

## 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](mailto: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 in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk) for advice.

<b>Title of proposal</b>	Introduction of an Open Framework – Passenger Transport Services
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	Introduce an Open Framework to procure passenger transport services across North Yorkshire
<b>Directorate</b>	Environment
<b>Service area</b>	Integrated Passenger Transport
<b>Lead officer</b>	Catherine Price
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	N/A
<b>Date impact assessment started</b>	16 June 2025

**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.

N/A

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

The proposed introduction of an Open Framework will allow procurement to be undertaken through framework type agreement. Whilst it is not anticipated that tender prices will reduce due to the introduction of the system it is hoped that we can maximise competition in the market to our advantage and see an increase in interested providers.

The budgets used to procure transport services to meet the Councils statutory duties in relation to transport are expected to remain the same following the introduction of the Open Framework

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	No impact (Place a X in the box below where	Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where	Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?  Where possible/relevant please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes over and above business as usual</li> <li>• Evidence or measurement of effect</li> <li>• Figures for CO<sub>2</sub>e</li> <li>• Links to relevant documents</li> </ul>	Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.
Minimise <b>greenhouse gas emissions</b> e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.	Emissions from travel	X				n/a	
	Emissions from construction		X		No impact.		
	Emissions from running of buildings		X		No impact.		
	Other						
Minimise <b>waste</b> : Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic		X			No impact.		
Reduce <b>water</b> consumption		X			No impact		
Minimise <b>pollution</b> (including air, land, water, light and noise)		X			No impact		

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<p>Ensure <b>resilience</b> to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers</p>		X		<p>No impact anticipated</p>		
<p>Enhance <b>conservation</b> and wildlife</p>		X		<p>No impact anticipated</p>		
<p>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of <b>North Yorkshire's landscape</b></p>		X		<p>No impact anticipated</p>		
<p>Other (please state below)</p>		X		<p>No impact anticipated</p>		

**Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal?** If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.

N/A

**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 introduction of a new way of procuring transport services will not have an impact on the environment.

**Sign off section**

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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<b>Service area</b>	Integrated Passenger Transport
<b>Directorate</b>	Environment
<b>Signature</b>	<i>Catherine Price</i>
<b>Completion date</b>	16 June 2025

**Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature):** Michael Leah

**Date:** 14/07/2025