# Rotherham's Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2011 - 2015

### Introduction

The Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 and the Climate Change Act 2008 places significant duties and expectations on local authorities to work with partners to address climate change issues.

The purpose of this Strategy is to explain how Rotherham Partnership will reduce environmental impact; reduce its contribution to climate change and adapt to future changes resulting from climate change. The strategy will contribute to national climate change objectives including:

- -The 80% greenhouse gas emissions reduction target in the Climate Change Act 2008 by 2050 against a 1990 baseline.
- -The fuel poverty targets arising from the review of the UK Fuel Poverty Strategy 2001 and the implementation of Green Deal.
- -The target to supply 15% of the UK's energy consumption from renewable energy by 2020 as set out in the 2009 Renewable Energy Directive

Climate change is set to be an issue that will dominate the 21<sup>st</sup> century because of its economic, social and environmental implications. Although an international issue, many of the effects will be felt, and ultimately will need to be managed, on a local scale.

The strategy therefore sets out three key themes that summarise the main areas where the partners believe they have the greatest ability to make changes. These will be the basis for the partners' actions to improve our local environment and reduce carbon emissions. The themes are:

- Public buildings and operations. Making a difference through design and adaptation of new buildings, reviewing operational policies and ensuring sustainable use of resources for example recycling.
- Community involvement. Working with residents, communities and businesses to raise awareness of climate change issues and to develop initiatives to tackle them.
- Transport infrastructure. Ensuring that our transport network takes account of positive and negative impacts on the environment.

This strategy is accompanied by an action plan which contains detailed and smart actions that fall under one or more of the above themes.

Progress of the Strategy and Action Plan will be regularly monitored and achievements and areas of concern against the objectives and targets will be reported annually. The strategy will be reviewed annually or as a result of significant changes from local, regional or national legislation and policies. This Strategy operates on a long-term perspective, but includes targets and actions to be achieved in both the short and the medium-term.

### The Challenge of Climate Change

Climate change is caused by the rise in average global temperature due to increasing levels of greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere. This in

turn causes rises in sea level, increased surface ocean temperatures and changes to weather patterns. There is overwhelming international scientific evidence that human activity is the primary cause of observed recent changes and that urgent action is needed to stabilise atmospheric greenhouse gases. If left, these changes will fundamentally alter the environment and will lead to massive extinction of some species, loss of biodiversity and even loss of human life.

We are however, already facing inevitable climate change, regardless of how much greenhouse gas emissions are reduced now and in the future. UK Climate Impacts Programme reported changes already occurring including:

- -Global average temperatures have risen by nearly 0.8 °C since the late 19th century, and rising at about 0.2 °C/decade over the past 25 years.
- -Global sea-level rise has accelerated between mid-19th century and mid-20th century, and is now about 3 mm per year.
- -All regions of the UK have experienced an increase in average temperatures between 1961 and 2006 annually, and for all seasons. Increases in annual average temperature are typically between 1.0 and 1.7 °C, tending to be largest in the south and east of England and smallest in Scotland.
- Sea-surface temperatures around the UK coast have risen over the past three decades by about 0.7 °C.
- Sea level around the UK rose by about 1 mm/yr in the 20th century, corrected for land movement. The rate for the 1990s and 2000s has been higher than this.

Not only is it necessary to take action to mitigate future climate change, there is also a need to adapt to the changes we are likely to face.

Results of modelling carried out for the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Climate Change Adaptation Study also suggest that by 2050:

- -Greater rainfall would lead to increasing and more frequent flood problems for local properties, businesses and infrastructure. Greater seasonality of rainfall would bring an extended winter 'flood' season and higher intensity, flashy flood flows. In fact, a sixth of Yorkshire and Humber is at risk of flooding (385,000 properties), second highest in England after London.
- -Air pollution episodes, especially during extreme heat events in urban areas, are expected to increase the incidence of complications associated with respiratory illnesses such as asthma, and with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- -There is likely to be increasing pressure on hedgerow species due to soil moisture stress. Any loss of hedgerow will also affect the movement of species that use hedgerows for navigation or food.

