

The 'Better Decision Making' tool should be completed when proposing new projects, services, policies or strategies.

This integrated impact assessment tool was designed to help you to consider the impact of your proposal on social, economic and environmental sustainability, and equalities and human rights. The tool draws upon the priorities set out in our Council Plan and will help us to provide inclusive and discrimination-free services. The purpose of this new tool is to ensure that the impacts of every proposal are carefully considered and balanced and that decisions are based on evidence.

Part 1 of this form should be completed as soon as you have identified a potential area for change and when you are just beginning to develop a proposal. If you are following the All About Projects Framework it should be completed before going through Gateway 3.

Part 2 of this form should be filled in once you have completed your proposal and prior to being submitted for consideration by the Executive. If you are following the All About Projects Framework it should be completed before going through Gateway 4. Your answer to questions 1.4 in the improvements section must be reported in any papers going to the Executive and the full 'Better Decision Making' tool should be attached as an annex.

Guidance to help you complete the assessment can be obtained by hovering over the relevant text or by following this link to the 'Better Decision Making' tool on Colin.

Guidance on completing this assessment is available by hovering over the text boxes.

Please complete all fields (and expand if necessary).

Introduction

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Directorate:	Economy and Place
Date Completed:	13/06/2017
Date Approved: form to be checked by service manager	

Part 1

Section 1: What is the proposal?

1.1	Name of the service, project, programme, policy or strategy being assessed? Minerals and Waste Joint Plan - Proposed Changes
1.2	What are the main aims of the proposal? The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan includes a series of policies and sites which will provide the framework for future minerals and waste development in the joint plan area (City of York Council, North Yorkshire County Council and North York Moors National Park). The main purpose of the report is to request that Members approve the Schedule of Proposed Changes for consultation purposes.
1.3	What are the key outcomes? To ensure that the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan can be progressed.

Section 2: Evidence

	What data / evidence is available to understand the likely impacts of the proposal? (e.g. hate crime figures, obesity levels, recycling statistics)
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2.1	The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan uses an extensive evidence base to support its policies. This includes Demographic and Economic Evidence, an Equalities Impact Assessment, Community Impact Assessment. A full list is available on the Joint Plan website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwjjointplan
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2.2	What public / stakeholder consultation has been used to support this proposal?
	<p>Extensive public consultation has been undertaken throughout the development of the Joint Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Consultation (completed May/June 2013) • Issues and Options Consultation (Completed March/April 2014) • Additional or Revised Sites Consultation (Completed January/February 2015) • Preferred Options Consultation (Completed November 2015 -January 2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication stage (Completed November - December 2016) • Post-Publication Proposed Changes Consultation (Scheduled for July 2017)

2.3	Are there any other initiatives that may produce a combined impact with this proposal? (e.g. will the same individuals / communities of identity also be impacted by a different project or policy?)
	The Joint Plan has been developed alongside an emerging City of York Local Plan. The consultees in the York local authority area will also be consulted on as part of the Local Plan process.

Part 1

Section 3: Impact on One Planet principles

Please summarise any potential positive and negative impacts that may arise from your proposal on staff or residents. This section relates to the impact of your proposal on the One Planet principles.

For 'Impact', please select from the options in the drop-down menu. If you wish to enter multiple paragraphs in any of the boxes, hold down 'Alt' before hitting 'Enter'.

Equity and Local Economy

Does your proposal?	Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.1 Impact positively on the business community in York?	Positive	Businesses in York will be affected by proposals for minerals and waste development. Especially those directly related to these industries.
3.2 Provide additional employment or training opportunities in the city?	Positive	The policies of the neighbourhood plan support new business development on established businesses where they provide car parking.
3.3 Help individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds or underrepresented groups to improve their skills?	Neutral	There are no specific policies relating to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Health & Happiness

Does your proposal?	Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.4 Improve the physical health or emotional wellbeing of staff or residents?	Neutral	The Joint Plan includes policies to reduce impact of M&W development on the communities nearby. However, the perceived negative impact on people's health can not be reduced by planning policies.
3.5 Help reduce health inequalities?	Neutral	The Joint Plan includes policies to reduce impact of M&W development on the communities nearby. However, the perceived negative impact on people's health can not be reduced by planning policies.
3.6 Encourage residents to be more responsible for their own health?	Neutral	There are no policies which specifically relate to this issue.
3.7 Reduce crime or fear of crime?	Neutral	There are no policies which specifically relate to crime.
3.8 Help to give children and young people a good start in life?	Neutral	There are no policies which specifically relate to this issue.

