

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

<b>Subject of assessment:</b>	2025/26 Capital Programme Transport and Infrastructure			
<b>Coverage:</b>	To cover the proposed funding allocations and projects within the 2025/26 Capital programme for Transport and Infrastructure			
<b>This is a decision relating to:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<b>Revision of an existing approach:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>It is driven by:</b>	<b>Legislation:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Local or corporate requirements:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Description:</b>	<p><u>Key aims, objectives and activities</u></p> <p>The 2025/26 Capital Programme sets out the projects that will be delivered within the financial year based on the available funding. The projects are derived from the available funding, ensuring fit with Council aims, objectives and policies.</p> <p><u>Statutory drivers (set out exact reference)</u></p> <p>As a Highway Authority, the Council has statutory duties, as set out within the Traffic Management Act 2004. "It is the duty of a Local Traffic Authority to manage their road network with a view to achieving, so far as is reasonably practicable having regard to their other obligations, policies and objectives, the following objectives;</p> <p>(a) Securing the expeditious movement of traffic on the Authority's road network; and</p> <p>(b) Facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another Authority is the Traffic Authority."</p> <p>The projects within this programme are aimed at ensuring compliance with this requirement.</p> <p><u>Differences from any previous approach</u></p> <p>No changes are anticipated from any previous approaches adopted.</p> <p><u>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate)</u></p> <p>Residents, Businesses, Politicians, Council Officers, Public Transport operators, and visitors to the area.</p> <p><u>Intended outcomes.</u></p> <p>To ensure that the Council is delivering projects that meet with statutory requirements of the Traffic Management Act 2004, and to the benefit of the Council and its stakeholders.</p>			
<b>Live date:</b>	2025			

<b>Lifespan:</b>	This will be live throughout the duration of the 2025/26 programme
<b>Date of next review:</b>	n/a

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<b>Human Rights</b> Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The programme aims to improve access to transport for all residents. This will assist in improving accessibility to education, employment, training, retail and leisure facilities by making reasonable adjustments to services provided to new proposals, and retrofitting existing infrastructure, and therefore not impact negatively upon human rights.</p> <p>Evidence used to inform this assessment includes analysis of the Human Rights Act 1998.</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?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requires that when exercising its functions the Councils must have due regard to the need to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;</li> <li>advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and</li> <li>foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.</li> </ul> <p>In having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity, the Council must consider, as part of a single equality duty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;</li> <li>taking steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it; and;</li> <li>encouraging people who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation is low.</li> </ul>
				<p>The projects within this programme aim to improve transport access to all residents. The Council is bound by legislation, which includes ensuring that those with physical and learning disabilities, and inhibited mobility are not detrimentally impacted upon. Therefore, there are no concerns that this will impact adversely upon equality.</p> <p>Evidence used to inform this assessment includes analysis of statutory guidance in relation to accessibility, including the Access for All legislation</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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<b>Community cohesion</b> Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Although some of the projects within this programme could divide opinion, there is no evidence to suggest that this will impact negatively upon relationships between different community groups. The Council has a duty to consult proposals with the community, and will do so in order to gauge community opinions prior to commencing with proposals derived from this programme. It is therefore not considered that this will have a negative impact upon community cohesion. This programme will help to maintain sustainable access routes to communities and safe road networks.</p> <p>The Council proposes to undertake consultation with the community prior to commencing projects, which will identify any potential issues that will need to be addressed.</p>
<b>Next steps:</b> <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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