

## 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)

<b>Title of proposal</b>	<b>Final Recommendations on the Community Governance Reviews relating to the unparished town centres in Harrogate and Scarborough</b>
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	To present final recommendations for the creation new town councils to be created for Harrogate and Scarborough, along with proposed minor amendments to parish boundaries in Scarborough affecting three parish councils following Stage 2 consultation on the Community Governance Reviews for the unparished parts of Harrogate and Scarborough.
<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Legal and Democratic Services</b>
<b>Service area</b>	<b>Elections / Democratic Services</b>
<b>Lead officer</b>	<b>Barry Khan – Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)</b>
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	<b>Elizabeth Jackson – Democratic Services Manager Kerry Russett – Head of Democratic Services and Corporate Modernisation</b>

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 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.

<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full CCIA:	
<b>Reason for decision</b>	If Council recommend the creation of parish councils, town councils for Harrogate and Scarborough will be established from April 2024. No decisions on services, buildings or infrastructure will be made until the town councils are in place, further assessments will be required on any proposals which come forward at that stage.			
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>				
<b>Date</b>				