

## 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)

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

<b>Title of proposal</b>	Mediation and disagreement resolution services
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	To identify a supplier for a high-quality disagreement resolution and mediation service for parents and young people with special educational needs.
<b>Directorate</b>	CYPS
<b>Service area</b>	Education and Inclusion
<b>Lead officer</b>	Chris Reynolds – Head of SEND and Resources
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	Wendy Butterfield – Lead SEND Development Officer
<b>Date impact assessment started</b>	3 February 2026

**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.

**NA**

**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.

It is expected that there will be reduced costs to the council, it will ensure that a budget is clearly set in advance to allow North Yorkshire Council to monitor expenditure.

<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>	<b>Positive impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	<b>No impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	<b>Negative impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)	<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"> <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>	<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 <b>greenhouse gas emissions</b> e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.</p>	Emissions from travel		X				
	Emissions from construction		X				
	Emissions from running of buildings		X				
	Emissions from data storage		X				
	Other		X				
<p>Minimise <b>waste</b>: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>		X					
<p>Reduce <b>water</b> consumption</p>		X					

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

**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 impact assessment has not found any impact on the environment through this process.

### Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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<b>Job title</b>	Lead SEND Development Officer
<b>Service area</b>	CYPS
<b>Directorate</b>	Education and Inclusion
<b>Signature</b>	<i>W Butterfield</i>
<b>Completion date</b>	3.2.26

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

**Date:**