

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

7TH MARCH 2023

Proposed De-designation of Children's Centres (now known as Children & Families Hubs)

Report of the Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Service

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to commence a public consultation on the de-commissioning and closure of five designated Children's Centres.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Children and Families Early Help Service delivered sessions from a range of premises for a number of years; however, since 2015, the use of some of these buildings has significantly reduced. This further reduced following the Children and Families restructure and service review in March 2019.
- 2.1 In March 2019, the Children and Families Service committed to co-locating Early Help and Safeguarding teams where possible, in order to improve communications, share best practice and provide joined-up services for families. Over this period, there has been a review of all North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) properties (including leased spaces) across the county enabling greater co-location of staff including Early Help and Safeguarding teams.
- 2.2 Over the last two years - during and following the pandemic – the Early Help service has redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families, moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of countywide virtual activities which families are able to access from their home, reducing the need for the same number of premises.
- 2.3 This model of delivery is supported by a recent government publication "*The Framework for Family Hubs*". The primary focus is not about 'buildings'; it is about 'place' and 'community'; having a sense of belonging; accessing support in the community, and; in many cases being delivered by people in the local community. The framework identified that family hubs come in all shapes and sizes: libraries, faith buildings, schools, early year's settings, youth & community centres and, community halls.
- 2.4 The local authority's Property Services team have a rolling programme to ensure efficient use of properties and where service operating models change, to identify opportunities for property rationalisation whilst continuing to support effective service delivery. For example, to facilitate co-location, the Property Service has invested funds to improve office and delivery spaces in Richmond, Selby and Ryedale.

3.0 ISSUES

PROPOSED DE-DESIGNATION OF CHILDREN'S CENTRES

3.1 The following section outlines the proposed de-designation of Children's Centres.

a) **Kirkbymoorside Children's Centre**

- DfE Designated Children's Centre
- £0 Sure Start funding therefore no potential funding clawback
- Potential annual saving of £10,800

From March 2020, Kirkbymoorside Children's Centre was unused at the point of the lockdown, due to the covid-19 pandemic. The building is situated in the grounds of Kirkbymoorside community primary school. Prior to lockdown in March 2020, there was limited use of the building, with only two weekly sessions.

There are two other buildings where service delivery takes place in Ryedale; Norton Children's Centre, and Atmosphere in Pickering, both which remained open during the pandemic. Following a refurbishment of Atmosphere in April 2022, the intention is to transfer the Kirkbymoorside Children's Centre property to the primary school to increase the capacity for early years delivery. Should a venue be required in Kirkbymoorside for sessional delivery by the Children and Families Service, there are a number of accessible community venues, including the library, where these could take place.

b) **Eastfield Children's Centre**

- DfE Designated Children's Centre
- £0 Sure Start funding therefore no potential funding clawback.
- Potential annual revenue saving of £49,800

Eastfield Children's Centre was previously used to deliver 'Family Time' and a small number of one-to-one activities. The building is leased from Sanctuary Housing, with the lease expiring in September 2022. A private day nursery runs from part of the leased accommodation. However, NYCC have been unable to sublet the accommodation to generate income. The private nursery opened up discussions with Sanctuary Housing to lease directly from the organisation. Alternative accommodation is available at Ourspace, within five minutes of Eastfield Children's Centre. Although Ourspace was unused during the pandemic, a substantial refurbishment was undertaken prior to re-opening in September 2022 to enable delivery of 0-19 services within the building, alongside touch-down spaces for Children and Families staff. Ourspace generates an income from the Healthy Child team - delivered by Harrogate District Foundation Trust (HDFT) - and Compass who are co-located in the building.

c) **South Craven Children's Centre (Glusburn)**

- DfE Designated Children's Centre
- Sure Start Funding £676,431
- Opened April 2011 with a potential 25-year clawback up to 2036
- Potential annual revenue saving of £12,600 with potential annual rental income of £6,000

The South Craven Children's Centre building was predominately used by HDFT for office accommodation for Healthy Child Practitioners. This building was unused during the pandemic and has not re-opened. There has only been occasional use for Family Time and this offer has subsequently transferred to Skipton and North

Craven Children's Centres, and is working well. A private provider has approached NYCC in relation to the use of the building for the delivery of an Early Years Day care provision. Discussions are currently underway and costs are being negotiated with a view to leasing the premises to the Private Day Nursery with a possible rental income of £6,000.

