

# Carbon Impact Assessment:

## Initial assessment

What are the proposed outcomes of the policy/decision?

The addition of at least one additional Full Council meeting.

Now consider whether any of the following aspects will be affected:

| Aspect  | Likely climate effect: |     |         | Commentary   |
|---|------------------------|-----|---------|--|
|   | +ve                    | -ve | neutral |  |
| The council's energy consumption via buildings (electricity, gas, oil). Tick +ve if consumption will reduce.  |                        | X   |         | An additional meeting would result in further use of the town hall building.   |
| The council's energy consumption via travel (eg petrol). Tick +ve if consumption will reduce.   |                        | X   |         | An additional meeting would result in up to 60 Councillors and relevant officers travelling to the town hall building if not already based there in the daytime. |
| The councils water usage (especially hot water). Tick +ve if consumption will reduce.   |                        | X   |         | An additional meeting would result in additional use of hot water for refreshments.  |
| Creation of renewable energy. Tick +ve if it increases renewable energy production.   |                        |     | X       | An additional meeting would not increase or decrease renewable energy production.  |
| Carbon offsetting – will the proposal offset carbon emissions such as through tree planting. Tick +ve if yes.   |                        | X   |         | No carbon offsetting schemes are proposed to mitigate for any additional carbon emissions created as a result of an additional meeting.                          |
| Reducing carbon emissions through amending ongoing activities not covered above eg management of land, such as peat soils, in a way which reduces carbon dioxide emissions. Tick +ve if yes.      |                        |     | X       | None proposed.   |
| If the project involves the creation or acquisition of a building, has the energy rating been considered. Are / will measures be included to make the building energy efficient? Tick +ve if yes. |                        |     |         | N/A  |

What information is available to help the environmental impacts identified above to be quantified?

Figure in relation to the running costs of the Town Hall could be calculated.

**Can any differences be justified as appropriate or necessary?**

Additional Council meeting has been suggested in order to allow for further democratic debate.

**Are any remedial or mitigation actions required?**

N/A

**Once implemented, how will you monitor the actual impact?**

Could track the cost/use of resources for the year following introduction of additional meeting.

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