

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 5, Domestic Abuse duty funding allocation report for the financial year 2025-26

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				
Emissions from transport?	None				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	Unknown	A proposed contract uplift to provide additional funding for a refuge, dispersed properties and wraparound support for people fleeing domestic violence may affect these existing services' carbon impact.			Greenhouse gas emissions arising from the Council's contracts with external providers can be estimated from spend-based conversion factors, based on SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) codes.
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				

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

None

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

A proposed contract uplift to provide additional funding for a refuge, dispersed properties and wraparound support for people fleeing domestic violence is to prioritise accommodation and support for victims of domestic violence who present to the Council as homeless. People experiencing homelessness are recognised as an at-risk group in Government guidance on hot weather and health: preventing homelessness by supporting people fleeing domestic violence could mitigate some vulnerability to climate change impacts in Rotherham.

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

Spend-based greenhouse gas conversion factors are the most feasible for monitoring emissions from Council contracts, but they have a disadvantage that any uplift in spend is directly converted into an increase in emissions, without regard to the reality of service delivery. For example, there might be a substantive increase in carbon emissions from the Council's refuge contract, if a proposed contract uplift increases the number of 'move-on' properties which are provided for people fleeing domestic abuse, whereas the carbon impact of an increase in wraparound support may be marginal. These carbon impacts should be counted against the positive impact of domestic abuse services, which could mitigate people's vulnerability to climate change by protecting survivors of domestic abuse from homelessness.

Supporting information:	
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<p>Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>Climate impact assessment CIA 205 references the carbon impact of staff establishment, services and projects which the Council has a statutory duty to maintain under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. CIA 205 notes that different allocations of 'new burdens' funding may have different carbon impacts.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>In the Council's contracts register, 55900 ('other accommodation') and 88990 ('other social work activities without accommodation') are listed as SIC codes for Hopian, which provides the Council's refuge, dispersed properties and wraparound support for people fleeing domestic abuse. Spend-based greenhouse gas conversion factors by Defra estimate carbon intensities of these SIC codes as 0.2495 and 0.1619 kgCO_{2e} per £, respectively. On this basis, a contract uplift of £15,000 per annum might have a carbon impact of 2.4 - 3.7 tCO_{2e} per annum.</p>
<p>Validation</p>	<p>Tracking Reference: CIA 502</p> <p>Arthur King Principal Climate Change Officer</p>