Although there was Sure Start funding of £676,431 invested in the building, as the property will continue to deliver Early Years provision through the private provider, it is not anticipated there will be any clawback.

d) Nidderdale Children's Centre (Pateley Bridge)

- Designated Children's Centre
- Sure Start funding of £590,715
- Opened September 2010 with a potential 25-year clawback period up to 2035
- Revenue costs of the property are estimated at £13,400

Previously used on an occasional basis for service delivery, the Nidderdale Children's Centre building was unused during the pandemic and has not re-opened. There has not previously been any partner use of the building which connected to the school. The proposal is to release the space back to St Cuthbert's Church of England Primary School, with an agreement that the premises would be used for direct work with children attending the school.

Although there was Sure Start funding of £590,715 invested in the building, as the transfer to the school will continue to provide Early Years provision, it is not anticipated there will be any clawback.

e) Wensleydale Children's Centre (Askrigg)

- DfE Designated Children's Centre
- Sure Start funding £50,000
- Opened c.2009 with a potential 25-year clawback period up to 2034
- Potential annual saving of £14,800

The building at Wensleydale Children's Centre (Askrigg) has only had occasional use, was unused during the covid-19 pandemic and has not subsequently re-opened. Service delivery has moved to Colburn and Carnagill Children's Centres. This building is leased to NYCC and the proposal will be to give three months' notice on the lease to the landlord (Yorebridge Educational Foundation).

Although there was Sure Start funding of £50,000 invested in the property, it is anticipated that as the Early Help service will continue to deliver support to children 0-5 years and their families in the locality, then it is expected that the DfE will not request this clawback funding.

OTHER PROPERTY ISSUES

3.2 Other buildings which have historically been used by the Children and Families service but which have been unused during and following the pandemic are also considered for disposal. As non-designated Children's Centres, these are simply property transactions and are not subject to a statutory requirement to consult, but are included in this report for completeness.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The proposal to de-designate and subsequently dispose of the five children's centres outlined in section 3.1 will achieve an estimated annual revenue saving of £101,400 alongside a possible additional rental income of £6,000. Further disposal of other unused properties will achieve a further £31,200. In total, savings of £138,600 may be achieved by realising the proposals.

4.2 Table 1 outlines the potential saving:

Table 1: Financial implications of proposal to de-designate children's centres

Building	Designated Children's Centre	Potential annual revenue costs (£)	Income implications (£)	Total potential annual revenue saving (£)	Potential Clawback (£)
Kirkbymoorside Children's Centre	Yes	10,800	0	10,800	0
Eastfield CC	Yes	49,800	0	49,800	0
South Craven CC Glusburn	Yes	12,600	6,000	18,600	676,431
Wensleydale CC (Askrigg)	Yes	14,800	0	14,800	50,000
Nidderdale Children's Centre	Yes	13,400	0	13,400	590,715
Flaxley road – Brown Cabin	No	15,000	0	15,000	0
Bedale Youth Shack	No	16,200	0	16,200	0
Total Proposed Savings		132,600	6,000	138,600	-
Total Potential Funding Clawback				-	1,317,146

4.3 The proposed savings will contribute to a corporate property savings target.

4.4 A number of children's centres received Sure Start funding as a capital investment. As part of this process the DfE could request financial clawback on the Sure Start Capital funding to a maximum total of £1,317,146.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There is a duty to consult on any changes to Designated Children's Centres. Statutory guidance from the Department for Education means that recipients must have regard to it when carrying out duties relating to children's centres under the Childcare Act 2006. Any building currently registered as a designated children's centres will need to be de-registered with the DfE following the de-registration guidance.
- 5.2 The guidance recommends consultation with stakeholders prior to any change. Although all of the centres included in this report have been closed since the start of the covid-19 pandemic and have not re-opened subsequently, there remains a need to follow the statutory guidance. The consultation will explain how the local authority will continue to meet the needs of families with children under five as part of any reorganisation of services. It should also be clear how respondents' views can be made known and adequate time should be allowed for those wishing to respond.

6.0 IMPACT ON OTHER SERVICES/ORGANISATIONS

- 6.1 There are no identified detrimental impacts on other services or organisations.

7.0 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There is a potential risk (assessed as low) that the Department for Education may request a funding clawback on Sure Start capital investment equating to a maximum amount of £1,317,146.
- 7.2 Between 2014 and 2016, NYCC de-designated and closed 13 Children's Centres with a total Sure Start capital investment of £3,643,140. NYCC was not requested to pay back any of the Sure Start capital funding.

8.0 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no identified Human Resource implications.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Over the last two years, during and following the pandemic, Early Help redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of countywide virtual activities which families are able to access from their home, reducing the need for the same number of buildings. This has removed any impact on protected characteristics as the model has created greater access to the service
- 9.2 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is attached as **Appendix 1**.

