

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE RATING TOOL

The spreadsheet on the next tab has been designed to help you consider the climate change implications of a committee decision, capital project or budget bid. All project committee reports, business cases and budget bids require a climate change rating.

When rating the climate change implications of your project/ proposal (column E), there are two issues to consider:

1. Will the project result in an increase/decrease in emissions of greenhouse gases/carbon dioxide?:

* Reduce the overall amount of energy being used / waste being produced/ emissions due to transport?	→	POSITIVE IMPACT
* Increase the overall amount of energy being used / waste being produced/ emissions due to transport	→	NEGATIVE IMPACT
* Have no effect on the amount of energy being used/ waste being produced/ emissions due to transport?	→	NIL IMPACT

2. Will the project impact on the resilience of the community, the Council or its service users to the impacts of a changing climate?:

* Increase the ability of Cambridge City & its residents to withstand the effects of climate change?	→	POSITIVE IMPACT
* Reduce the ability of Cambridge City & its residents to withstand the effects of climate change?	→	NEGATIVE IMPACT
* Have no effect on the ability of Cambridge City & its residents to withstand the effects of climate change?	→	NIL IMPACT

The tool requires you to consider these issues with reference to **10 different criteria** e.g.: Energy Use; Waste Generation; Heatwaves; Flooding, etc.

Not all of these criteria will necessarily be relevant to your project/ proposal. Where a specific criteria is not relevant to your project/ proposal, assign a 'Nil' rating.

Where you identify either a positive or a negative impact, you are required to assess whether this impact will be High, Medium or Low.

There is some guidance on the next tab to help you distinguish between High, Medium and Low impacts.

You will also need to indicate the following:

- * Will the project move Cambridge City Council closer to the objective of a net zero carbon Cambridge by 2030? (Section 1, Column F)
i.e. will it reduce emissions from the Council's corporate buildings (including swimming pools, office buildings, car parks, sheltered housing schemes, community centres, arts venues and the crematorium) our fleet vehicles (including vans, trucks and refuse vehicles) or business travel?
- * Will the project move the city closer to the objective of a net zero carbon Cambridge by 2030? (Section 1, Column G)
- * What actions will be taken to avoid, mitigate or compensate for the negative impacts and maximise positive impacts? (Column I)
- * Will the project make Cambridge City Council and/or service users (particularly vulnerable service users) more resilient to future climate change impacts? (Section 2, Column F)
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- * Has a net zero option been considered? Please provide details (Column J)

Results:

Once you have applied a rating to each of the 10 assessment criteria, you decide the overall rating your project/ proposal should have.

If your project has negative as well as positive impacts, you decide what the overall rating should be by weighing the positive and negative impacts, but you must explain how the overall rating given to your project/ proposal has been derived.

It is also compulsory to highlight any negative environmental impacts your project may have, which may have been 'masked' by the overall rating.

Please do this in the commentary box below your rating.

Tips:

1. Concentrate on the most significant issues - there is the potential to consider the appraisal in a very detailed way. This should be avoided at this stage.
2. Where you have identified a negative impact, think about how you are going to manage or mitigate this impact and explain this in your report.

If you require assistance in completing the Rating Tool, please email sustainablecity@cambridge.gov.uk

Once you have completed the tool - please email it to sustainablecity@cambridge.gov.uk

Further information on how to complete the tool, and suggestions for actions that could be taken to avoid, mitigate or compensate for negative impacts - see the guidance document on this CityNet page.