Climate change will present the borough with opportunities as well as challenges:

- The number of jobs needed to meet the government's renewable energy targets will rise from 16,000 to 150,000 by 2020.

- There will be significant opportunities for the Advanced Manufacturing Sector and the region's advanced technology industries in developing solutions to the challenges presented by climate change
- High levels of regeneration activity in the borough provide an ideal opportunity to build climate adaptation into all new developments. Increased use of shade trees in urban areas would also limit the heat island effect through shading and evaporative cooling
- The creation and development of green space and landscaping can encourage and attract high value industry to a region creating employment opportunities

### Ownership of the Strategy and Action Plan

Rotherham Partnership and Rotherham Council have worked together to develop this strategy and action plan. As the largest employer in the borough, the author of key strategies and a major service deliverer, Rotherham Council will take responsibility for delivering large elements of the action plan. The success of this action plan is dependant upon all organisations represented across the Rotherham Partnership making a commitment to work in partnership to address climate change.

To ensure a collaborative approach, the Sustainability Partnership has taken responsibility for developing, consulting on and publishing the strategy and associated action plan. The Sustainability Partnership will monitor delivery of the plan through the production of regular progress reports across the Rotherham Partnership. Rotherham Council's Sustainable Development Officers Group will offer support to ensure that the Strategy and Action Plan is driven forward and actions are achieved.

### **Action Plan**

Reducing our carbon emissions is essential to translating our commitment into actions. Carbon reductions can often be linked to improving efficiency and reducing cost by reducing waste; reducing energy and water consumption; using low carbon modes of transport; implementing sustainable procurement processes; contributing to carbon reductions through our built and natural environment and influencing behaviour through planning, policies, training and awareness. Rotherham Partnership intends to work to tackle climate change through 10 key areas of action:

1. Strategic Planning and Policy 2. **Built and Natural Environment** 3. **Emergency Planning and** 4. **Energy and Water** Recovery, Social Care and Health 5. Engagement, Education And 6. Housing **Awareness Raising** 7. Procurement and Resources 8. Regeneration and Business 9. 10. **Transport** Waste and Recycling

1. Strategic Planning and Policy								
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources			
1.1 Strategic approach to sustainable development	1.1.1 Dedicated Resource and Network for Climate Change Co- ordination	Sept 2011	Identify Climate Change Champions at Senior Officer level	RMBC -SLT, LSP Board	Current			
adopted that cuts across all aspects of estate management, service delivery and community leadership	1.1.2 Report performance and progress of action plan through the annual Environment Statement	March 2012	Annual report	RMBC – Property Environmental Team, Sustainability Partnership	EMS Fund			
1.2 Ensure that a system is in place for gathering data in relation to climate change	1.2.1 Audit of Activities across LSP that contribute to sustainable development	March 2012	Internal Audit Programme / Annual updates  Contribution to Annual Environmental Statement	RMBC - Sustainable Development Officers Group, Sustainability Partnership	SDOG / Current			
1.3 Monitor review of Nottingham Declaration with a view to signing and	1.3.1 Monitor and report DECC/LGA MoU and action plan	October 2011	Nottingham Declaration signing	RMBC – Property Environmental Team,	Current			
committing to revised targets	1.3.2 Monitor and report on Nottingham Declaration	33.3331 2311	Targets adopted	Sustainability Partnership	Cuilent			