Culture & Community

Does your proposal?	Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.9 Help improve community cohesion?	Neutral	There are no policies which specifically relate to this issue.
3.10 Improve access to services for residents, especially those most in need?	Neutral	There are no policies which specifically relate to this issue.
3.11 Improve the cultural offerings of York?	Neutral	There are no policies which specifically relate to this issue.
3.12 Encourage residents to be more socially responsible?	Neutral	There are no policies which specifically relate to this issue.

Zero Carbon and Sustainable Water

Does your proposal?	Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.13 Minimise the amount of energy we use, or reduce the amount of energy we will use/pay for in the future?	Positive	A specific policy which is to be applied to all types of M&W development covers sustainable design, construction and operation of development. This includes reducing energy consumption.

3.14	Minimise the amount of water we use or reduce the amount of water we will use/pay for in the future?	Positive	A specific policy which is to be applied to all types of M&W development covers sustainable design, construction and operation of development. This includes reducing water consumption.
3.15	Provide opportunities to generate energy from renewable/low carbon technologies?	Positive	A specific policy which is to be applied to all types of M&W development covers sustainable design, construction and operation of development. This includes the generation of renewable energy.

Zero Waste

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.16	Reduce waste and the amount of money we pay to dispose of waste by maximising reuse and/or recycling of materials?	Positive	One of the main objectives of the Joint Plan is to promote the management of waste further up the hierarchy i.e. Reducing the amount going to landfill and encouraging the re-use, recycling, composting and recovery of waste as well as supporting an overall reduction in the generation of waste.

Sustainable Transport

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.17	Encourage the use of sustainable transport, such as walking, cycling, ultra low emission vehicles and public transport?	Positive	The Joint Plan has a whole chapter which considers issues relating to M&W transport infrastructure which encourages the development of rail, water, pipeline or conveyor transport infrastructure.
3.18	Help improve the quality of the air we breathe?	Positive	Several policy make reference to the need to mitigate against air pollution.

Sustainable Materials

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.19	Minimise the environmental impact of the goods and services used?	Positive	Several policies include criteria to minimise the environmental impact of M&W development.

Local and Sustainable Food

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.20	Maximise opportunities to support local and sustainable food initiatives?	Neutral	There are no policies which specifically relate to this issue.

Land Use and Wildlife

Does your proposal?		Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?
3.21	Maximise opportunities to conserve or enhance the natural environment?	Positive	There is a specific policy which seeks to protect and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity in the plan area.
3.22	Improve the quality of the built environment?	Positive	There is a specific policy which seeks to protect and enhance the historic environment in the plan area.
3.23	Preserve the character and setting of the historic city of York?	Positive	There is a specific policy which covers Green Belt and specifically refers to the historic character and setting of York.
3.24	Enable residents to enjoy public spaces?	Positive	There is a policy which covers local amenity and cumulative impact related to M&W development. It states that there must be no unacceptable impact of public open space.

3.25	Additional space to comment on the impacts		

Part 1

Section 4: Impact on Equalities and Human Rights

Please summarise any potential positive and negative impacts that may arise from your proposal on staff or residents. This section relates to the impact of your proposal on **advancing equalities and human rights** and should build on the impacts you identified in the previous section.

For 'Impact', please select from the options in the drop-down menu.
If you wish to enter multiple paragraphs in any of the boxes, hold down 'Alt' before hitting 'Enter'

Equalities

Will the proposal **adversely impact** upon 'communities of identity'?
Will it **help advance equality** or **foster good relations** between people in 'communities of identity'?

