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 Reform Plan seeks to make better use of existing mainstream and specialist educational provision and improve the effectiveness of SEND services rather than significantly increasing the Council's building estate. Any future adaptations to schools or educational settings may have limited impacts on energy use.	None.	Any future capital projects should incorporate energy efficiency measures and align with the Council's climate commitments.	Climate impacts to be considered as part of individual business cases and capital schemes arising from the Reform Plan.
Emissions from transport?	Decrease	Expansion of local SEND provision and strengthening of mainstream inclusion are expected to reduce reliance on out-of-borough placements and associated transport commissioned by the Council.	Reduced travel distances for pupils, families and professionals may contribute to lower transport-related emissions across the borough.	Prioritise local provision wherever appropriate and continue to develop services closer to home.	Monitor trends in home-to-school transport demand and out-of-borough placements through programme governance arrangements.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None	The Plan does not directly affect waste generation or disposal arrangements.	No significant borough-wide impact anticipated.	Existing waste reduction and recycling arrangements will continue.	None required beyond existing corporate arrangements.

Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	The proposal does not affect housing stock or domestic energy use directly.	No significant impact anticipated.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Emissions from construction and/or development?	Increase	Some future projects resulting from SEND sufficiency planning may require adaptations, expansion or development of educational facilities, creating temporary construction-related emissions.	Limited construction activity will generate short-term carbon emissions.	Any future development projects should follow sustainable design principles, procurement standards and energy efficiency requirements	Measuring and reporting on the council's scope 3 emissions is an ongoing area of work and it is complicated to calculate these types of emissions accurately. Therefore, it is not considered feasible to monitor the embodied carbon of these projects due to the relatively small scale relative to the cost and effort of obtaining this information.
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	The Reform Plan does not directly affect carbon capture measures.	No significant impact anticipated.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields: The Reform Plan may support a reduction in staff, family and professional travel through increased use of local provision, integrated delivery models and closer multi-agency working. Increased use of digital information sharing and collaborative working may also reduce some business travel requirements. No significant additional emissions impacts have been identified.					

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 Reform Plan is not primarily focused on climate adaptation. However, by strengthening local educational provision, improving partnership working, increasing capacity within mainstream settings and developing more resilient local support systems, the Plan may indirectly enhance

the resilience of children and young people with SEND and their families during periods of disruption caused by severe weather events, transport disruption or other climate-related incidents. The proposal is not expected to increase climate-related risks within the Borough and may provide a small positive contribution by reducing dependence on travel-intensive service arrangements and supporting more locally available provision.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures: The overall climate impact of the Rotherham Local SEND Reform Plan 2026-2029 is expected to be neutral to slightly positive. The most significant potential impact relates to transportation, with the expansion of local SEND provision and reduced reliance on out-of-borough placements likely to reduce travel requirements for pupils, families, staff and commissioned transport services. Potential emissions associated with any future school adaptations or expansion projects are expected to be limited and can be mitigated through sustainable design, procurement and energy efficiency measures. Climate impacts associated with future capital projects will be assessed separately through project-specific appraisal processes and climate impact assessments where required.

Supporting information:	
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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	• Rotherham Local SEND Reform Plan 2026–2029. • SEND sufficiency and placement data referenced within the Cabinet report. • Information relating to local provision, transport demand and out-of-borough placements contained within the Reform Plan.
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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