

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	Inclusive Early Years Fund 2026-27
Brief description of proposal	<p>North Yorkshire Council proposes to distribute the Inclusive Early Years Fund 2026-27 (IEYF 2026-27) to early years providers using the Department for Education (DfE) recommended distribution methodology based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A funding weighting of £294.2k (75%) for base rate funding and £98.1k (25%) for deprivation (SEND proxy); funding allocations indicative, at this stage. • The January 2026 universal 3 & 4-year-old PTE, as recorded on the Spring 2026 census, for the allocation of the base rate funding quantum • The use of the deprivation funding supplement funding allocation for the universal 3 & 4-year-old children, as per the January 2026 headcount data, to weight the distribution of the deprivation element of the IEYF 2026-27 to individual providers • The application of a de minimis funding threshold of £1,000. An iterative calculation process has been undertaken, to progressively redistribute the funding of the providers with the lowest funding allocations to reach a position where the overall forecast funding amount has been allocated, with a de minimis funding threshold of £1,000 applied.
Directorate	Resources
Service area	Finance
Lead officer	Howard Emmett
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Sally Dunn – Head of Finance – Schools, Early Years & High Needs

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 county 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continue to full CCIA: <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for decision	No environmental factor effects have been identified with the proposals developed for the distribution methodology for the IEYF 2026-27.	
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Howard Emmett	
Date	11 th May 2026	