



Climate Impact Assessment Tool

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Why do we need an Impact Assessment Tool?



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Before the Tool

- Finance first approach
- Social & Environmental implications considered last minute as a tick box exercise
- Climate impacts a concern for the Climate Team



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Demonstration



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Pilots

Ice Rink 2022: Diesel Generators



Thoughts:

- **Positives:** The ice rink provides ample opportunities for the community including health, education, cultural experience.
- **Where can we improve?** More accessible options, consider the impact of lighting on nature
- **Where must we look for alternatives?** The use of diesel generators, providing more sustainable transport options for visitors



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The tool in decision making

- The tool should be used on any project/proposal that:
 - comes forward for approval
 - is presented to cabinet for a decision
- A number of **red** sections signifies that a project or policy will have severely negative impacts in the indicated areas. This may be cause for concern, but at this stage will not be reason enough to reject a proposal.
- To encourage transparent use of the tool, the project manager should take one of three routes, and should add this to any proposal or cabinet report:

1. Change
2. Mitigate
3. Justify



Who can't use the tool?

- Enforcement teams
- Non-decision making teams
- Introducing statutory policy at local level
- Planning decisions

