

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

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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	Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2-23-2-30
Brief description of proposal	Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory duty to produce Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategies; the purpose of this piece of work is to produce a new Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the county to replace the previous one, which covered the time period 2015-2020. The development process includes formal consultation on the draft strategy. The overall ambition of the strategy is to reduce the gap in life expectancy, increase years of healthy life expectancy and reduce differences between health outcomes in our population.
Directorate	Health and Adult Services
Service area	Public Health and Involvement & Governance
Lead officer	Louise Wallace

Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Natalie Smith, Head of Service, HAS Planning Shanna Carrell, HAS Equalities Manager
Date impact assessment started	

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.

No. The Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory requirement.

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.

The Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a high-level strategy that includes a range of actions to be delivered via transformation projects, other strategies and plans including those 'owned' by partners eg the NHS, and partnership working. Each of those will involve the necessary financial planning. It is not possible to say overall for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy what the net effect will be, however, its overall aim is to reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing, which should have a positive effect on council and partner budgets in the long term by reducing the need for costly interventions.

<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>	Emissions from travel	x			Includes actions around active travel and neighbourhood planning		To be developed via the linked strategies and transformation projects included in the actions for this strategy
	Emissions from construction		x		No specific actions included in the strategy, although actions around planning for healthy places may have some small positive impact		As above
	Emissions from running of buildings		x		No specific actions included in the strategy, although actions around planning for healthy places may have some small positive impact		As above
	Emissions from data storage		x		No specific actions included in the strategy		As above
	Other		x				

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<p>Minimise waste: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>		x		<p>No specific actions included in the strategy</p>		<p>As above</p>
<p>Reduce water consumption</p>		x		<p>No specific actions included in the strategy, although actions around planning for healthy places may have some small positive impact</p>		<p>As above</p>
<p>Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)</p>		x		<p>No specific actions included in the strategy, although actions around planning for healthy places may have some small positive impact</p>		<p>As above</p>
<p>Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers</p>	x			<p>Actions included in the strategy around planning for healthy places should include some positive impact</p>		<p>As above</p>
<p>Enhance conservation and wildlife</p>	x			<p>Actions included in the strategy about enhancing green spaces and access to nature may have some positive impact</p>		<p>As above</p>

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<p>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape</p>	x			<p>Actions included in the strategy about planning for healthy places, enhancing green spaces and access to nature may have some positive impact</p>		<p>As above</p>
<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.

Where relevant, good practice standards will be delivered via the strategies and transformation projects included in the actions in this overarching strategy, particularly in relation to the strategy's 'Place' ambitions and actions.

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 strategy should not have any negative impact on climate. There could be a small positive impact on pollution, if people undertake a healthier lifestyle by, for example, walking rather than driving in certain situations – this is linked to the active travel and other Place proposals within the strategy. There could also be a positive impact on resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers, conservation and wildlife, and safeguarding the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire’s landscape – also linked to Place proposals within the strategy.

Sign off section

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