

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 3, Consultation to refresh the Inclusion Strategy

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 the Borough 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?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from transport?	Increase	Minor increase of vehicle emissions during consultation due to travel to and from consultation venues.	N/A	Consider officers using public transport to attend consultation events where possible. We will encourage walking for smaller journeys rather than travelling by car.	Council officer travel is monitored and included with the Council's Net Zero 2030 greenhouse gas emissions accounting.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:

The consultation itself is expected to have minimal emissions impacts. It is unlikely that the refreshed Strategy will have any direct emission impacts.

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the borough to adapt to climate change?

It is noted in the officer decision report that the Council could choose to develop its Inclusion Strategy without consulting residents or individuals who are likely to be affected by the strategy. This would fail to account for the needs and wishes of individuals who may face barriers to inclusion and access to services, which intersect with individuals' and communities' differential exposure and vulnerability to climate change impacts. Systemic inequalities affect people's experience of notable climate change impacts such as increased flood risk and the emergence of extreme heatwaves as a recurring health hazard. In Rotherham, deprivation is correlated with exposure to extreme heat: more than two thirds of the population living in LSOAs (Lower-Level Super Output Areas) with the greatest urban heat island effect were amongst the 20% most deprived in England, as measured by the 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (double the proportion of the population living in the most deprived LSOAs, throughout the borough as a whole) (Rotherham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, 2025).

By consulting on the development of its Inclusion Strategy, the Council can address people's experiences of barriers which affect their access to services, which may increase local resilience to climate change impacts through long-term outcomes such as improved health and wellbeing, as well as through short-term responses to contingencies such as flooding and extreme heatwaves.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

Minor increase of vehicle emissions during travel to consultation venues. Mitigated by officers to consider using public transport to distribute leaflets and attend consultation events where possible. Furthermore, we will encourage walking for smaller journeys rather than travelling by car. Consulting with residents to address views and experiences of people who may be affected by barriers to access services can improve long-term outcomes as well as short-term responses to impacts of climate change, such as increased flood risk and extreme heatwaves.

Supporting information:	
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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board. 2025. <i>Rotherham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</i> . [Online]. [Accessed 6 August 2025]. Available from: https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/data/homepage/7/climate-change .
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.	N/A
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA 514 Arthur King Principal Climate Change Officer