

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 6, Housing Allocation Policy

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?	None		Proposed changes to the Council's Housing Allocation Policy will affect the relative prioritisation of applications for social housing, but not the overall supply or occupancy of, or energy use in housing in Rotherham.		Emissions from energy use in social housing are outside the scope of local authorities' emissions accounting, as recommended by Local Partnerships' greenhouse gas emissions accounting tool, produced for and in partnership with the LGA. Emissions from domestic energy use accounted for 22% of local area emissions in Rotherham, in 2022.

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

<p>Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?</p> <p>The Housing Act 1996 requires the Council's Housing Allocation Policy to give reasonable preference to people who are homeless, in threatened homelessness, or who are living in overcrowded housing. Since homelessness and overcrowding increase people's exposure and vulnerability to effects of climate change such as extreme heatwaves, the Council's Housing Allocation Policy should support people's resilience to climate change.</p>

<p>Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:</p> <p>Changes to the Council's Housing Allocation Policy are not expected to affect greenhouse gas emissions from housing or other domestic premises, in the Borough of Rotherham. Giving reasonable preference in the Council's Housing Allocation Policy to people who are homeless, in threatened homelessness or who are living in overcrowded housing, as required by the Housing Act 1996, should mitigate some exposure and vulnerability to climate change in Rotherham.</p>

Supporting information:	
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<p>Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. 2024. <i>UK local authority and regional greenhouse gas emissions statistics, 2005 to 2022</i>. [Online]. [Accessed 15 May 2025]. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-local-authority-and-regional-greenhouse-gas-emissions-statistics-2005-to-2022. • Hu, M., Zhang, K., Nguyen, Q. C., Tasdizen, T. and Krusche, K. U. 2022. A Multistate Study on Housing Factors Influential to Heat-Related Illness in the United States. <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i>. [Online]. 19(23), article no.: 15762 [no pagination]. [Accessed 15 May 2025]. Available from: https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph192315762. • Local Partnerships. 2023. <i>Greenhouse Gas Accounting Tool</i>. • UKHSA. 2025. <i>Supporting vulnerable people before and during hot weather: people experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough</i>. [Online]. [Accessed 15 May 2025]. Available from: Supporting vulnerable people before and during hot weather: people experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough - GOV.UK.
<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>Validation</p>	<p>Tracking Reference: CIA 470</p> <p>Arthur King Principal Climate Change Officer</p>