Appendix B: 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

Title of proposal	Community Infrastructure Policy Spending Protocol and Infrastructure Funding Statement			
Brief description of proposal	To approve the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Protocol which oversees the convergence of legacy council's CIL receipts and collection, auditing and spending of future CIL monies. This ensures that CIL serves its purpose of contributing to the delivery of the infrastructure necessary to support development in North Yorkshire. To approve the 2022/23 North Yorkshire Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement and publish on the North Yorkshire Council website			
Directorate	Community Development			
Service area	Planning			
Lead officer	Tracey Rathmell, Head of Delivery and Infrastructure			
Names and roles of other	Rachael Hutton, Principal Policy and Delivery Officer			
people involved in carrying out				
the impact assessment				

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

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

Decision (Please tick one option)	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full CCIA:		
Reason for decision	This proposal looks to develop a spending protocol for existing and future CIL monies and approve the Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS). The IFS is a factual document detailing the spend of S106 and CIL funding over the last financial year and therefore there are no climate change impacts relevant to this. The use of CIL helps provide the supporting infrastructure required by the housing and employment growth identified in the relevant Local Plans. Without this necessary supporting infrastructure, development would be less sustainable thereby having a corresponding effect on Climate change. As this proposal looks to establish a process, the impacts are neutral.				
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Trevor Watson				
Date	22/1/24				