avoidance [or does not support any priorities]	Significantly reduces local employment or business opportunity	Significantly increases carbon footprint etc.	Significantly reduces people in own homes or tenancies	Reduces support for people with protected characteristics	Significantly reduces availability of support or preventative services	Counter-intuitive and cumulative negative impact on low income families or people
1: worsens the situation	Higher cost service with no evidence of cost avoidance [or does not support any priorities]	Reduces local employment or business opportunity	Increases carbon footprint etc.	Reduces people in own homes or tenancies	Creates additional barriers for people with protected characteristics	Reduces availability of support or preventative services	Has a negative cumulative impact on low income families or people
2: no significant impact	Minimal saving or cost avoidance [or may indirectly support priorities]	No identified impact	No identified impact	No identified impact	No identified impact	No identified impact	No identified impact
3: some small benefit	Modest saving or cost avoidance [or may indirectly support priorities]	Maintains local employment and business opportunity	May reduce travel or energy consumption or encourage travel or energy reduction, green energy production, policies and action.	Maintains people in own homes or tenancies	Aids people with protected characteristics	Maintains or increases availability of support or preventative services	Signposts advice, guidance or support
4: clear benefit	Significant saving or cost avoidance [or supports priorities]	Increases local employment or business opportunity	Will reduce travel or energy consumption or encourage travel or energy reduction, green energy production, policies and action.	Increases people in own homes or tenancies	Likely to increase support for people with protected characteristics	Significantly improves the availability and/or quality of support or preventative services	Directly provides services, advice, guidance or modest financial support
5: very significant benefit	Substantial saving or cost avoidance [or significant support to high priorities]	Significantly increases local employment or business opportunity	Will markedly reduce travel or energy consumption or encourage travel or energy reduction, green energy production, policies and action.	Significantly increases people in own homes or tenancies	Likely to significantly increase support for people with protected characteristics	Substantially increases availability of support or preventative services	Provides alternative provision or direct financial support

