

Appendix 4, Climate Impact Assessment, Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update - Mid-Year Report for 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	<p>The Council is investing £300k in community facilities across the borough to sustain and increase the participation, activities and engagement within them. This includes the Black Hut and Oaklea Retreat.</p> <p>Development of a full business case for the procurement and delivery of a Local Area Energy Plan for Rotherham, including a review of potential external funding opportunities will see further carbon impacts through scheme set up and implementation.</p>	Supporting up to 20 businesses to improve shop units in the town centre and on other principal high streets through the new 'shop units grants' programme will incur carbon emissions due to construction processes.	<p>See actions outlined in the previous column.</p> <p>The YADP for 2025-26 includes new actions which will contribute to reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>The Council will install two solar (PV) panels on five town centre properties (Tom Burgess House, Arthur Wharton House, Elizabeth House, Portland House; Millford) to provide a revenue income or saving, funded by the Decarbonisation Recycle Fund.</p>	<p>Carbon Impact Assessments required for all Cabinet reports.</p> <p>All emissions from operational buildings are monitored and reported publicly.</p> <p>Future Council Plan/YADP progress reports to Cabinet will include an updated CIA.</p>
Emissions from transport?	None	A Fleet Replacement Plan has been developed, and a fleet programme officer has been appointed. The procurement of all vehicles is due to be completed within this financial year.	Work has continued with South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority regarding the development of the Transforming Cities Fund programme, including the Magna Tram Train project. The Strategic Case for the Mainline Station Project is	<p>See actions outlined in previous two columns.</p> <p>The Independent Travel Training Programme is in place to support children with special educational needs or disabilities who would normally access the</p>	<p>Approaches to monitoring vehicle usage, emissions, and fuel efficiency.</p> <p>Carbon Impact Assessments required for all cabinet reports.</p>

		Supporting the Employment Solutions Service, to help a minimum of 455 people to access employment will result in an increase of carbon emissions related to commuting and job industry emissions.	<p>expected to be completed by Quarter 3 of 2025/26. All these schemes are expected to reduce transport emissions.</p> <p>As part of the Local Neighbourhood Road Safety Programme, schemes in 8 out of 13 wards have been completed – 20 mph zones which work to decrease emissions are included in these schemes.</p>	<p>Council's Home to School transport services. This initiative is promoting more sustainable travel and transport solutions.</p> <p>Work has begun with South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to progress the next phase of the public EV infrastructure strategy and identify an external funding source. The YADP for 2025-26 includes actions which will contribute to reducing carbon emissions.</p>	Future Council Plan/YADP progress reports to Cabinet will include an updated CIA.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None	The proportion of waste sent for reuse (recycling and composting) as of Quarter 2 is 45.12% against the target of 45%. This is slightly above the target for the year however, the data is provisional, the finalised recycling rate figures are based on the three months previous. This is just the percentage of kerbside waste that is collected for recycling, not overall recycling rates.	There may also be increased waste generated as part of construction schemes though it is not currently possible to quantify this.	<p>See actions outlined in previous column.</p> <p>The YADP for 2025-26 includes new actions which will contribute to reducing carbon emissions.</p>	<p>Improved information and data to take further action in reducing waste, improving recycling rates and reducing contamination.</p> <p>Carbon Impact Assessments required for all cabinet reports.</p> <p>Future Council Plan/YADP progress reports to Cabinet will include an updated CIA.</p>
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	Plans to bring at least 30 long term empty homes back into use through Council support	The Council is continuing to deliver on its commitment to deliver 75 new homes through acquisition either from the private sector or housebuilders	The amount of council housing with an energy performance certificate (EPC) rated C is 60.6% which has exceeded its	Establish housing stock emission baselines, consolidating the available intelligence and gathering further data as required,

