

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 3, Cabinet's Response to the Access to Contraception Review Recommendations

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?	Increase	Increased provision of menopause cafes and information sessions at more venues (HSC recommendation 4, 'Community Support and Engagement') may have a marginal carbon impact, from increased occupancy and energy use in community buildings.			
Emissions from transport?	Unknown	Increased awareness of the menopause and more supportive workplaces and services might mean an increase in travel either to seek support or because of a more enabled population or workforce, but this might well be balanced out by other preventive effects.			
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None				

Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				

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

Provision of online resources and printed materials (HSC recommendation 1, 'Public Awareness and Information') may have a hidden carbon impact, from energy use required to host web services and embodied in the production and transport of paper goods.

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

During menopause, women's ability to thermoregulate is negatively affected, often characterised by 'hot flushes'. As such, menopausal women are uniquely affected by heat stress, exacerbated by climate change. Raising awareness of menopause and otherwise improving services available to menopausal women may have some adaptive benefit, if women are supported to mitigate the effect of increasingly frequent and severe heatwaves on their health.

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

The Spotlight Review into the Menopause recommendations may influence CO₂ emissions; however, any carbon impact is likely to be marginal and might either increase or decrease emissions overall, depending on relative impacts on transport and energy use in buildings.

Supporting information:	
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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	Not applicable.
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.	Not applicable.
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