

<b>Initial equality impact assessment screening form</b>			
<b>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</b>			
<b>Directorate</b>	Legal and Democratic		
<b>Service area</b>	Electoral Services		
<b>Proposal being screened</b>	Statutory Polling Districts and Polling Places Review		
<b>Officer(s) carrying out screening</b>	Ben Natrass, Electoral Services Manager		
<b>What are you proposing to do?</b>	Adopt of new schedule of polling districts and polling places which will determine where voters cast their ballots in person at elections taking place in North Yorkshire.		
<b>Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?</b>	Conducting the review is a statutory requirement. Where changes to existing arrangements are proposed, the reasons are either that the existing location is no longer available or is not suitable for voters with a disability, or will improve access and convenience for voters.		
<b>Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources?</b> Please give details.	No, the proposals are broadly cost neutral.		
<b>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYC's additional agreed characteristics</b>			
As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?</li> <li>Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?</li> <li>Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to?</li> </ul>			
<b>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your directorate representative for advice if you are in any doubt.</b>			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		X	
Disability		X	
Sex		X	
Race		X	
Sexual orientation		X	
Gender reassignment		X	
Religion or belief		X	
Pregnancy or maternity		X	
Marriage or civil partnership		X	
People in rural areas		X	
People on a low income		X	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		X	
Are from the Armed Forces Community		X	
<b>Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts</b> (for example, disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	The proposals cover the entire North Yorkshire Council area.		

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<p><b>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (for example, partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.</b></p>	<p>No, the proposals relate only to where people will vote.</p>			
<p><b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b></p>	<p>EIA not relevant or proportionate:</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Continue to full EIA:</p>	<p>X</p>
<p><b>Reason for decision</b></p>	<p>No equality implications</p>			
<p><b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b></p>	<p>Jennifer Norton</p>			
<p><b>Date</b></p>	<p>04/12/2023</p>			