		<p>Will increase Carbon emissions through having an increased number of domestic properties in use throughout the borough.</p> <p>Plans to expand the Council's temporary accommodation portfolio to at least 173 homes will also increase emissions through having a higher number of domestic properties in use throughout the borough.</p> <p>The commitment to provide the remaining planned children's in-house residential homes to meet the needs of Rotherham children in care and help make sure they stay in the borough will see a third, fourth, fifth and sixth two-bedroom homes registered for construction which will have a carbon impact in the near future.</p>	<p>with 40 already having been acquired. These houses will imply an increase in emissions from domestic buildings, however in the case of buildings being taken up by existing residents this may not be significantly different to current domestic emissions from those residents. including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-floor heating – improves the efficiency of the ASHP system and internal space standards on the ground floor. • Solar photo-voltaic panels (PV) – reduces carbon emissions by allowing the homes to self-generate energy and can thereby help reduce energy bills for occupiers. • Mechanical ventilation and heat recovery (MVHR) – improves the efficiency of the ASHP system by allowing air to be recirculated within the dwelling. MVHR can also improve internal air quality, reduce condensation, and help to manage over-heating. 	<p>target of 50%. A programme is being developed to deliver the warmer homes funding to improve energy efficiency of circa 996 properties over the next three years.</p> <p>The YADP for 2025-26 includes new actions which will contribute to reducing carbon emissions such as housing and transport schemes.</p>	<p>using existing data on council-owned housing stock, and developing intelligence on the wider housing stock across the Borough.</p> <p>Carbon Impact Assessments required for all cabinet reports.</p> <p>Future Council Plan/YADP progress reports to Cabinet will include an updated CIA.</p>
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			Additional airtightness works – reduce heat loss.		
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None	<p>Plans for large scale developments and improvements, such as the Our Places Fund programmes may all have significant effects on carbon emissions.</p> <p>The delivery of our ambitious Council Homes Programme will see new build projects completed in Warden Street in Cankow, Princess Street and Albert Road, the Former Ship Inn Site in Swinton, Maltby, Eastwood, Wath, and on the former Albert Club in West Melton.</p> <p>Completing the building work for Castle View Day Service will ensure increased carbon emissions through construction.</p> <p>Completing the building work on the Special Educational Needs and Disability centre at Eric Manns and hand over to the Rotherham Parents Carers Forum will have a</p>	The works detailed in the previous column will increase overall borough emissions.	<p>Introduction of further SPDs (supplementary planning documents) relevant to climate change – SPDs can elaborate on Local Plan policies, giving developers additional technical guidance, speeding up applications and resulting in better quality development for the community and environment.</p> <p>A full business case is being developed for the procurement and delivery of a Local Area Energy Plan for Rotherham, including a review of potential external funding opportunities. See actions outlined in previous two columns.</p> <p>New YADP for 2025-26 includes new actions which will contribute to reducing carbon emissions.</p>	<p>Carbon Impact Assessments required for all cabinet reports.</p> <p>Future Council Plan/YADP progress reports to Cabinet will include an updated CIA.</p>

		<p>carbon impact because of the construction.</p> <p>The submission of a bid to the Football Foundation in support of a new multi-use games area in the borough will require construction and land redevelopment if successful and will have a carbon impact.</p> <p>The improvement of 4 play areas as part of the Children's Playground Programme will have a carbon impact due to the ongoing construction required.</p> <p>Completing development of plans to RIBA Stage 1 for the next phase of major housing in the town centre and submit ting the 'Regeneration Plan' in response to the Government's new grant fund 'Plan for Neighbourhoods' (formally known as Long Term Plan for Towns) will both incur construction and related emissions impact.</p> <p>Completing landscaping works to the pocket park at</p>			
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		<p>Snail Yard will result in redevelopment later and include redevelopment and related carbon emissions.</p> <p>The Whiston Brook, Eel Mires Dyke and Kilnhurst, and Catcliffe Flood Alleviation Schemes will generate redevelopment carbon emissions.</p> <p>The redevelopment works at Rother Valley Country Park will generate redevelopment carbon emissions.</p> <p>Investment of £2 million into footway improvements across the borough to deliver 11km of footway repairs will incur construction emissions.</p> <p>The demolition of Wath library to make way for new facilities will incur construction carbon emissions.</p> <p>Implementation of Phase 1 of the Our Places Fund by starting work on the Swinton & Maltby schemes will incur construction carbon emissions.</p>			
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Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	At least 500 trees will be planted across the borough by the end of the 2025/16 financial year.	<p>Improvements in the approach to weed control and removal, as well as sustainable management of verges and greenspaces to encouraging biodiversity and increase wildflower areas, with potential (but likely negligible) impact on carbon capture.</p> <p>Deliver 10 engagement events with education establishments and communities to improve awareness and promote the benefits of renewables, carbon reduction, energy management and green skills and jobs.</p>		<p>The Council currently has little data related to carbon sequestered via trees, limiting our understanding of the planting required to offset emissions.</p> <p>Carbon Impact Assessments required for all cabinet reports.</p> <p>Future Council Plan/YADP progress reports to Cabinet will include an updated CIA.</p>

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

25 ward plans produced and are informed by local communities, many of these include priorities to improve the local environment and tackle climate change.

The Climate Emergency Annual Report was presented to Cabinet in February 2025.

To ensure the Council remains focussed on working towards the outcomes and commitments set out in the Council Plan, a review of the Council Plan performance targets was carried out and new Year Ahead Delivery Plan actions were identified for 2024-25, some of which contributed to reducing carbon emissions across the borough during the financial year. Progress against these have been reported to Cabinet twice a year.

Climate Change and reducing emissions has been considered when developing the new Council Plan for 2025-30.

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 programme of six priority flood alleviation schemes has seen a continuous, 1.6km line of defence completed on the north and west banks of the river Don, where it flows through the town centre: a flood wall, canal barrier and public realm improvements at Forge Island comprise a 0.4km section of these defences. Other priority schemes have been brought to 'shovel ready' status, alongside a programme of small and medium scale works which have delivered reductions in flood risk for local communities, in a 'no regrets' approach to flood risk management.

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

Given that this is a progress report, and implies no direct recommendations or decisions, there are no relevant direct emission impacts to consider. Where progress on certain actions has implied a specific definable impact on emissions, this has been included indicatively and an overall likely impact provided. The majority of larger schemes will have had separate climate impact assessments undertaken as part of their approval process.

Supporting information:

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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	Directorate Year Ahead Delivery Plan trackers and Performance Data for Quarter 1 and 2 2025/26.
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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