Appendix 2 – Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Revision of the Interim Hot Food Takeaway Policy					
Coverage:	Site-specific					
This is a decision relating to:	☐ Strategy	⊠ Policy	☐ Service ☐		Function	
	☐ Process/procedure	☐ Programme	☐ Project ☐ Review		view	
	☐ Organisational change	ge				
It is a:	New approach:		Revision of an existing approach:			
It is driven by:	Legislation:		Local or corporate requirements:			
Description:	The Interim Hot Food Takeaway Policy has been revised to remove unnecessary requirements for applicants for planning permission for hot food takeaway uses, and to correct a minor wording error. Key aims, objectives and activities The Interim Hot Food Takeaway Policy sets out the Council's approach to determining planning applications involving hot food takeaway uses. Statutory drivers The Council must prepare Local Plans and associated planning documents, under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The issue has been identified for inclusion in the review of the Local Plan. In order to provide the Council with a policy basis for dealing with applications for hot food takeaways, an Interim Hot Food Takeaway Policy was adopted by the Council in July 2019. It has since become apparent that revisions are necessary to make the policy work as intended, and to remove unnecessary burdens from applicants. Differences from any previous approach Remove requirement for a Health Impact Assessment. Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) The Council, developers and the local community. Intended outcomes To provide a sound policy basis for the determination of planning applications involving hot food takeaways, until the revised Local Plan is adopted.					
Lifespan:	Upon approval. Until the revised Local Plan is ado	nted				
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Date of next review:	Will be subject to ongoing review a	as the revised Local Plan is being	prepared.			

Screening questions	Response			Evidence	
Screening questions	No Yes Uncertain		Uncertain	LVIdelide	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?	⊠			The interim policy intends to provide a clear policy basis for determining relevant planning applications, and will be applied consistently once approved. In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will have an adverse impact on individual human rights.	
Equality Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups? *	⊠			The interim policy intends to provide a clear policy basis for determining relevant planning applications, and will be applied consistently once approved. In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will have an adverse impact on different groups or individuals in terms of equality.	
Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town? *	⊠			The interim policy intends to provide a clear policy basis for determining relevant planning applications, and will be applied consistently once approved. In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town.	
Sustainable Community Strategy objectives Could the decision impact negatively on the achievement of the vision for Middlesbrough? Does the decision impact on statutory duties associated with these key objectives? *	⊠			The interim policy intends to provide a clear policy basis for determining relevant planning applications, and will be applied consistently once approved. In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on the Council's sustainable community strategy objectives.	

* Consult the Impact Assessment further guidance appendix for details on the issues covered by each of theses broad questions prior to completion.

Screening questions	Response		Evidence
Organisational management / transformation Could the decision impact negatively on organisational management or the transformation of the Council's services as set out in its transformation programme? *	⊠		The interim policy intends to provide a clear policy basis for determining relevant planning applications, and will be applied consistently once approved. In light of the above, it is not considered that the guidance will impact negatively on the organisational management or the transformation of the Council's services set out in its transformation programme.

Next steps:

- ⇒ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed.
- ⇒ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.

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