

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 3, Community Equipment Service

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?	Unknown	The integrated service may rationalise existing storage and depot arrangements across the three Places. The final operating model and estate requirements will be determined through the procurement and mobilisation process. No significant change in overall building-related emissions is anticipated	The proposal is not expected to result in a material increase in non-domestic building emissions across the Borough.	The procurement specification will include requirements for provides to optimise estate utilisation and adopt energy-efficient operational practices where practicable.	Sustainability requirements and relevant environmental performance indicators will be monitored through contract management arrangements.
Emissions from transport?	Unknown	Integration of services across Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield is expected to create opportunities to optimise logistics, vehicle utilisation, stock management and route planning, reducing unnecessary journeys associated with equipment delivery, collection and maintenance.	More efficient service planning and deployment of equipment may reduce transport-related emissions across the wider service area.	The procurement process will include sustainability requirements that encourage route optimisation, efficient fleet management and consideration of low-emission or alternative-fuel vehicles.	Provider performance reporting will include monitoring of delivery and collection activity alongside agreed sustainability measures

Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Decrease	A single integrated equipment service, supported by standardised stock management and greater sharing of specialist equipment, is expected to increase opportunities for equipment reuse, refurbishment, repair and recycling, reducing waste generation and disposal requirements.	The proposal is expected to reduce equipment disposal and support a more circular approach to the management of community equipment across the service area.	The contract specification will require equipment refurbishment, recycling and reuse wherever clinically appropriate and safe to do so.	Equipment reuse, recycling and disposal rates will be monitored through routine contract performance management processes.
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	The proposal does not directly affect emissions arising from domestic properties.	No significant impact on emissions from housing is anticipated across the Borough.	No mitigation measures are required.	No specific monitoring is required.
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None	The proposal does not include any planned construction, refurbishment or significant estate development.	No construction-related emissions impacts are anticipated.	No mitigation measures are required.	No specific monitoring required.
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	The proposal does not directly affect carbon capture measures or natural environmental assets.	No impact on carbon sequestration within the Borough is anticipated.	No mitigation measures are required.	No specific monitoring required.

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

The proposed integrated procurement and commissioning present opportunities to improve resource efficiency through standardisation of equipment inventories, sharing of specialist equipment, reduction in stock duplication, increased refurbishment and repair of assets, and more efficient use of storage capacity. Collectively, these measures are expected to reduce the embodied carbon associated with the manufacture, procurement and disposal of community equipment.

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

The proposal is not expected to increase climate-related risks within Rotherham. The integrated service model may strengthen service resilience through access to a larger equipment pool, increased operational flexibility and enhanced cross-boundary resource sharing during periods of disruption, including extreme weather events. This may improve the service's ability to maintain equipment provision and support vulnerable residents during flooding, heatwaves and other climate-related incidents.

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

The Rotherham Equipment Service is responsible for the procurement, storage, delivery, collection, maintenance, decontamination, repair, recycling and reuse of community equipment and wheelchairs to support people to live safely and independently within their own homes and communities. The service is jointly commissioned by Rotherham Council and NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (SY ICB) and is currently delivered by Medequip.

The current contract expires in March 2027. Following completion of a costed options appraisal, the preferred option is to procure an integrated Community Equipment Service across Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield on behalf of the three local authorities and SY ICB.

The proposal is expected to have a minor positive overall climate impact. The most significant benefits relate to improved equipment reuse, refurbishment and recycling, leading to reduced waste and lower embodied carbon emissions. Opportunities also exist to improve fleet utilisation and logistics planning across the integrated service area, which may reduce transport-related emissions.

No significant adverse impacts have been identified in relation to buildings, housing emissions, construction activities or carbon capture. Sustainability requirements will be incorporated into the procurement process and monitored through ongoing contract management arrangements to support continuous improvement in environmental performance.

The initial contract term will be five years, with options to extend subject to performance and strategic need. The appointed provider will be required to demonstrate continuous improvement in environmental sustainability throughout the lifetime of the contract, meeting, at a minimum, national carbon-reduction expectations and evidencing progress against agreed environmental objectives.

Supporting information:

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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	Rotherham Council's Climate Change Action Plan, NHS Greener NHS / Delivering a Net Zero NHS and NHS Impact Community Equipment 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.	n/a
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