2. Built and Natura	I Environment				
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
2.1 Manage and improve	2.1.1 Development of Site Management Plans		Site Management Plans		
the quality and accessibility of parks, open spaces and public	2.1.2 Green space strategy & LDF to include specific measures relating to climate change	Ongoing annual target dates	Performance of climate change targets in Green Spaces Strategy & LDF	RMBC –Directors of Streetpride; Planning & Regeneration.	Current
rights of way	2.1.3 Implementation of Rights of way improvement plan	entation of Rights of (Warch) Rights of Way	, regeneration		
2.2 Improve street cleanliness by reducing	2.2.2 Maintain cleanliness standards	Ongoing annual target	Performance indicators	DMDC Streetwards	Current
litter, graffiti, fly tipping and other enviro-crime	2.2.3 Undertake awareness / action campaigns	dates (March)	Campaign reports	RMBC – Streetpride	
	2.3.1 Implement Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan and review as appropriate	Review planned for 2010 / 2011 Ongoing	Project Plans and biodiversity records  Reviewed biodiversity action plan	- RMBC – Green Spaces Manager, Sustainability Partnership	Current
	2.3.2 Develop and implement site based management plans for Council owned sites	Ongoing	Management plans		
2.3 Conserve existing biodiversity and reduce sources of harm	2.3.3 Implement the Local Wildlife System to encourage non RMBC landowners to manage important biodiversity sites appropriately	Ongoing	System records		
	2.3.4 Ensure all land use and management strategies, policies and plans take account of biodiversity-related climate change issues and incorporate adaptation measures.	Ongoing	Management plans		

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2.4 Establish ecological networks through habitat protection, restoration and creation to create ecologically resilient and varied landscapes	2.4.1 Agree Green Infrastructure mapping and incorporate into LDF policy	2009-2012	Net loss / gain of agreed mapped green network.	RMBC – Green Spaces Manager; Forward Planning	Currently within LDF production scope.			
2.5 Maintain environmental evidence base to allow sound ecological decisions to be made	2.5.1 Assess existing internal and external systems to develop resourced flexible monitoring & performance indicator systems for LSP and Council targets	Ongoing	Environmental evidence base in place and meeting agreed standards.	RMBC – Environment and Development Services, Sustainability Partnership	Current			
2.6 Manage Rotherham woodland	2.6.1 Maintain, manage and conserve trees & woodlands in the borough     2.6.2 Identify local market for wood management by-products     2.6.3 Support woodland management projects for socially excluded communities	Annual certification	FSC Certification and Management Plans / improvement schemes	RMBC – Streetpride, Sustainability Partnership	Current			
2.7 Ensure that asset portfolio's are sustainable by integrating sustainability into all capital and asset management strategies, plans, programmes and projects	2.7.1 Develop a Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice incorporating building standards.	Annual reporting project dependant	Design standards  BREEAM ratings  Environmental audit programme	Asset Management Department, Procurement Panel, School Organisation Planning and Development Manager, Sustainability Partnership	Current			
2.8 Employ planning policy to address climate change	2.8.1 Consider climate change impacts and incorporate sustainable features in applications	Annual reporting	Planning applications	RMBC Development Control Manager	Current			
2.9 Ensure Biodiversity Duty (NERC Act 2006) is implemented in line with recommended Best	2.9.1 Integration of biodiversity considerations into all relevant service areas and functions	Ongoing	Monitoring standards (to be agreed)  Annual compliance	RMBC – LSP wide, Sustainability Partnership	Current			

2. Built and Natural Environment								
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Practice.			monitoring to be undertaken by Defra.					
			Internal monitoring system					

3. Emergency Planning (and Recovery), Social Care & Health								
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources			
3.1 Ensure potential environmental damage is minimised in emergency situations and accidents through the development of emergency response plans at sites of significant environmental risk	3.1.1 Maintain and implementation if required, of Borough Emergency Plan, site specific plans and Multi Agency flood plan.	Annual Review	Annual training and exercises together with validation	Asset Management Department - Rotherham Emergency Planning Forum and the South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum	Current			
3.2 Ensure communities are prepared and able to adapt to future climate	3.2.1 Undertake Local Climate Impact Profile  3.2.2 Raise community awareness	Rolling Programme	Production of a local risk register  Validation of Awareness Raising Events  Place Survey	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team	Current			
	1.1.3 Assess the relative risks of the projected climate change impacts on Rotherham / South Yorkshire and identify the priorities for action to reduce and manage those risks.	June 2011	Improved resilience in Rotherham to current and future climate change	South Yorkshire Climate Change Network – Property Environmental Team, Sustainability Partnership	LGYH RIEP Funding			
3.3 Promote healthy eating / healthy food production	3.3.1 Promote local healthy food procurement 3.1.2 Support community projects e.g. using underused land in public spaces to produce food	Ongoing	Local food production	Rotherham Partnership	Current			

