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

Title of proposal	**Library Strategy Mid Term Review and National Year of Reading Pledge**
Brief description of proposal	The Library Strategy: *Your Library, Your Place 2020-2030* has been running for 5 years and is not due to be renewed until 2030. The Library Service has reviewed the current document and the Mid-Term Review document has been produced to reflect progress from 2020-2025 and to make sure it reflects changes in local needs, service delivery priorities and national policy direction. This year (2026) has been designated as the National Year of Reading and Councillors have agreed to support this by signing a pledge, which sets out our commitment to support reading for pleasure.
Directorate	**Community Development**
Service area	**Culture, Leisure, Archives and Libraries**
Lead officer	**Hazel Smith**
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	**Hannah Nutsey, Climate Change Officer**

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

Environmental factor to consider	For the council	For the county	Overall
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.

Decision (Please tick one option)	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	YES	Continue to full CCIA:	NO
Reason for decision	The Mid-Term Review of the Library Strategy and the National Year of Reading pledge do not have any climate change implications.			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Jo Ireland			
Date	02/04/2026			