

Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment

Form



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Name of the project, policy or programme:

Budget 2022/23 to 2026/27

The budget enables the delivery of the Council’s priorities. Setting a sound framework for budget preparation assists in the delivery of all corporate outcomes. The budget has been developed within the context of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and supports all Council Plan priorities (working across boundaries; delivering a balanced community; a fairer South Lakeland; and addressing the climate emergency) through ensuring financial resources to deliver each priority.

Environment and health

1. SLDC’s aim is to be carbon neutral by 2030: How will your proposal affect greenhouse gas emissions?

Consider:

- **Energy saving**, for example preventing unnecessary use of energy - reducing use of appliances or cutting down on journeys that are not required.
- Improving **energy efficiency** - ensures that the maximum benefit is gained from energy that is used. For example energy is not wasted or lost through insulation, heating the right areas and efficient lighting.
- **Renewable generation** for example using renewable resources, such as wind, sunlight, rainwater.
- **Minimising emissions from transport**

- Through providing financial support to the Council’s priorities including
 - Contribution to Cumbria Action for Sustainability (Cafs);
 - Financial support for improving energy efficiency of Council properties within the planned maintenance programme
 - Financial support for improving the energy efficiency of new and existing affordable housing

2. Please show how you are addressing alternative ways of delivering your proposal with a reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel

How are you using the waste/energy hierarchy – 1) avoid, 2) reduce, 3) reuse?

Providing funding to support Council initiatives including

- Setting a strategic framework and targets to mainstream reduced energy requirements in Council buildings, space, materials and travel.
- Ensuring that new development is sustainable, energy efficient, flood resilient and enhances biodiversity;
- Promoting waste reduction hierarchy identified as an action.

3. Please demonstrate how your project will have an impact on air quality

Providing funding to support Council initiatives including

- Setting a strategic framework for air quality management in the District and commits to delivery of Kendal Air Quality Management Plan
- Promoting active travel, managing the demand for travel and electric vehicles
- Detailed actions set out in Climate Change Action Plan

4. Please outline any impacts on biodiversity that your proposal might have

“To halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, (create) more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people”: Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England’s wildlife and ecosystem services, DEFRA.

Providing funding to support Council initiatives including

- Providing a strategic framework for the development of biodiversity projects and actions
- Ensuring that biodiversity is mainstreamed in Council thinking.
- Ensuring that new development enhances biodiversity;

5. How does your proposal mitigate the impacts of climate change?

Assess the risks and impacts associated with climate change (extreme weather events: flooding, heatwaves, droughts and fires) and the implications for our services and communities. Describe measures in place to embed resilience and recovery.

Providing funding to support Council initiatives including

- Seeking to ensure that residential and business areas are protected from flooding
- Ensuring that new development is flood resilient and incorporates appropriate sustainable drainage systems
- Working with partners to mitigate the risk of flooding

6. How does the proposal enable active travel?

Encouraging and facilitating walking, cycling and public transport.

Providing funding to support Council initiatives including

- Working with Cumbria County Council and other partners to promote and encourage the provision of and access to sustainable public transport across the District
- Promoting active transport including cycling and walking
- Promoting implementation of Kendal Air Quality Management Plan
- Supporting preparation and implementation of Kendal cycling and walking strategy

Economy and culture

7. How does the proposal contribute to inclusive and sustainable development?

Providing funding to support sustainable growth (identified as a priority within the strategic framework)

- Unlocking development sites and enabling local businesses to grow;
- Understanding the needs of local businesses;
- Encouraging graduate retention and the creation of high value jobs;
- Attracting funding and delivering critical infrastructure

8. How does the proposal impact on jobs and levels of pay?

- supporting people to adapt to changes in technology
- encouraging links between further and higher education, apprentices and businesses
- providing support, advice and affordable premises for new business start-ups
- Promoting environmental technologies and the green economy;
- Promoting local businesses and the circular economy
- Ensuring that business areas are protected from flooding;

9. Demonstrate how the proposal contributes to healthier high streets

- Developing town centres which are attractive and accessible for living, working and leisure;
- Implementation of Kendal Town Centre Strategy
- Supporting preparation and implementation of Kendal cycling and walking strategy

10. How does the proposal impact on culture, creativity or heritage and if not can they be embedded in this proposal?

- Identifies cultural industries as part of the unique value proposition of the District and Bay area and commits to promoting it.
- Using culture and the arts to support the unique offer of our towns and countryside;
- Developing town centres which are attractive and accessible for living, working and leisure;

Housing and communities

11. Does the proposal lead to an improvement in the standard of housing?

- Ensuring that new development is sustainable, energy efficient, flood resilient and enhances biodiversity;
- Reduce the percentage of homes in the lowest energy performance certificate (EPC) bands (F and G) from 16.4% to less than 10% by 2025
- Updated environmental standards for new development to be included in Local Plan

12. How does the proposal increase access to housing?

- Deliver 477 affordable homes for rent between 2020 and 2025 (95 pa)
- Deliver 588 affordable homes to buy between 2020 and 2025 (117 pa)
- Deliver 300 extra care units between 2020 and 2025 (100 pa)
- Deliver 337 self and custom build dwellings between 2020 and 2025 (67pa)

13. How does the proposal reduce crime or fear of crime?

- working with partners to reduce domestic violence, alcohol related crime, substance misuse, child sexual exploitation and antisocial behaviour.
- Working with partners to safeguard people against exploitation.
- Working with partners to protect people against domestic abuse.

14. How does the proposal increase social connectedness?

- Working with communities to reduce isolation and loneliness;
- Improving access to citizen driven technology
- Helping people to be independent

Health and sustainability impact summary

Please tick below next to each area whether your proposal has a positive, neutral, negative or unknown impact.

		Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Environment and health	Greenhouse gases emissions	V			
	Air Quality	V			
	Biodiversity	V			
	Impacts of Climate Change	V			
	Reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel	V			
	Active Travel	V			
Economy and culture	Inclusive and sustainable development	V			
	Jobs and levels of pay	V			
	Healthier high streets	V			
	Culture, creativity and heritage	V			
Housing and communities	Standard of housing	V			
	Access to housing	V			
	Crime	V			
	Social connectedness	V			

Health and sustainability action plan

What actions will be taken to eliminate or minimise any negative impacts identified above?

None

Actions	Responsible Person	Completed by (date)
1 Budgets reviewed quarterly through monitoring, updated annually as part of budget setting process	Finance Lead Specialist	Ongoing
2		

What positive actions will be taken to advance health or sustainability?

Actions	Responsible Person	Completed by (date)
1 Budgets reviewed quarterly through monitoring, updated annually as part of budget setting process	Finance Lead Specialist	Ongoing
2		

Research

Evidence

Please list below the evidence, research and other sources of information used to inform the Impact Assessment. Please insert additional rows if needed.

1. Budget 2022/23 to 2026/27

Consultation

Please include below the details of any specialists or groups that you have discussed this proposal with and the advice/information provided.

Consulted with Leadership team and relevant specialists.
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