

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 2, Extension of Domestic Abuse Outreach Service Contract

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	No change			
Emissions from transport?	None	No change			
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None	No change			
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	No change			
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None	No change			
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	No change			

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?

Extension of the Council's contracted domestic abuse outreach service by one year will ensure that future re-commissioning of the service can reflect the views and experiences of key stakeholders gathered in the preparation of a Domestic Abuse Strategy, to be presented at Cabinet in December 2025. Such strategic alignment should support the best possible outcomes for victims and survivors of domestic abuse. People experiencing homelessness are recognised as an at-risk group in Government guidance on hot weather and health, while 'domestic abuse is a "significant contributor" to statutory homelessness, especially among women' (Centre for Homelessness Impact, 2024, in Greaves, 2024). Preventing homelessness by supporting people fleeing domestic violence mitigates some vulnerability to climate change impacts in Rotherham.

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

This report refers to a continuation of current provision through the extension of a contract, as permitted in the contract terms and therefore no carbon impacts are identified. Domestic abuse is related to climate change adaptation and resilience through homelessness: by ensuring key stakeholders' views and experiences are reflected in re-commissioned domestic abuse outreach services when they are re-commissioned, the proposed contract extension may indirectly contribute some beneficial climate impacts.

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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.

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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.

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