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 <u>climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk</u>

Title of proposal	Household Support Fund – Phase 6
Brief description of proposal	To deploy a sixth allocation of Household Support Fund allocation to provide support to households in need who would otherwise struggle to pay essential utility bills, buy food or meet other essential living costs. The £3.54m allocation is being made available to NYC by DWP to cover the period October 2024 to March 2025. It is proposed that funding will be provided via a household direct award of supermarket vouchers, food banks, energy support, NYLAF, and support for care leavers.
Directorate	Central Services
Service area	Customer, Revenues & Benefits
Lead officer	Margaret Wallace
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Marcus Lee

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	Providing support to households in need who would otherwise struggle to pay essential utility bills, buy food or meet other essential living costs will not have a significant environmental impact.		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Margaret Wallace		
Date	15 October 2024		