

Climate strategy impact assessment

Score 1 - long lasting or severe negative impact; **score 2** - short term or limited negative impact; **score 3** - no or neutral impact; **score 4** short term or limited positive impact; **score 5** - long lasting or extensive positive impact. Scores should be the **best estimate** and will be fed into the decision wheel.

Not all sections will apply. Where they do not apply enter score 3 - no or neutral impact.

Once the scores have been assessed they can be added to the visual model for inclusion in the project report. The purpose of the questions is to ensure the impact of council projects on climate change/carbon emissions is considered at the start of a project. It may prompt decisions to be reconsidered to reduce the impact and in this case the assessment should be repeated.

* Required

* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

INSERT Name of project :

1. Describe the project *

Procurement.

Projects involving procurement should ensure that the local authority supply chain is assessed to ensure that carbon emissions are minimised. The procurement strategy should be checked and followed.

2. Does the project require procurement? *

Yes

No

3. Where possible check the supplier for their estimated carbon emissions for the purchase. Use of local suppliers minimizes transport costs and supports the local economy. Low carbon lights and appliances should be a priority. *

Yes

No

4. What is the likely impact of the procurement decisions made on carbon emissions? *

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Energy saving and waste reduction

- Require and enable energy saving behaviour by all council staff.
- Require the integration of renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps in local authority owned buildings where permitted.
- Cut council's paper waste by offering papers electronically.
- Minimize waste by recycling, reusing or repairing where possible.
- Ensure fresh water is not wasted.

5. Does the project involve implementing energy saving and waste reduction measures? *

Yes

No

6. Does the project require council staff to be trained in energy saving behaviour? *

Yes

No

7. Does the project involve integrating renewable energy sources in local authority buildings?

Yes

No

8. Will any documents be distributed electronically to reduce paper waste?

Yes

No - check before proceeding that this cannot be done.

9. Is waste being minimized by recycling, reusing or repairing where possible?

Yes

No

10. Are measures in place to ensure fresh water is not wasted.

For example installation of water butts to collect rainwater that can be used for watering.

Yes

No

11. What is the likely impact of the energy saving decisions made on carbon emissions? *

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Transport

- Deliver a rapid transition of the council's own fleet to electric.
- Encourage car sharing and the use of alternative forms of transport.
- Introduce measures to encourage cycling and walking.
- Support and promote schemes that enhance public transport.

12. Does the project involve refreshing or adding to the council fleet of vehicles?

Yes

No

13. Does the project encourage car sharing and use of alternative forms of public transport?

Yes

No

14. Does the project include measures to encourage cycling and walking?

Yes

No

15. Does the project support and promote schemes that enhance public transport?

Yes

No

16. What is the likely impact of the transport decisions made on carbon emissions? *

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Air and water quality

- Increase planting on town council managed land to improve air quality, biodiversity and help mitigate climate change issues.
- Improve air quality in town council offices and buildings by use of plants that improve it.
- Highlight and campaign for improvements in air and water quality.
- Develop and implement strategies to prevent flooding and consider water capture to reduce water usage.

17. Does the project increase planting on town council owned land?

Yes

No

18. Does the project involve the introduction of plants in council offices and buildings to improve the air quality?

Yes

No

19. Does the project highlight and/or campaign for improvements in air and water quality?

Yes

No

20. Does the project develop and implement strategies to prevent flooding and/or capture water to reduce water wastage?

Yes

No

21. What is the likely impact of air and water quality decisions on carbon emissions? *

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Community engagement and education

- Support small and medium business enterprises to access funds and expertise for reducing carbon pollution.
- Encourage healthy eating awareness.
- Promote public transport opportunities.
- Promote an active lifestyle.
- Promote and support climate friendly initiatives.
- Collaborate with other agencies to deliver these goals.
- Monitor national policies and trends and seek out grants to help fund the above activities.

22. Does the project support small and medium business enterprises - signposting to funds and expertise for reducing carbon pollution?

Yes

No

23. Does the project encourage healthy eating awareness?

Yes

No

24. Does the project promote public transport opportunities?

Yes

No

25. Does the project promote an active lifestyle?

Yes

No

26. Does the project promote and support climate friendly initiatives?

Yes

No

27. Is there collaboration with other agencies to deliver these goals?

Yes

No

28. Are national policies and trends being monitored and grants being sought to help fund the community engagement activities?

Yes

No

29. Community engagement and education *

What is the likely impact of community engagement and education on carbon emissions?

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Does the project impact on climate change in any other way?

30. Outline any other factors/actions in the project that might impact on climate change.

Monitoring

31. How will you monitor the project's impact on climate change and achieving the aims set out in this document? *

Has a significant impact on climate change been identified from this assessment?

If there is an unavoidable significant impact attach an explanation for proceeding with the project to this assessment.

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