

Community Impact Assessment – Checklist and Executive Summary

Name of Proposal: Climate Change Strategic Framework

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Final Checklist – Prior to submitting your Community Impact Assessment (CIA), please ensure that the actions on the checklist below have been completed, to reassure yourself/ SLT/ Cabinet that the CIA process has been undertaken appropriately.

Checklist	Action Completed (tick)	Comments/Actions
The project supports the Council's Business Plan, priorities and MTFS.	✓	Climate Change is a strategic priority for the County Council. It declared a state of emergency in 2019 and a Climate Change Action Plan was established in 2020
It is clear what the decision is or what decision is being requested.	✓	Adopt the framework
For decisions going to Cabinet, the CIA findings are reflected in the Cabinet Report and potential impacts are clearly identified and mitigated for (where possible).	✓	
The aims, objectives and outcomes of the policy, service or project have been clearly identified.	✓	Action plan 1 has been approved through Cabinet, which shall be reviewed and will form the basis of Action plan 2. Following agreed aims and objectives.
The groups who will be affected by the policy, service or project have been clearly identified.	✓	This is an outline CIA and groups will be identified as the agenda progresses with subsequent CIAs being undertaken.
The communities that are likely to be more adversely impacted than others have been clearly identified.	✓	This is an outline CIA and groups will be identified as the agenda progresses with subsequent CIAs being undertaken.
Engagement / consultation has been undertaken and is representative of the residents most likely to be affected.	✓	This is an outline CIA and groups will be identified as the agenda progresses with subsequent CIAs being undertaken. An engagement/comms plan will be developed.
A range of people with the appropriate knowledge and expertise have contributed to the CIA.	✓	The Sustainability team has been instrumental in the development of this Framework and this CIA. With valued input from TSU and Strategic Support.
Appropriate evidence has been provided and used to inform the development and design of the policy, service or project. This includes data, research, engagement/consultation, case studies and local knowledge.	✓	
The CIA evidences how the Council has considered its statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010 and how it has considered the impacts of any change on people with protected characteristics.	✓	All people with pc are being considered and impacts will be identified as the agenda progresses.
The next steps to deliver the project have been identified.		

Executive Summary – The Executive Summary is intended to be a collation of the **key issues and findings** from the CIA and other research undertaken. This should be completed **after** the CIA and research has been completed. Please structure the summary using the headings on the left that relate to the sections in the **CIA template**. Where no major impacts have been identified, please state N/A.

	Which groups will be affected?	Benefits	Risks	Mitigations / Recommendations
PSED – What are the impacts on residents with a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010 ? <i>Highlight any concerns that have emerged as a result of the equality analysis on any of the protected groups and how these will be mitigated. It is important that Elected Members are fully aware of the equality duties so that they can make an informed decision and this can be supported with robust evidence.</i>	All	All people with varying protected characteristics will benefit from the County Council achieving its vision for net zero carbon emissions by 2050 through enhanced quality of life and well-being.	No specific risks have been identified at this stage, although there may be minor impacts on particular people with protected characteristics in terms of access to information. This will be reviewed as the climate change agenda develops and a clear strategy/actions are defined.	When engaging with communities to encourage and drive forward the climate change agenda, endeavour to do this in an accessible way. Mitigations/recommendations will be developed as impacts are identified as the climate change agenda develops.
Health and Care – How will the proposal impact on residents' health? How will the proposal impact on demand for or access to social care or health services?	Active participants of low carbon impact travel	Greener travel such as cycling/walking will have a positive effect on physical and mental well being.	Minor potential impact if increased physical accidents due to higher use of pathways and cycleways.	Ensure continued active engagement with cycleway and footpath infrastructure. Mitigations/recommendations will be developed as impacts are identified
Economy – How will the proposal impact on the economy of Staffordshire or impact on the income of Staffordshire's residents?	High skilled workers	Increased take up of green technologies will lead to the growth and development of higher skilled jobs.	These jobs are created outside of West midlands and not accessible to Staffordshire residents.	As opportunities increase in green technologies, there will be a resource requirement to ensure that these jobs are retained and expanded in the locality.

<p>Environment – How will the proposal impact on the physical environment of Staffordshire?</p>	<p>Buildings, roads, landowners and users of open space</p>	<p>By limiting the mean temperature rise of the climate. It is hoped that the extremes in weather conditions is kept to a minimum.</p>	<p>If mean climatic temperatures rise above recognised maximums, the result will be more extreme weather events, causing negative impacts to all groups.</p>	<p>Specific mitigations and recommendations will be developed as impacts are identified as climate change impacts are better understood locally.</p>
<p>Localities / Communities – How will the proposal impact on Staffordshire's communities?</p>	<p>Community Groups, school pupils and SCC staff</p>	<p>Positive impacts of low carbon travel to all. Education and information dissemination concerning climate change leading to behavioural change</p>	<p>Communication is key to enabling understanding of tasks that lie ahead for all of us.</p>	<p>Development of an integrated Comms campaign should be developed as a priority.</p>