	Impact	What are the impacts and how do you know?	Relevant quality of life indicators	
4.1	Age	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.2	Disability	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.3	Gender	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.4	Gender Reassignment	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.5	Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.6	Pregnancy and maternity	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.7	Race	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.8	Religion or belief	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.9	Sexual orientation	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.10	Carer	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.11	Lowest income groups	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A
4.12	Veterans, Armed forces community	Neutral	None deemed likely	N/A

Human Rights

Consider how a human rights approach is evident in the proposal

	neutral	What are the impacts and how do you know?	
4.13	Right to education	neutral	None deemed likely
4.14	Right not to be subjected to torture, degrading treatment or punishment	neutral	None deemed likely
4.15	Right to a fair and public hearing	neutral	None deemed likely
4.16	Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence	neutral	None deemed likely
4.17	Freedom of expression	neutral	None deemed likely
4.18	Right not to be subject to discrimination	neutral	None deemed likely

4.19	Other Rights	neutral	None deemed likely
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4.20	Additional space to comment on the impacts		



Part 1

Section 5: Developing Understanding

Based on the information you have just identified, please consider how the impacts of your proposal could be improved upon, in order to balance social, environmental, economic, and equalities concerns, and minimise any negative implications.

It is not expected that you will have all of the answers at this point, but the responses you give here should form the basis of further investigation and encourage you to make changes to your proposal. Such changes are to be reported in the final section.

Taking into consideration your responses about all of the impacts of the project in its current form, what would you consider the overall impact to be on creating a fair, healthy, sustainable and resilient city?

5.1 Given the wide range of policy areas covered by the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan and its over all vision which responds to the issues, opportunities and challenges facing the area it is considered that the plan will have a positive impact overall on creating a fair, healthy, sustainable and resilient city.

What could be changed to improve the impact of the proposal on the One Planet principles? (please consider the questions you marked either mixed or negative, as well as any additional positive impacts that may be achievable)

5.2 None.

What could be changed to improve the impact of the proposal on equalities and human rights? (please consider the questions you marked either mixed or negative, as well as any additional positive impacts that may be achievable)

5.3 No mixed or negative impacts on equality and human rights are considered likely.

Section 6: Planning for Improvement

What further evidence or consultation is needed to fully understand its impact? (e.g. consultation with specific communities of identity, additional data)

6.1 The Joint Plan has been subject to extensive public consultation. This particular report requests that Members approve the latest document for public consultation purposes.

What are the outstanding actions needed to maximise benefits or minimise negative impacts in relation to this proposal? Please include the action, the person(s) responsible and the date it will be completed (expand / insert more rows if needed)

Action	Person(s)	Due date

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6.3	Additional space to comment on the impacts



Part 2

Section 1: Improvements

Part 2 builds on the impacts you identified in Part 1. Please detail how you have used this information to make improvements to your final proposal.

Please note that your response to question 1.4 in this section must be reported in the One Planet Council implications section of reports going to the Executive.

1.1	<p>For the areas in the 'One Planet' and 'Equalities' sections, where you were unsure of the potential impact, what have you done to clarify your understanding?</p> <p>Given the wide ranging policy areas covered in the plan and the process taken so far in preparing the plan there are inherent links and good understanding of the one planet principles and equalities.</p>
1.2	<p>What changes have you made to your proposal to increase positive impacts?</p> <p>No changes considered necessary.</p>
1.3	<p>What changes have you made to your proposal to reduce negative impacts?</p> <p>No negative impacts anticipated.</p>
1.4	<p>Taking into consideration everything you know about the proposal <u>in its revised form</u>, what would you consider the overall impact to be on creating a fair, healthy, sustainable and resilient city?</p> <p>Your response to this question must be input under the One Planet Council implications section of the Executive report. Please feel free to supplement this with any additional information gathered in the tool.</p> <p>Given the wide range of policy areas covered by the Joint Plan and its over all vision which responds to the issues, opportunities and challenges facing the Joint Plan area it is considered that the plan will have a positive impact overall on creating a fair, healthy, sustainable and resilient city.</p>
	<p>Any further comments?</p>

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