

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 in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk for advice.

Title of proposal	Delegation of Public Transport Duties
Brief description of proposal	To accept the delegation of Local Transport Functions from the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority for 2026/27
Directorate	Environment
Service area	Integrated Passenger Transport
Lead officer	Andy Clarke
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Andy Clarke
Date impact assessment started	11 March 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.

No other options, accepting the continued delegation of Local Transport Functions will allow officers to carry out local bus activities on a BAU basis for the benefit of residents and passengers.

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

There is budget in place to continue to provide this service. Bus Grant funding will be provided by the YNYCA to deliver the schemes set out in their Bus Grant Delivery Plan and no match funding from the Council is required

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"> • 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			Providing and improving bus services encourages modal shift from the private car which reduces emissions.	More bus routes are now operated by electric buses which further supports a reduction in travel emissions.	Strengthening bus services increases passenger numbers, which in turn increases the likelihood of further investment in bus service provision and lower / zero emission vehicles.
	Emissions from construction		X		No impact anticipated		
	Emissions from running of buildings		X		No impact anticipated		
	Other						

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Minimise waste : Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic		X		No impact anticipated		
Reduce water consumption		X		No impact anticipated		
Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)		X		No impact anticipated		
Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers		X		No impact anticipated		
Enhance conservation and wildlife		X		No impact anticipated		
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape		X		No impact anticipated		

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

Continuing to provide local bus services will support travel by more sustainable modes and lower greenhouse gas emissions from transport by reducing private car journeys. Local bus services support a modal shift away from the car with associated positive climate impacts.

Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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Directorate	Environment
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