

Appendix 6 – Carbon Impact Assessment – Cabinet Report, Best Start Plan 2026 - 2029

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 Rotherham 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?	No change	Emissions will remain at similar levels to current across the borough. Any proposed new services would be considered individually.	Emissions overall will remain at similar levels	Any adaptations to deliver new interventions across the borough will be completed to current building code and overseen by asset management service.	This will be dependent upon the new delivery/ commissioned activity.
Emissions from transport?	Minimal change	If staff are required to travel as a consequence of new interventions/ service delivery there may be some variations to current emissions from transport.	If families/ partnership staff are required to travel as a consequence of improved access to information/ services there may be some variations to current emissions from transport.	Mitigating measures are encouraged e.g. use of public transport, cycling, car share etc By delivering services in localities families have to travel less to access them.	This will be dependent upon the new delivery/ commissioned activity.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	No change	There will be no change in the overall amount of waste generated	Waste levels across the borough will remain at similar levels to present.	Most organisations have a waste management process	This will be dependent upon the new delivery/ commissioned activity.
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from construction and/or development?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

The plan articulates Rotherham's ambition and commitment to improving the number of children who achieve a good level of development at aged 5.

The plan will ensure that leisure and culture, health, education, early years, family help and voluntary and community services work together to Strengthening early communication, language and literacy for all children, increasing early education access for disadvantaged children, Improving the quality of early years provision, including Reception for all children, identifying needs early and supporting children with SEND and vulnerable families, Providing joined-up family support through our Family Hubs and Tackling inequalities across the 0–5 system.

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

The delivery of the Best Start Plan has no direct carbon impact for monitoring purposes.

Supporting information:

Completed by: (Name, title, and service area/directorate).	Helen Sweaton Joint Service Director, Commissioning, performance and quality.
Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	N/A
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.	N/A
Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]	