

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 to the volume or level of service is proposed with a 12-month contract extension, so no change is expected from existing energy use by the contractor.		Hopian has committed to instruct staff to save energy, by turning off lights, electrical and electronic equipment when not in use.	Routine contract management ensures the contractor fulfils the specification and any additional commitments tendered.
Emissions from transport?	None	Hopian, the Council's contracted Domestic Abuse Outreach Service provider, incurs some travel in delivery of the contract. No change in the number or length of trips is expected from the proposed 12-month contract extension.		Hopian has committed to use an electric vehicle for staff travel.	Routine contract management ensures the contractor fulfils the specification and any additional commitments tendered.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None	Some waste is produced by activity under contract, but no change is expected as a result of the proposed 12-month extension.		Hopian has committed to reduce the volume of waste it produces by adopting a 'paper-light' approach, using ICT and digital services to reduce its demand for paper. Paper and plastics are recycled, while other items including furniture and equipment are upcycled or donated for	Routine contract management ensures the contractor fulfils the specification and any additional commitments tendered.

				reuse, where possible. Disposable products such as take-out cups and lids used in its café are designed to be recycled.	
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	Outside of contract scope.			
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None	Outside of contract scope.			
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	Outside of contract scope.			
Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:					

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

As detailed above with respect to carbon impacts, no change in the level of service is expected as a result of the proposed 12-month extension to the Council's contract for a Domestic Abuse Outreach Service. However, domestic abuse is relevant to climate adaptation, as a known risk factor affecting homelessness: in a 2018 spotlight on homelessness and domestic abuse in the UK, the SafeLives charity found that 32% of homeless women interviewed said that domestic abuse had contributed to their homelessness.

People experiencing homelessness are recognised as an at-risk group in Government guidance on hot weather and health: by working to prevent domestic abuse and to protect victims of domestic abuse from homelessness, the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy 2026-2029 could mitigate some vulnerability to climate change impacts in Rotherham.

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

Hopian have or have committed to;

- Purchased an electric vehicle to be used by staff in their support of service users / the work of the organisation.
- Instruct staff to switch off lights and electrical items when not in use
- Recycle and/or donate equipment when no longer of use
- Recycle paper and plastics and upcycle and reuse/donate furniture and materials where possible
- Developed a 'paper-light' approach – maximising the use of ICT to reduce the need to hold paper.
- Using products in the café that can be recycled i.e., take-out cups and lids

These commitments are assured through routine contract management meetings with the provider.

Supporting information:	
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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	A previous climate impact assessment has been used to prepare information provided above, on the link between domestic abuse and homelessness and hence exposure and vulnerability to climate change risks: tracking reference CIA 551 .
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.	
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA 625 Arthur King Principal Climate Change Officer