

APPENDIX 3 – CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

| Will the decision/proposal impact... | Impact | If an impact or potential impacts are identified | | | |
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| | | 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? | n/a | | | | |
| Emissions from transport? | n/a | | | | |
| Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself? | n/a | | | | |
| Emissions from housing and domestic buildings? | Unknown impact on emissions | | <p>A revised <i>Safety and Quality Standard</i> emphasises that landlords should hold good quality information about their properties' condition, based on recent stock condition surveys.</p> <p>Strengthening assurance around stock condition and decency are key priorities for the Council, due to the age of its existing stock condition data.</p> <p>In the longer term, better intelligence will increase the Council's capacity to improve the condition of its housing stock e.g., by insulating homes to higher energy efficiency standards.</p> | | <p>Greenhouse gas emissions from housing, including those from Council-owned homes, are outside the scope of the Council's 'Net Zero by 2030' (NZ30) target and are outside the scope of NZ30 emissions monitoring.</p> <p>Local area emissions from domestic energy use are estimated in local authority greenhouse gas emissions statistics, published by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.</p> |

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| | | | In this way, work to comply with consumer standards for social housing landlords may increase the Council's capacity to cut greenhouse gas emissions from domestic energy use in the Borough of Rotherham, as per its 'Net Zero by 2040' target. | | A specific expectation that the Council should hold good quality data about properties it owns may increase organisational capacity for monitoring local area emissions. |
| Emissions from construction and/or development? | n/a | | | | |
| Carbon capture (e.g., through trees)? | n/a | | | | |

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

Under a further *Neighbourhood and Community Standard*, the Council must "co-operate with relevant partners to promote social, **environmental** [*emphasis added*] and economic wellbeing in the areas where they provide social housing." Meeting this standard may have wider environmental benefits for biodiversity and nature recovery, sequestering carbon and adapting to climate change e.g., if it leads to more green space in areas where the Council provides social housing.

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

Much of the content of the new consumer standards is already part of the regulatory framework for social housing: for these areas, the key difference is the requirement for the Council to evidence compliance to a proactive Regulator. This may have a real-world, positive consequences for Council-owned homes. For example, the Council needs to improve its stock condition data, to comply with a revised *Safety and Quality Standard*. Better quality stock condition data may increase the Council's capacity to retrofit homes with better insulation and low carbon heating systems and hence cut greenhouse gas emissions, to meet its 'Net Zero by 2040' climate change target.

Supporting information:

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| Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form]. | <i>Required Outcomes and Specific Expectations, Consumer Standards.</i> Regulator of Social Housing (2 April 2024). Available from: < https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/regulatory-standards-for-landlords > |
| 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. | |
| Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions] | Tracking Reference: CIA372 Katie Rockett, Climate Change Officer |