

## Appendix C

### Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)

The intention of this document is to help the council to gain an initial understanding of the impact of a project or decision on the environment. This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. Dependent on this initial assessment you may need to go on to complete a full Climate Change Impact Assessment. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process.

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk)

<b>Title of proposal</b>	Introduce a new Housing Civil Financial Penalties Policy
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	The policy provides a detailed, transparent, and legally robust framework for deciding when civil penalties will be used, which offences are eligible, and how penalty levels are calculated. The policy incorporates statutory guidance and establishes a structured matrix to ensure penalties are consistent, fair, proportionate and deterrent. The policy will support effective enforcement of new Renters' Rights Act 2025 offences, selective licensing requirements, Housing in Multiple Occupation licensing, and wider housing standards, while reducing legal and reputational risk for the Council.
<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Community Development</b>
<b>Service area</b>	<b>Housing Renewal</b>
<b>Lead officer</b>	<b>Lynn Williams</b>
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	<b>Emma Jesper</b>

The chart below contains the main environmental factors to consider in your initial assessment – choose the appropriate option from the drop-down list for each one.

Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse

<b>Environmental factor to consider</b>	<b>For the council</b>	<b>For the county</b>	<b>Overall</b>
Greenhouse gas emissions	No effect on emissions	No Effect on emissions	No effect on emissions
Waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste
Water use	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc)	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology
Heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape

If any of these factors are likely to result in a negative or positive environmental impact then a full climate change impact assessment will be required. It is important that we capture information about both positive and negative impacts to aid the council in calculating its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full CCIA:	
<b>Reason for decision</b>	The updates to the Housing Civil Financial Penalties Policy does not create any climate change impacts.			
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>	A Rowe			
<b>Date</b>	26/3/26			