4. Energy & Water	4. Energy & Water							
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources			
4.1 Sustainable energy use and wider sustainable development recognised as a priority	4.1.1 Ensure energy issues reported regularly to Senior Management Teams	Annual / 6 monthly	Annual / 6 monthly reporting	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current			
	4.2.1 Reduce CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from LSP activities	Annual - July	GHG Report  Annual CRC report	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current			
4.2 Reduce CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	Annual CRC rep  Energy Consum Carbon Reduction Commitment  Annual improvement and awareness  Annual Energy Perform Certificates / Dis Energy Certificates	Energy Consumption / Carbon Reduction Commitment  Energy Performance Certificates / Display Energy Certificates	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team	Current & external funding				
4.3 Reduce water consumption	<ul><li>4.3.1 Reduce water consumption from LSP activities</li><li>4.3.2 Develop and adopt a Sustainable Construction Strategy for water conservation</li></ul>	Annual	Water conservation features in new builds / refurbishment projects	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current			
4.4 Adopt /promote	4.4.1 Set targets for renewable technologies in new buildings and refurbishment	2011	On site renewables	RMBC - Forward Planning	LDF			
renewable energy	4.4.2 Identify and implement projects through FITS / RHI	Ongoing	FITS / RHI project records	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	FITS/RHI			
4.5 Develop a proactive programme to secure external funding	4.5.1 Investigate and apply for available funding     4.5.2 Identify EU funding projects to apply as partners	Ongoing	Funded projects ongoing / complete	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current			
4.6 Engage with local business	4.6.1 Raise Energy Awareness of Local Business and LSP Partners, creating links with	2011	Key Care Management Programme No of businesses	RMBC – RIDO; Business Regulation Team; NAS; Barnsley	Current			

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	RIDO, Chamber , Carbon Trust and EST		reached	and Rotherham Chamber of	
			Rotherham Green Business Club	Commerce; CO <sub>2</sub> Sense Yorkshire	

5. Engagement, Education and Awareness Raising								
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources			
5.1 Provide environmental training and information	5.1.1 Implement an ongoing communications and awareness campaign / training	Ongoing	Records of awareness campaigns / training sessions  School inset days  Raised awareness measured through surveys	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team  Sustainability Partnership  Rotherham Education for Sustainable Development Partnership	Current			
	5.1.2 Support community groups / champions to provide local environmental advice	Ongoing	Records of support	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams; Streetpride; Neighbourhoods and Adult Services	Current			
	5.1.4 Communicate the environmental performance and initiatives of the LSP	Ongoing	Articles and press releases	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current			
	5.1.5 Develop an Annual Environmental Statement for Rotherham Partnership	March Annual	Annual Statement	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	To be identified			
5.2 Work in partnership with schools, and other organisations to promote and support action / projects that improve the quality of our environment	5.2.1 Expand and support Eco- Schools	Ongoing	Number of EMAS / Eco- Schools / Sustainable Schools	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team;				
	5.2.2 South Yorkshire Climate Change Network Schools Programme	June 2011	School training records	SYCCN; Rotherham Education for Sustainable Development Partnership	Current			
5.3 Mainstream sustainable	5.3.1 SD included as an	March 2012	PDR Reports	Sustainability	Current			

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development through job	employee / Manager competency			Partnership –				
descriptions, PDRs and	within the PDR (appraisal)			Environmental Teams;				
staff inductions	process			Human Resources				

6. Housing					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
6.2 Improve the energy	6.2.1 Improve insulation			Asset Management Department –	
efficiency of social housing as measured through the	6.2.2 Improve heating systems	Ongoing	SAP rating of 75 by 2015	Neighbourhood Investment Service;	Current; potential external funding;
SAP rating	6.2.3 Improve energy awareness	3 3		Property Environmental Team	Green deal
6.3 Improve and maintain access to information on	6.3.1 Provide householders with a local energy efficiency advice and grant information services	Ongoing	Ongoing Case / advice records	Asset Management Department – Property	Current
energy efficiency for Rotherham residents	6.3.2 Neighbourhood Service Centres advice			Environmental Team	
6.4 Obtain external funding to support energy efficiency initiatives	6.4.1 Promote Green Deal	June/Sept 2012	Green Deal project records	RMBC – Property Environmental Team	External Funding
6.5 Achieve zero carbon new residential development	6.5.1 Adopt the code for sustainable homes and seek to build new homes to code level 6 prior to 2016	2016	Achieve code level 6 certification for all new residential development	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team;	Current
	6.5.2 Train an officer to code level 6 to issue certificates			EDS Planning	