10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The proposal identifies an overall long-term positive impact on carbon reduction through reductions to the workplace property portfolio. The size of the workplace estate means that it is an important factor in the Council's overall carbon reduction plan, as a result when sites are vacated/ disposed of there is a positive impact as the overarching carbon footprint in relation to the workplace property portfolio will be reduced. Across the seven sites that are being considered as part of this proposal it is difficult to provide an exact figure around the potential carbon saving – as we do not hold the consumption data for all

of the sites due to the Children Centres being located on school sites with a flat charge contribution paid towards energy consumption. As a result, a review has been undertaken to try to determine the possible estimated saving with this being from 16,274kg with a potential up to 22,157kg.

10.2 A Climate Change Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is attached as **Appendix 2.**

11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 De-designating the five Children’s Centres and subsequent disposal plus the disposal of two additional properties previously used by the Children and Families service will yield annual revenue savings in the order of £138,600 (including potential revenue income of £6,000). Although there is a low risk of potential DfE capital funding clawback, this has not happened in previous cases in North Yorkshire.

11.2 The buildings proposed for de-designation were not used during the pandemic due to low frequency of use and have not re-opened whilst previous levels of service delivery have continued through alternative service delivery offers including community buildings and outreach.

11.3 Rationalising the number of buildings will enable greater integration of service delivery alongside achieving savings.

11.4 There will be potential carbon savings between 16,247kg up to a potential 22,157kg.

12.0 <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
9.1 To approve a public consultation on the de-designation and closure of the five centres outlined in section 3.1

Stuart Carlton
Corporate Director – Children and Young People’s Service
COUNTY HALL
NORTHALLERTON
7th March 2023

Report Author – Barbara Merrygold
Presenter of report – Stuart Carlton

Equality impact assessment (EIA) form: evidencing paying due regard to protected characteristics

(Form updated April 2019)

Proposed Closure of designated Children's Centres

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Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) are public documents. EIAs accompanying reports going to County Councillors for decisions are published with the committee papers on our website and are available in hard copy at the relevant meeting. To help people to find completed EIAs we also publish them in the Equality and Diversity section of our website. This will help people to see for themselves how we have paid due regard in order to meet statutory requirements.

Name of Directorate and Service Area	CYPS children and Families Service – Early Help
Lead Officer and contact details	Barbara Merrygold
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the EIA	Early Help Group Managers
How will you pay due regard? e.g. working group, individual officer	Working Group Karen Adamson Barbara Merrygold Paul Gumbley and Early Help Group Managers
When did the due regard process start?	January 2021

Section 1. Please describe briefly what this EIA is about. (e.g. are you starting a new service, changing how you do something, stopping doing something?)

The change closure, including change of use and de-designation of 5 designated Children's Centres.

Section 2. Why is this being proposed? What are the aims? What does the authority hope to achieve by it? (e.g. to save money, meet increased demand, do things in a better way.)

It is proposed that we de-designate 5 children's centres, all of which were closed at the beginning of the pandemic and due to the change in the model of delivery to children and families have not been required to re-open. It is proposed that the 5 building will be transferred for the use of Early Year or educational provision.

The Children and Families Service Early Help delivered sessions from a significant number of premises for a number of years; however, since 2015 the use of some of these buildings had significantly reduced. This further reduced following the C&F restructure in March 2019.

As part of the service, review Children and Families Service was committed to co-locating Early Help and Safeguarding teams where possible, in order to improve communications, share best practice and provide joined-up services for families. Over this period, there has been a review of all NYCC properties and leased space across the County enabling greater co-location of staff including Children and Families Early Help Service and Safeguarding Teams.

There is a corporate property savings target and any reductions in property usage (and any costs associated with remodelling other properties either as an invest to save, mitigate property rationalisation or facilitate moves) are within the Property Service budget. However A number children's centres received Sure Start funding as a capital investment so there is a risk of clawback on the capital investment however as the change of use is to transfer use to either an educational setting or private nursery it is not envisaged that the DfE will ask for any return of funding.

Section 3. What will change? What will be different for customers and/or staff?

The proposed building have been closed since March 2020.

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Due to a change in the way of working a blended approach of home and office working the use of these building for office accommodation is not required.

Section 4. Involvement and consultation (What involvement and consultation has been done regarding the proposal and what are the results? What consultation will be needed and how will it be done?)

