

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

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	Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy
Brief description of proposal	Approval to consult on the Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy for North Yorkshire
Directorate	Community Development
Service area	Housing
Lead officer	Andrew Rowe
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Matthew Brown & Carl Doolan
Date impact assessment started	July 2024

Options appraisal

The Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy IS AN legal requirement in line with Section 150 of the Localism Act 2011, which states:

(1) A local housing authority in England must prepare and publish a strategy (a “tenancy strategy”) setting out the matters to which the registered providers of social housing for its district are to have regard in formulating policies relating to -

- (a) The kinds of tenancies they grant
 - (b) The circumstances in which they will grant a tenancy of a particular kind
 - (c) Where they grant tenancies for a certain term, the lengths of the terms, and
 - (d) The circumstances in which they will grant a further tenancy on the coming to an end of an existing tenancy
- (2) The tenancy strategy must summarise those policies or explain where they may be found.

The Tenancy Strategy is a high-level overview of the strategic vision for across North Yorkshire, which will underpin the Tenancy Policy for North Yorkshire Council to deliver its housing management function.

Climate change and the potential environmental impacts of our strategy are key considerations for the Housing Service and the detailed analysis of specific projects will be carried out as they come forward for political decision.

What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?

The strategy and policy will be delivered within existing service budgets and will be cost neutral.

How will this proposal impact on the environment? 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.		Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	No impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale? Where possible/relevant please include: <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 	Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.
Minimise greenhouse gas emissions e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.	Emissions from travel		X				
	Emissions from construction		X				
	Emissions from running of buildings		X				
	Emissions from data storage		X				
	Other		X				
Minimise waste : Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic			X				
Reduce water consumption			X				

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<p>Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)</p>		<p>X</p>				
<p>Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers</p>		<p>X</p>				
<p>Enhance conservation and wildlife</p>		<p>X</p>				
<p>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape</p>		<p>X</p>				

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<p>Other (please state below)</p>		<p>X</p>				

<p>Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal?</p>
<p>N/A</p>

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 Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy shows that there will be no environmental impact in itself, its vision, or strategic themes.

Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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Service area	Housing
Directorate	Community Development
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Completion date	26th July 2024

Authorised by Assistant Director: Andrew Rowe

Date: 27 July 2024