

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 4, Local Growth Fund Allocation, 2026-2027

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?	Decrease		Provision of grants to help businesses reduce energy consumption will support the reduction of borough-wide emissions.		Assessment of Rotherham projects' impact in 2025/26 at year end will include sharing information with the Council's Climate Change team, to estimate carbon savings from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of business grants allocated under the Low Carbon business support strand. • Further details as available e.g., total installed capacity of solar PV.
Emissions from transport?	Increase		Projects delivering events in the borough have the potential to increase emissions from transport as more people may use private transport to visit or make journeys within the borough. Depending on how they are delivered, activities in some of the other funding	Events are not all concentrated in the town centre, with many taking place in local communities, which should reduce travel. The town centre is accessible by public transport for many people. Residents living in and around the town centre may be able to walk (or cycle) to	Development of carbon footprinting work for large scale Council events is ongoing. Surveys of attendees' place and mode of travel would be required, to estimate the carbon impact of travel demand created by the events programme.

			streams may also generate smaller amounts of transport-related emissions, for example: provision of courses and business events.	events unless they have restricted mobility.	
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Increase		A small increase in waste and therefore emissions would be expected as a result of increased events.	It is recommended that waste management plans are considered for all events undertaken in the programme.	Greenhouse gas conversion factors for reporting emissions from waste are determined from the road fuel used to transport material to downstream waste processing. Where the Council's commercial <i>Rotherham Business Waste</i> service collects waste, the carbon impact is recorded as fuel use by Council fleet vehicles (<i>i.e.</i> , RCVs, refuse collection vehicles). The same applies to the emptying of street bins by the Grounds and Streets service.
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	Increase	The funding is contributing to a planned capital scheme to create a multi-use game area. There will be an increase in emissions by the	Funding allocated to businesses bringing empty shop units back into use may increase borough-wide emissions from construction,	There is no planned direct mitigation, although the impact is expected to be minimal. Bringing existing units back into use has a smaller	Consumption-based emissions are estimated from the Council's procurement spend on construction and related contracts. Such a high-

		contractors during construction and development.	through emissions associated with shopfitting.	embodied carbon impact than allowing them to fall into disrepair, only to be demolished and redeveloped.	level measure may not register any carbon impact arising from the LGF Allocation.
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				

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

Further developing and enhancing the approach to social value within the Council and across partner organisations has the potential to decrease emissions by increasing local spend and encouraging local supply, through anchor organisations' procurement activity.

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

Local economic growth and shared prosperity are important conditions for people's, communities' and services' resilience to the effects of climate change. Growth underwrites the Council's investment in services; without prospering local businesses, skills and good employment, people and communities may experience increasing deprivation of services and economic opportunity, with compounding effects on their health and wellbeing and ultimately, their vulnerability to external shocks such as extreme weather and food prices inflation, which are exacerbated by climate change.

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

In the 2026/27 LGF programme, projects will continue to help Rotherham businesses to start up and grow, develop the skills our residents need to get a good job and progress in their careers and provide an engaging programme of events increasing footfall.

Activity under the programme which could have a potential carbon impact includes:

- Non-domestic emissions: grants to support businesses to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions.
- Transport: the programme of cultural events, which aims to increase visitor numbers, potentially increasing emissions linked to travel. Smaller scale activities and events involved in other proposals may also increase emissions.
- Waste: the programme of cultural events, which aims to increase visitor numbers.

- Construction and development: there is also one capital construction scheme that will produce emissions. There is limited mitigation for this, but impact is expected to be low.

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