The proposal has been agreed in principle with CYPLT and North Yorkshire management Board. A 28 day online public consultation will take place open to stakeholders and service users

Section 5. What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?
There will be a long term saving to the council, unless the DfE requests any return of previous capital funding

Section 6. How will this proposal affect people with protected characteristics?	No impact	Make things better	Make things worse	Why will it have this effect? Provide evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.
Age	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Disability		x		As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Sex	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Race	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Gender reassignment	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Sexual orientation	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Religion or belief	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Pregnancy or maternity	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
Marriage or civil partnership	x			As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access

Section 7. How will this proposal affect people who...	No impact	Make things better	Make things worse	Why will it have this effect? Provide evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.
...live in a rural area?		X		Workers already travel to people who live in rural communities. As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
...have a low income?		X		As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access
...are carers (unpaid family or friend)?		X		As part of the changes to our service delivery model we offer online and face to face outreach services either in the family's home or in community venues which has enhanced access

Section 8. Geographic impact – Please detail where the impact will be (please tick all that apply)	
North Yorkshire wide	X
Craven district	
Hambleton district	
Harrogate district	
Richmondshire district	
Ryedale district	
Scarborough district	
Selby district	
If you have ticked one or more districts, will specific town(s)/village(s) be particularly impacted? If so, please specify below.	

Section 9. Will the proposal affect anyone more because of a combination of protected characteristics? (e.g. older women or young gay men) State what you think the effect may be and why, providing evidence from engagement, consultation and/or service user data or demographic information etc.
No

Section 10. Next steps to address the anticipated impact. Select one of the following options and explain why this has been chosen. (Remember: we have an anticipatory duty to make reasonable adjustments so that disabled people can access services and work for us)	Tick option chosen

1. No adverse impact - no major change needed to the proposal. There is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact identified.	x
2. Adverse impact - adjust the proposal - The EIA identifies potential problems or missed opportunities. We will change our proposal to reduce or remove these adverse impacts, or we will achieve our aim in another way which will not make things worse for people.	
3. Adverse impact - continue the proposal - The EIA identifies potential problems or missed opportunities. We cannot change our proposal to reduce or remove these adverse impacts, nor can we achieve our aim in another way which will not make things worse for people. (There must be compelling reasons for continuing with proposals which will have the most adverse impacts. Get advice from Legal Services)	
4. Actual or potential unlawful discrimination - stop and remove the proposal – The EIA identifies actual or potential unlawful discrimination. It must be stopped.	
Explanation of why option has been chosen. (Include any advice given by Legal Services.) These building have all been closed since March 2020 during this period the delivery of services have continued using a blended model of delivery which has increased access to services for families.	

Section 11. If the proposal is to be implemented how will you find out how it is really affecting people? (How will you monitor and review the changes?)
 Service users may not be aware of the impact, as the direct work will continue. We regularly collect and monitor service user feedback so would use this to review the effectiveness of the service.

Section 12. Action plan. List any actions you need to take which have been identified in this EIA, including post implementation review to find out how the outcomes have been achieved in practice and what impacts there have actually been on people with protected characteristics.

Action	Lead	By when	Progress	Monitoring arrangements

Section 13. Summary Summarise the findings of your EIA, including impacts, recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

The EIA concludes that there will be little impact on protected characteristic. Service users will experience a more enhanced service as there is increased flexibility around delivery.

Section 14. Sign off section

This full EIA was completed by:

Name: Barbara Merrygold
Job title: Head Of Early Help
Directorate: C&YPS

Signature: 

Completion date: 21/02/2023

Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature):

Date:



Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance, please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Version 2: amended 11 August 2021

Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:

Planning Permission
 Environmental Impact Assessment
 Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk for advice.

Title of proposal	Proposed De-designation of Children's Centres (now known as Children & Families Hubs)
Brief description of proposal	<p>To progress public consultation on the de-commissioning and closure of five designated Children's Centres and disposal of two other buildings which have historically been used by the Children's and Families service which are no longer used.</p> <p>Depending on the outcome of the public consultation this could result in the vacating / disposal of up to seven properties from the Property workplace portfolio.</p>

	<p>Public consultation around proposed de-designation of Children's Centres sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Ryedale Children's Centre B5523 (on Kirkbymoorside CP School E2064) • Eastfields Children's Centre B5534 • South Craven Children's Centre B5542 (on Glusburn Community Primary School E2393) • Nidderdale Children's Centre B5540 (on St Cuthbert's School, Pateley Bridge) • Wensleydale Children's Centre B5522 (on Askrigg School E3289) <p>Properties historically used by the Children and Families service, but which have been unused during and following the pandemic being progressed for disposal (which were not designated as Children's Centres):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flaxley Road – Brown Cabin (on Flaxley Road campus B2251) • Bedale Youth & Children's Centre B0614 (on Bedale High School E4052)
Directorate	Children and Families Service (CYPS)
Service area	Early Help
Lead officer	Barbara Merrygold
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Katherine Edge (Senior Property Officer), Kristina Peat (Operations Manager, Energy and Carbon)
Date impact assessment started	21 st February 2023

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.