7. Procurement & Resources							
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources		
7.1 Promote sustainability and environmental considerations through procurement activities	7.1.2 Develop a Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice	2011	CoP monitoring through environmental audit programme  Whole Life costs procedure and records of application	RMBC - Procurement Panel / RBT	Sustainable Procurement Working Group		
	7.1.3 Promote to LSP members and support wider adoption where feasible		CoP adoption	Sustainability Partnership	Current		
7.3 Work in partnership with contractors and suppliers to minimise the environmental impact of their goods and services	7.3.1 Assess the environmental performance of suppliers and contractors	Ongoing	Audit a min of 2 of the top fifty suppliers and contractors each year  Assess through the Pre Tender Qualification process	Asset Management Department - Procurement Panel / RBT	Current		
7.4 Encourage procurement of local products and services	7.4.1 Action through the Procurement Strategy	Ongoing	Increased local products or services  Encourage through LSP	RMBC - Procurement Panel; RBT; LSP; RIDO Business Development Team	Current		
7.5 Where feasible, purchase goods and materials that can be manufactured and disposed of in an environmentally sustainable way	7.5.1 Action through the procurement activities 7.5.2 Award suppliers who have proven sustainability credentials. 7.5.3 Devise an incentive scheme to promote the production of sustainable goods and materials in dealings with suppliers / manufacturers.	Ongoing	Types of goods and materials purchased	RMBC - Procurement Panel / RBT	Current		

8. Regeneration / B	usiness				
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
	8.1.1 Review and improve the current non domestic regeneration and land policy		Number of regeneration projects on brownfield sites		
8.1 Regenerate derelict land and focus new developments on brownfield sites	8.1.2 Review Local Development Framework land allocations in relation to modern market requirements	Ongoing	LDF	RMBC –Forward Planning, RMBC Neighbourhood Investment Service	Current
	8.1.3 Exceed the national target for brown field domestic developments		Domestic properties constructed on brownfield sites		
8.2 Communicate the advantages to businesses of adopting new environmental practices, that reduce costs and increase business performance	8.2.1 Provide information to businesses on the environmental and economic benefits of sustainable practices 8.2.2 Business Community Support Officers – extend role to helping businesses 'be greener' and save money 8.2.3 Develop a training package 8.2.4 Raise awareness of loans and assistance for SMEs, particularly linked to the low carbon agenda & their bottom line	Ongoing	Number of businesses reached	RMBC – RiDO Business Development Team; Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce; Business Link; Carbon Trust	Current
	8.2.5 Showcase successful projects (i.e. Rotherham Advance Manufacturing Park) and business processes/ partnership projects that showcase greener processes and initiatives that also save costs.	Ongoing	Case studies		

9.Transport							
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources		
9.1 Reduce the environmental impact of fleet transport and promote the use of sustainable transport	9.1.1 Assess feasibility of alternative fuel fleet vehicles	Ongoing	Alternative fuel vehicles	Sustainability Partnership – Asset Management Department; Environmental Teams; Corporate Transport Unit	Current / external funding		
	9.1.2 Install on board tracking device	Ongoing	Tracking devices fitted				
	9.1.3 Liaise with Waste Management to assess feasibility of using waste derived fuel from: 9.1.4 Anaerobic Digestion (AD) treatment of municipal organic waste 9.1.5 Pyrolysis treatment of municipal / farm plastic waste	Ongoing	AD fuel vehicles PP fuel vehicles	RMBC - Waste Management / Transport Manager	Current		
	9.1.6 Promote sustainable transport through the Local Transport Plan	Review prior to LTP3 in 2011	LTP projects and performance indicators	Asset Management Department - Transportation Team	Current		
	9.1.7 Reduce staff grey fleet mileage	5% Annual	GHG report	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams; Transportation Team, RBT	Current		
	9.1.8 Service Planning to contribute to LTP targets	Annual	LTP targets considered in service plans	Sustainability Partnership – Service Directors; Performance & Quality; Transportation Team	Current		
	9.1.10 Raising awareness and gaining commitment to sustainable	Monitor annually	Long distance train journeys survey required	Sustainability Partnership – Asset	Current		

