

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

<b>Service submitting the proposal:</b>	Strategic Planning
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<b>Directorate:</b>	Economy and Place
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<b>Date Approved:</b> form to be checked by service manager	

### Part 1

#### Section 1: What is the proposal?

1.1	<b>Name of the service, project, programme, policy or strategy being assessed?</b>	SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT THE EMERGING YORK LOCAL PLAN
1.2	<b>What are the main aims of the proposal?</b>	The report presents the Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) set out in the Local Plan and seeks to prioritise 2 SPDs regarding Affordable Housing and Green Infrastructure. This report also sets out the process for progressing SPDs as interim and adopted guidance in line with the Town and Country Planning Regulations (2012, as amended).
1.3	<b>What are the key outcomes?</b>	This report aims to brief Members on the productions of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). SPDs aid planning decisions by providing more detail to the policies set out in the Local Plan. Each SPD focuses on a specific topic to provide further clarity for applicants and decision-makers. Each SPD will also be subject to formal consultation and adoption by the Council as planning policy to be considered in addition to the Local Plan in line with the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended).

## Section 2: Evidence

2.1	<p><b>What data / evidence is available to understand the likely impacts of the proposal?</b> (e.g. hate crime figures, obesity levels, recycling statistics)</p> <p>The Local Plan sets out the overarching strategic policies to be considered in more detail by the SPDs. Each of these policy areas is underpinned by relevant evidence base as set out in the Local Plan. In undertaking the SPD, further research will be undertaken to inform the detailed approach. This will be presented within or alongside the draft SPDs through public consultation. Where applicable, the SPD may be subject to Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment which will identify key sustainability issues, the impacts of the SPD and suggest mitigation where required.</p>
2.2	<p><b>What public / stakeholder consultation has been used to support this proposal?</b></p> <p>The Local Plan process has been subject to several consultations, the latest of which was the Regulation 19 Publication Draft Local Plan consultation held between 21st February- 4th April 2018. Following this consultation and Members agreement at Council (17th May 2018) the Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for public examination. We have been appointed two planning inspectors who will proceed with an examination in public in the form of public hearings wherein registered parties can contribute to the debate. The outcomes of examination will inform the content of SPD should amendments be made to applicable strategic policies.</p> <p>In line with the regulations, SPDs are also subject to their own formal consultation prior to their adoption as formal planning policy. Each SPD will therefore be subject to a citywide consultation enabling members of the public and interested parties to comment and inform their contents.</p>
2.3	<p><b>Are there any other initiatives that may produce a combined impact with this proposal?</b> (e.g. will the same individuals / communities of identity also be impacted by a different project or policy?)</p> <p>Supplementary Planning Documents provide more detail to policies set out in the Local Plan. The outcomes of Local Plan examination will inform the content of SPD should amendments be made to applicable strategic policies. Although SPDs can become interim guidance prior to adoption of the Local Plan, further consultation would be required post Local Plan adoption to enable the SPD to be fully adopted planning policy guidance.</p>