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The Property Rationalisation Programme will result in the transformation of the County Council’s property portfolio to achieve a reduction of in excess of £1.5 million in respect of revenue expenditure and to optimise the use of the property portfolio.

This will be achieved through:

- a reduction in the total floor area for the delivery and management of front-line services
- the delivery of the Beyond 2020 Modern Council Programme

The overarching objectives of the Property Rationalisation Programme, are to achieve -

- The implementation of more efficient working practices within all of the County Council’s property
- A reduction in the total floor area occupied by the County Council, resulting in a reduction in revenue expenditure and carbon emissions

Buildings which are either leased, underutilised or where service delivery could be transferred to be delivered out of another building are reviewed as part of the Programme, as this enhances usage of Property Assets, with the staff and services utilising the associated buildings moved to other locations within the Property estate. The relocation of the services to other locations will not have an impact on the delivery of front-line services or staffing structure in relation to the properties.

What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?

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

Any changes as a result of this proposal will form part of the Property Rationalisation Programme, which will contribute towards a reduction in Property's revenue budget and the total floor space within the Corporate Workplace Property portfolio, contributing towards Property's overarching saving target. There is also consideration when developing the option analysis / reviews around running cost implications, taking into account vacating sites and increased usage of sites where there are proposals for these to be used more efficiently.

<p>How will this proposal impact on 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 a 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 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 mitigate any negative impacts.</p>	<p>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.</p>
<p>Minimise greenhouse gas emissions e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.</p>	<p>Emissions from travel</p>	X		<p>Where a building has enhanced usage then there is the potential for increased traffic (staff and customers); however, this traffic will have transferred from usage of the proposed site to vacate / relocate.</p> <p>However, over the last two years - during and following the Covid-19 pandemic – the Early Help service has redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families, moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of countywide virtual activities which</p>		

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					<p>families are able to access from their home, reducing the need for the same number of premises and reducing travel.</p>		
	Emissions from construction		X				
	Emissions from running of buildings	X			<p>When a site is vacated, there will be a reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emission as it will no longer be utilising the site, however there might be an increase in usage at sites that services are relocated to, offsetting some of the reduction that might have been achieved.</p> <p>Across the 7 sites that are being considered as part of this proposal it is difficult to provide an exact figure around the potential carbon saving – as we do not hold the consumption data for all of the sites due to the Children Centres being located on school sites with a flat charge</p>	<p>Monitoring of usage at sites where there is increased usage of facilities.</p>	<p>However, over the last two years - during and following the Covid-19 pandemic – the Early Help service has redesigned the delivery of activities to support children and their families, moving to a blended approach of virtual and face to face activities. This has enabled the delivery of</p>

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					<p>contribution paid towards energy consumption. As a result a review has been undertaken to try to determine the possible estimated saving with this been 16,274kg with a potential up to 22,157kg.</p>		<p>countywide virtual activities which families are able to access from their home, reducing the need for the same number of premises and reducing travel.</p>
Emissions from data storage		X					
Other							
<p>Minimise waste: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>		X					
<p>Reduce water consumption</p>	X			<p>When a site is vacated there will be a reduction in its water usage, however there might be an increase in usage at sites that services are</p>	<p>Monitoring of usage at sites where there is increased usage of facilities.</p>		

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<p>Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)</p>	<p>X</p>			<p>Similar to water reduction, when a site is vacated there will be a reduction in elements of pollution, however there might be an increase at the site that is relocated to, offsetting some of the reduction that might have been achieved.</p>		

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<p>Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers</p>		X				
<p>Enhance conservation and wildlife</p>		X				
<p>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape</p>		X				
<p>Other (please state below)</p>						

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

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The overarching objectives of the Property Rationalisation Programme, are to achieve -

- The implementation of more efficient working practices within all of the County Council's property
- A reduction in the total floor area occupied by the County Council, resulting in a reduction in revenue expenditure and carbon emissions

Summary Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, including impacts, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

The assessment identifies an overall long-term positive impact on carbon reduction through reductions to the workplace property portfolio.

The size of the workplace estate means that it is an important factor in the Council's overall carbon reduction plan, as a result when sites are vacated / disposed of there is a positive impact as the overarching carbon footprint in relation to the workplace property portfolio will be reduced.

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