

**Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment**

<b>Subject of assessment:</b>	Towns Fund Programme			
<b>Coverage:</b>	State the extent or scope e.g. overarching/crosscutting or service-specific.			
<b>This is a decision relating to:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
<b>It is a:</b>	<b>New approach:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Revision of an existing approach:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>It is driven by:</b>	<b>Legislation:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Local or corporate requirements:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>Description:</b></p>	<p>Middlesbrough was one of 100 towns across the country selected to apply for up to £25m of Government investment as part of it's plan to level up. The overarching aim of the Towns Fund is to drive the sustainable economic regeneration of towns to deliver long term economic and productivity growth.</p> <p><b>The Vision for Middlesbrough</b> Five themes underpin the economic ambitions and aim to rebuild Middlesbrough's economic and social fortunes: <b>Transport and Connectivity</b> - All travel modes will be enhanced. <b>Urban Communities and Placemaking</b> - New urban communities, new employment accommodation and a broader leisure mix will be created. <b>The Middlesbrough Experience</b> - Middlesbrough will be the key destination in the Tees Valley. <b>Building a Knowledge Economy</b> - Quality of life and outcomes for residents will be improved through education and training. <b>Enterprise Infrastructure</b> - Middlesbrough will deliver premium commercial space to enable additional employment.</p> <p><b>Outcomes:</b> By 2030, Middlesbrough will be transformed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2000 new urban homes in the town centre, home to 4000 residents;</li> <li>• £500,000,000 investment between 2020 and 2024</li> <li>• 265,000 sqft of additional modern office floorspace</li> <li>• 2700 new jobs</li> <li>• 35% increase in rail passenger patronage</li> <li>• 16 km of new cycle ways provided</li> <li>• New Town Centre Art College and Secondary school by 2024</li> </ul> <p>Stakeholders are all Middlesbrough residents, businesses and visitors.</p> <p>Insert short description, using the following as sub-headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key aims, objectives and activities</li> <li>• Statutory drivers (set out exact reference)</li> <li>• Differences from any previous approach</li> <li>• Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate)</li> <li>• Intended outcomes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Live date:</b></p>	<p>When will this be implemented?</p>
<p><b>Lifespan:</b></p>	<p>Between which dates will this apply?</p>
<p><b>Date of next review:</b></p>	<p>When will the next review be undertaken? State any triggers for early review.</p>

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<p><b>Human Rights</b>            Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>It is considered that the proposed programme will not impact negatively on individual human rights as the proposal represents a significant and positive enhancement for the local and wider area. The programme will bring new opportunities that will be available to everyone.</p>
<p><b>Equality</b>            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?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Council has a duty to consider the impact of the proposed decision on relevant protected characteristics, to ensure it has due regard to the public sector equality duty. Therefore, in the process of taking decisions, the duty requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;</li> <li>(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, and</li> <li>(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.</li> </ul> <p>It is considered that the programme of investment will not have a disproportionate adverse impact on a group, or individuals, because they hold a protected characteristic. Evidence used to inform this assessment includes engagement to date with relevant Council departmental teams and feedback from the Town Deal Board.</p>

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

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<p><b>Community cohesion</b></p> <p>Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>There are no concerns that the proposal could have an adverse impact on community cohesion.</p> <p>The Towns Fund programme will bring significant investment and opportunities to Middlesbrough as a whole and will not negatively impact relationships between different groups. The investment in housing and job creation would assist the Council's Social Regeneration agenda, ensuring a supply of new job vacancies and affordable housing to meet the needs of its emerging and aspiring population.</p>
<p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <p>➡ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed.</p> <p>➡ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.</p>				

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