Tanuorth Borough Council Community İmpact Assessment

Part 1 – Details		
What Policy/ Procedure/	Climate Change Adaptation Strategy	
Strategy/Project/Service is		
being assessed?		
Date Conducted	19/11/2024	
Name of Lead Officer and	Charlotte Cheesman	
Service Area	Climate Change	
Commissioning Team (if applicable)	Climate Change	
Director Responsible for project/service area	Anna Miller - (Assistant Director of Growth and Regeneration)	
Who are the main	All Staff at TBC	
stakeholders	Residents of Tamworth	
	Businesses in Tamworth	
	Not for profit Organisations in Tamworth	
	TBC Partner organisations	
	Members	
Describe what consultation	On the 19th of November 2019, Tamworth Borough	
has been undertaken. Who	Council (TBC) declared a climate emergency	
was involved and what was	following on from the UK Parliament's declaration in	
the outcome	May 2019. The council committed making its estate	
	net zero by 2050 or sooner if financially able to do so.	
	50.	
	Since 2022 the Borough Council have been on a journey to understand what the carbon footprint of the authority is to support the net zero commitment made in the declaration.	
	In December 2023, TBC made a nature recovery declaration, committing to undertake targeted actions to protect local nature and biodiversity. TBC will make a positive contribution to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the Nature Recovery Network and embed nature recovery across policies and all work areas.	
	In 2023 a report went through Cabinet to endorse the County Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy with a commitment to preparing a strategy specific to the Borough.	
	TBC commissioned Aether, SE2 and CAG Consultants to assist the authority in understanding the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated	



	with its operations and develop a climate change adaptation strategy and conduct 9 operational building energy audits to map a decarbonisation pathway.			
	Climate adaptation focus groups were conducted with key Officers at the Council to help prioritise actions.			
	The adaptation plan was presented to the Execute Leadership team for discussion and feedback of 06.11.24 An internal climate action working group has be established who will meet quarterly to steer the climate adaptation actions set out in the plans.			
Outline the wider research that has taken place (E.G. commissioners, partners, other providers etc)	An external consultant (Aether) used climate modelling to assess the risk to Tamworth Borough associated with climate change. The identified risks informed the development of the adaptation actions.			
What are you assessing? Indicate with an 'x' which applies	A decision to review or change a service			
	A Strategy/Policy/Procedure	X		
	A function, service or project			
What kind of assessment is it? Indicate with an 'x' which	New	X		
applies	Existing			
	Being reviewed			
	Being reviewed as a result of budget constraints / End of Contract			

Part 2 – Summary of Assessment

Give a summary of your proposal and set out the aims/ objectives/ purposes/ and outcomes of the area you are impact assessing.

Forward planning is essential to deal with extreme weather events caused by climate change. Resilient cities plan and prepare for risks and encourage residents to play an active role in their local community to strengthen the ability to cope with the impact and support those most vulnerable.

The adaptation strategy identifies key actions for reducing climate risk (flooding, heatwaves, wildfires and drought) and outlines preventative actions that can be



taken to mitigate and prepare for these scenarios. The adaptation actions cover TBC's assets and service provision, detailing timelines, key partners and resource assumptions. The plan highlights the co-benefits and opportunities where there is the potential for positive consequences due to climate change.

Adaptation actions are wide ranging and could include building flood defences, increasing green space to provide cooling and drainage and changing behaviours so that people ventilate and shade their homes well during extreme heat. These actions help to reduce the damage to buildings and infrastructure and the risks to health and livelihoods that climate change is expected to bring. Local authorities like Tamworth have a particular role in adapting to climate change because the nature of the impacts is often very localised and appropriate adaptation actions will depend on the nature of the local community, economy, buildings, infrastructure and natural environment.

Some actions will be delivered in partnership with external organisations across Staffordshire and our internal Climate action working group will drive the delivery of specific actions.

There is a strong case for delivering adaptation actions now because costly, sometimes irreversible, climate impacts are already being seen and expected to increase. The costs of waiting for impacts are expected to far outweigh the costs of acting early. Taking long-term decisions now will prepare Tamworth for climate change and avoid costly retrofitting projects across our operational buildings and housing. Some adaptation actions are low-regret and low cost and have significant co-benefits.

The adaptation strategy also identifies opportunities for positive consequences of climate change. Changes in temperature and precipitation patterns may offer opportunities for new species to thrive, warmer summers and winters may reduce household energy demand and could improve health and wellbeing if people can spend more time outdoors in nature. As with the risks, there is uncertainty in the outcome of these opportunities and adaptation actions are required to maximise the chance of positive outcomes.

