

Appendix 4 – Rotherham Care Leavers Local Offer

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	No change				
Emissions from transport?	No change				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	No change				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	No change				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	No change				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	No change	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields:

It is proposed to increase summer and winter clothing allowances by £50 respectively, in a revised local offer for care leavers in Rotherham. These amended payments would have the greatest cost per year to the Council, as summarised in section 2.6 of the Cabinet report; they may also have the greatest carbon impact, due to the high carbon intensity of textile production and disposal of textile waste. However, it is noted in the report that these and other uplifts are proposed to restore payments to a level consistent with the date of their last review, in 2017; with the intervening seven years affected by a ‘cost of living crisis’ driven by high inflation. Moreover, the long-term effectiveness of climate action depends on a ‘Just Transition to Net Zero’: it would be both counter-productive and wholly inappropriate, to withhold increased clothing allowances from care leavers, for whom existing allowances are insufficient even in discount clothing shops, on the basis of carbon impact.

Arthur King, Principal Climate Change Officer

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

As above: an amended local offer may have an indirect carbon impact from e.g., textile production and waste, but consideration of a 'Just Transition' for care leavers has much greater ethical and social [*and ultimately, environmental*] value.

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Supporting information:

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Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	None required
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	Not relevant
Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]	Tracking Reference: CIA 315 Arthur King Principal Climate Change Officer