9.Transport					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
	transport from staff and contractors including moving people to public transport		-capture data  Contract monitoring and LPS  Staff and contractor buy ins  Service level agreements	Management Department; Environmental Teams; Corporate Transport Unit; Transportation Team	
	9.1.11 Implement a car club for Rotherham similar to system operating in Sheffield City Council	2012	Completion of new offices with car club	RMBC – RBT; Transportation Unit	Corporate funding
9.2 Management of taxies and contractors	<ul> <li>9.2.1 Develop clear set criteria for taxies and hire vehicles including:</li> <li>set age limits and emission standard following technology standards e.g. euro five</li> <li>Install on board tracking device</li> <li>Enforce idling regulations</li> </ul>	2011	Standards report and monitoring	Asset Management Department - Licensing key driver; Licensing Committee  Develop policy EDS with Licensing and Trade Bodies, CTU and TRANSLINK	Current

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10.1 Reduce the amount of waste produced through the adoption of the waste hierarchy 'reduce - reuse – recycle - recover'	10.1.1 Implement Waste Management Strategy	Waste Strategy target dates	Performance indicator reports	Sustainability	Current
	10.1.2 Assess and improve internal waste management		Waste management arrangements and	Partnership – Waste Management Team / RBT	
	10.1.3 Reduce packaging from suppliers		volume  Domestic waste arisings		
10.2 Reduce the amount of waste produced in schools	10.2.1 Promotion of waste minimisation and recycling including:  • paper banks • composting	Ongoing	Number of schools with recycling facilities	RMBC - Waste Management Team	Current
10.3 Improve management of ICT Waste	10.3.1 Develop and set targets for reuse / recycling	Ongoing	Waste reused / recycled	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams; ICT Client Team; RBT	Current
10.4 Promotion of the benefits of waste management	10.4.1 Promotion of waste management to Local Business		Business take up	RMBC - Waste Management; RiDO; Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce; Business Link	Current

## **Key Strategies and Policies**

- Securing the Future: UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy
- Climate Change Act 2008
- Climate Change Plan for Yorkshire & Humber
- Rotherham's Sustainable Community Strategy
- RMBC Environmental Statement 2010
- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act
- Green Spaces Strategy
- Local Development Framework
- Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan
- Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice
- NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy
- Rotherham Public Health Strategy
- Regional Energy Infrastructure Strategy
- Local Transport Plan
- Rotherham Waste Management Strategy

<u>Key</u>

SLT Strategic Leadership Team
CTU Central Transportation Unit
DEC Display Energy Certificate

EDS Environment and Development Services
EMS Environmental Management System
EPC Energy Performance Certificate
LDF Local Development Framework

LSP Local Strategic Partnership (Rotherham Partnership)

LTP Local Transport Plan

NAS Neighbourhoods & Adult Services

PDR Performance and Development Review
RMBC Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
SDOG Sustainable Development Officers Group

DECC Department of Environment and Climate Change

LGA Local Government Association
MoU Memorandum of Understanding

BREEAM Building Research Establishment Environment Assessment Method

NERC Natural Environment and Rural Communities

DEFRA Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

LGYH Local Government for Yorkshire and Humber RIEP Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership

RHI Renewable Heat Incentive

FITS Feed in Tariffs

RIDO Rotherham Investment and Development Office

EST Energy saving Trust

SYCCN South Yorkshire Climate Change Network

CoP Code of Practice

SME Small / Medium Enterprise