

## 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.

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Title of proposal	Health & Adult Services Provision in Ryedale
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	<p>The report provides an update on strategic market development plans for adults' community-based care and support and the current care market position for community-based support in the Malton and Ryedale area.</p> <p>Through involvement of people who use services, it is acknowledged that adults with learning disabilities and/or autism, or indeed other care needs, are now less likely to wish to spend their days predominantly at one site-based day service and are seeking a more varied life in their local area.</p> <p>This report sets out the ongoing risks and challenges faced in sustaining operational delivery of adult day services at Cauwood Day Service in Malton. There has been extremely low demand for the service over the last five years, and the</p>

	<p>building is out-dated and in need of significant investment.</p> <p>The report acknowledges the valuable support that Cauwood Day Service has Provided to the people using the service over many years, however proposes that a difficult decision is needed to close the service in order to invest in local alternative community-based solutions for people in Ryedale and surrounding areas.</p> <p>The assessment of local community-based support provision in the locality indicates that, there is available capacity to meet the needs of people currently supported at the service. There is also the opportunity to consider more personalised care and support options for people through Direct Payments and/or Individual Service Funds so people can make their own arrangements with their chosen providers, giving them greater control and flexibility to tailor services around the needs and preferences of the person.</p>
<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Health and Adult Services</b>
<b>Service area</b>	<b>Service Development</b>
<b>Lead officer</b>	<b>Hannah Brown</b>
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	
<b>Date impact assessment started</b>	<b>08/01/26</b>

**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.*

The option to invest in the capital maintenance requirements at Cauwood Day Service has been discounted. It is difficult to justify the level of ongoing expenditure and capital investment that is required to keep Cauwood Day Service operational and the building's design and layout are such that large-scale refurbishment would be required to deliver an alternative service model suitable for people with more specialist care needs. Analysis of referral and admission data for Cauwood Day Service shows limited demand for the service over the last five years.

**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.*

If the proposal is approved by the Council's Executive Committee, it is anticipated that the seven people currently supported by Cauwood Day Service will be supported to access alternative local community-based support solutions. The cost of meeting people's needs and outcomes in alternative ways would be required to transfer to the appropriate locality Community Support Budget(s) or transferred to a Direct Payment or Individual Service Fund.

Whilst it is anticipated that the majority of staff at Cauwood Day Service will be offered suitable alternative roles, and the preferred option is to retain staff within Care Provider Services wherever possible, the outcome of this is subject to consultation and cannot be predicated.

It is proposed that following closure of the service, the Cauwood Day Service site is handed back to Corporate Property Services, it is anticipated that the site will be considered for the development of a new Extra Care Housing scheme for Malton. There will be a one-off corporate cost of securing the site.

<p><b>How will this proposal impact on the environment?</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	<p><b>Positive impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p><b>No impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p><b>Negative impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p><b>Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?</b></p> <p><b>Where possible/relevant please include:</b></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><b>Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.</b></p>	<p><b>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.</b></p>	
<p>Minimise <b>greenhouse gas emissions</b> e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.</p>	<p>Emissions from travel</p>			<p><b>X</b></p>	<p>The current staff team at Cauwood Day Service live across the Ryedale area; and some travel into work. Some staff do live in Malton or within close proximity, however the net position in terms of required travel is likely to be neutral overall. It is difficult to estimate the impact on travel for people and families, as people may choose alternative community-based support arrangements closer or further from their home to best meet their needs and wishes.</p>	<p>If the approval for replacement goes ahead, this will be able to be measured by tracking where staff are redeployed to and where people supported access alternative support.</p>	

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	Emissions from construction		X	<p>No further maintenance would take place at Cauwood Day Service if the closure went ahead meaning that, in the short-term, there would be a reduction in construction. Likely decrease in emissions in the short term due to the inefficient building no longer being in use. However, in the event of approval of a new Extra Care Housing scheme at the site, there would be significant construction during the development. In the long-term, it would be anticipated that any Extra Care Housing scheme would be a more efficient new development requiring less maintenance than the current building. A further assessment with assess the impact of any proposed new development in more detail.</p>		

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	Emissions from running of buildings	X			<p>Likely decrease in emissions in the short term due to the inefficient building no longer being in use.</p> <p>Cauwood Day Service is significantly under-utilised, and therefore the efficiency of heating the building is very low.</p>		
	Emissions from data storage		X		Data and information still stored where appropriate; no change.		
	Other						
<p>Minimise <b>waste</b>: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>		X			<p>In the short term there will be some items that will need to be removed from the building (i.e. furniture, IT systems, office equipment). Where possible this will be recycled and reutilised in other NYC services, including other in-house Care Provider Services. However, there will be a reduction in waste produced from the service. If</p>		<p>Where possible items removed from Cauwood Day Service will be recycled and reutilised in other NYC services.</p>

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				<p>this property is returned to Corporate Property Services, this impact is likely to change depending on future decisions around the site.</p>		<p>Further CCIA to be completed as part of future decision-making on future use of the site.</p>
<p>Reduce <b>water</b> consumption</p>		<p><b>X</b></p>		<p>Currently, the service is operating below capacity. If the closure takes place, the water consumption will transfer to alternative services in the area.</p>		
<p>Minimise <b>pollution</b> (including air, land, water, light and noise)</p>	<p><b>X</b></p>			<p>Reduction of traffic, light and noise pollution at the site. Urban structure will remain, therefore is not advantageous for the ecology of the land</p>		
<p>Ensure <b>resilience</b> to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers</p>		<p><b>X</b></p>		<p>In the short-term term, the closure of the service will result in no impact for the resilience of the local area. Future decisions will define whether this will become a positive or negative impact – i.e. land use, increase in biodiversity in the area/ new development on the site, local topography, etc.</p>		<p>Reliant on future decisions and priorities for this to be a positive impact on local flora and fauna, biodiversity and improving resilience in the local area from</p>

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						<p>adverse/ extreme weather events.</p> <p>Further CCIA to be completed as part of future decision-making on future use of the site.</p>
<p>Enhance <b>conservation</b> and wildlife</p>		x		<p>Urban structure and concrete base will remain. In the immediate term no impact.</p>		
<p>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of <b>North Yorkshire's landscape</b></p>		x		<p>The current building design does align with the local vernacular and character of the surrounding area. This will be taken into account in future decision-making related to the building and site.</p>		<p>Further CCIA to be completed as part of future decision-making on future use of the site.</p>
<p>Other (please state below)</p>						

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

Not applicable.

**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.

If this proposal is approved for the re-provision of services delivered by Cauwood Day Service through alternative local community-based support provision, there may be initial increases in the negative impact on waste, which will be mitigated by recycling and reusing as many items as possible. The overall impact is deemed positive given the inefficiency and condition of the Cauwood Day Service site and premises.

This CCIA is specifically in relation to the closure of Cauwood Day Service. Overall, as outlined in this report, once the closure is complete, there will be a net positive impact on emissions and the environment.

### Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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**Date:** 01.04.26