

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	Development of Care and Support Hubs
Brief description of proposal	<p>A strategic business case has been undertaken to consider the options to address the escalating pressures on Health and Adult Services (HAS) budgets, one of the main drivers being the requirement to purchase increasing levels of high-cost specialist older people's residential care in the independent care sector, due to a growing demand for the provision of dementia services and intermediate care. The business case also addresses the risks and issues faced as a result of the age and condition of the current Elderly Person's Homes which mean this provision is unable to meet need for specialist residential care.</p> <p>A proposal is put forward for a key market management intervention through the replacement of the Council's in-house older people's residential care services, currently known as Elderly Person's Homes (EPHs), with five new-build Care & Support Hubs strategically located across the county.</p>
Directorate	Health and Adult Services
Service area	Service Development/Care Provider Services
Lead officer	Hannah Brown
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Hannah Brown, Abigail Burns, Kirsty Gale, Ed Rouse

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	Decreases emissions	Decreases emissions	Decreases emissions
Waste	Decreases waste	Decreases waste	Decreases waste
Water use	Decreases water usage	Decreases water usage	Decreases water usage
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	Decreases pollution	Decreases pollution	Decreases pollution
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc)	Increases resilience	Increases resilience	Increases 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.

Decision (Please tick one option)	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:		Continue to full CCIA:	x
Reason for decision	<p>An individual CCIA will be required for each of the five Care and Support Hub developments, and this will be completed as part of the individual strategic business cases to be brought forward, subject to approval of the overall proposal.</p> <p>It is expected that modern building materials and adherence to new building regulations and standards will result in a positive impact of the overall programme on greenhouse emissions, waste, and water use in the long term. However, the decant and demolition of current settings, as well as the individual build projects of each new Care & Support Hub will, in the short-term, increase pollution and waste.</p> <p>As individual sites are not yet confirmed, the impact on ecology, heritage and landscape are not yet known.</p> <p>A net carbon figure would need to be worked through and agreed with Climate Change colleagues and measured against the individual Care & Support Hubs. Net Zero ambitions and opportunities are also acknowledged within the proposal. Our expectation is that overall, the impact to the Council and the county is positive but this is as yet to be quantified.</p>			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	<p>Kerry Metcalfe</p> <p><i>K. Metcalfe</i></p>			

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