

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

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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 for advice.

Title of proposal	Community Governance Reviews
Brief description of proposal	Community Governance Reviews of a number of parishes across North Yorkshire to ensure that parish level governance arrangements continue to operate as effectively as possible.
Directorate	Legal and Democratic Services
Service area	Elections
Lead officer	Jennifer Norton - Assistant Director Legal Operations
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Christine Phillipson – Principal Democratic Services Officer
Date impact assessment started	18.09.25

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.

An alternative option of sending all of the consultation documents by post was considered, but this proved to be too costly and due to the number of residents and consultations involved difficult to manage physically, therefore a standard covering letter will be issued to the residents of all parish areas affected and the consultation will then be completed digitally. There will be the option of requesting a paper copy if required.

A Community Governance Review (CGR) is a review carried out by a principal council and is used to consider whether parish council arrangements in an area should be changed. Community Governance Reviews must comply with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

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.

There will be a cost for printing and posting circa 20k and will be absorbed by an underspend in Legal and Democratic Services so will therefore have no impact on budgets.

<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>	<p>Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>No impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<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"> • Changes over and above business as usual • Evidence or measurement of effect • Figures for CO₂e • Links to relevant documents 	<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 greenhouse gas emissions 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	Emissions from printing and postage.		
<p>Minimise waste: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>			x				
<p>Reduce water consumption</p>			x				

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<p>Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)</p>		X				
<p>Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers</p>		X				
<p>Enhance conservation and wildlife</p>		X				
<p>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire’s landscape</p>		X				
<p>Other (please state below)</p>		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 decision to complete the majority of the content of the Community Governance Reviews digitally will reduce the potential printing and posting costs significantly. All of the consultations will be signposted from the website for completion as well as supporting documentation detailing the individual parish requests.

Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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Directorate	Legal and Democratic Services
Signature	
Completion date	18.09.25

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Date:10.03.26