Who will be affected and how?

The plan will positively impact staff at TBC, Members, all local people (including marginalised groups and those more vulnerable), businesses and organisations within Tamworth. Actions identified support adaptative measures that will mitigate the effects of climate change in future.

There are cost implications to TBC to deliver some of the proposed actions and the projected investment needed has been identified in the plans. However, this is subject to change due to new climate technologies and government legislation and TBC can focus on the quick wins to begin with and cost climate adaptations into future budgets. All external funding opportunities will be explored.

Are there any other functions, policies or services linked to this impact assessment?

No

Yes x

If you answered 'Yes', please indicate what they are?



The plans will impact all departments within TBC as they have identified cross cutting priorities including embedding climate change adaptation into policies and strategies across the organisation.

Part 3 – Impact on the Community Thinking about each of the Areas below, does or could the Policy function, or service have a <u>direct</u> impact on them?

Impact Area	Yes	No	Reason (provide brief explanation)
Age	X		Climate Change will impact people in
			every category. TBC's adaptation
			strategy will reduce risk and support
			the community through building
			climate resilience and adapting
			buildings to provide better ventilation,
			shading and flood protection.
			The plan does not discriminate
			against any group and will help
			reduce the climate change risk for
			those most vulnerable.
Disability	x		As above
Gender Reassignment	X		As above
Marriage and Civil	X		As above
Partnership			
Pregnancy & Maternity	X		As above
Race	X		As above
Religion or belief	X		As above
Sexual orientation	Х		As above
Sex	X		As above
Gypsy/Travelling Community	Х		As above
Those with caring/dependent	X		As above
responsibilities			
Those having an offending	X		As above
past			
Children	X		As above
Vulnerable Adults	X		As above
Families	X		As above
Those who are homeless	X		As above
Those on low income	X		As above
Those with drug or alcohol	x		As above
problems			
Those with mental health	X		As above
issues			
Those with physical health	x		As above
issues			
Social inclusion	x		As above
Please include refugees and			
asylum seekers,			
Social inclusion: Armed	x		As above
Forces			
The Armed Forces Covenant			
is a pledge that together we			



acknowledge and understand that those who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect and any impact should be considered		
Health and Wellbeing	x	The plan outlines measures to enhance and protect biodiversity which will positively impact health and wellbeing if access to nature is increased. Adapting work process will improve Council outdoor workers wellbeing in extreme weather, such as changing work patterns, and providing sun protection and drinking water.
Climate Change	X	The strategy aims to prepare for the impact of climate change such as extreme weather. Delivering the actions will benefit the wider community in Tamworth, for example through improved flood management plans, providing better ventilation and shading and educating people on wildlife friendly management practices.

Part 4 – Risk Assessment

From evidence given from previous question, please detail what measures or changes will be put in place to mitigate adverse implications. this includes climate change considerations

This is the section in which to please outline any actions to mitigate negative or enhance positive impacts in terms of economic, environmental or wider societal considerations, and actions to review and monitor the overall impact of the change accordingly.

Impact Area	Details of the Impact	Action to reduce risk
Health	Homes and workplaces in central	The wellbeing of the local community is dependent on council



 Tamworth are likely to be most impacted by overheating due to the urban heat island effect (where built-up areas experience higher temperatures than the surrounding countryside) and demographics such as very young children and the elderly are also likely to be more vulnerable to the health impacts of extreme heat. Those in rented accommodation may be less able to adapt the buildings they live in, those living in flats or other homes with limited ventilation may be less able to cool their surrounding and those working outdoors may be more exposed to service delivery and so actions to build the resilience of this, as well as actions that directly tackle the impacts of heat and other extreme weather, creating adaptive work process for outdoor council workers and accounting for climate adaptation when retrofitting housing to improve ventilation and shading. There may also be significant benefits for health and wellbeing from green infrastructure and green space, both from the direct benefits of cooling and flood mitigation that this can bring, as well as the cobenefits of increased recreation opportunities.
high temperatures and other extreme weather.



Part 5 - Action Plan and Review

Detail in the plan below, actions that you have identified in your Community Impact Assessment, which will eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and/or foster good relations.

If you are unable to eliminate or reduce negative impact on any of the impact areas, you should explain why

Impact (positive or negative) identified	Action	Person(s) responsible	Target date	Required outcome

Date of Review (If applicable)

Guidance and form updated July 2023 following CMT approval.



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