

### Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)

The intention of this document is to help the council to gain an initial understanding of the impact of a project or decision on the environment. This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. Dependent on this initial assessment you may need to go on to complete a full Climate Change Impact Assessment. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process.

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk)

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| <b>Title of proposal</b>  | New Constitution for North Yorkshire Council  |
| <b>Brief description of proposal</b>  | To consider the draft new Constitution for the new unitary authority.   |
| <b>Directorate</b>  | Central Services  |
| <b>Service area</b>   | Legal and Democratic Services   |
| <b>Lead officer</b>   | Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), North Yorkshire County Council and LGR Corporate Governance Workstream sponsor<br><br>Jennifer Norton, Head of Legal & Governance, Harrogate Borough Council |
| <b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b> | Moira Beighton, Senior Governance Lawyer, North Yorkshire County Council  |

The chart below contains the main environmental factors to consider in your initial assessment – choose the appropriate option from the drop-down list for each one.

Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse

| <b>Environmental factor to consider</b>                              | <b>For the county council</b>       | <b>For the county</b>               | <b>Overall</b>                      |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Greenhouse gas emissions   | No effect on emissions              | No Effect on emissions              | No effect on emissions              |
| Waste  | No effect on waste                  | No effect on waste                  | No effect on waste                  |
| Water use  | No effect on water usage            | No effect on water usage            | No effect on water usage            |
| Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)                           | No effect on pollution              | No effect on pollution              | No effect on pollution              |
| Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc) | No effect on resilience             | No effect on resilience             | No effect on resilience             |
| Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)               | No effect on ecology                | No effect on ecology                | No effect on ecology                |
| Heritage and landscape   | No effect on heritage and landscape | No effect on heritage and landscape | No effect on heritage and landscape |

If any of these factors are likely to result in a negative or positive environmental impact then a full climate change impact assessment will be required. It is important that we capture information about both positive and negative impacts to aid the council in calculating its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

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| <b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>         | Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:   | Not relevant/proportionate | Continue to full CCIA: |  |
| <b>Reason for decision</b>                       | The issues covered by the report do not of themselves present any significant climate change implications. |                            |                        |  |
| <b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b> | BARRY KHAN, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and Monitoring Officer               |                            |                        |  |
| <b>Date</b>                                      | 9 January 2023   |                            |                        |  |