

## Appendix 5

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- Carbon Impact Assessments are to be appended to the associated cabinet reports
- Prior to publishing reports, Carbon Impact Assessments should be sent to [climate@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:climate@rotherham.gov.uk) for feedback
- Report authors may also use the above email address to direct any further queries or to access further support regarding completing the assessment

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 Rotherham 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				
Emissions from transport?	Decrease		Increasing the dependency of more individuals to access digital technologies and go online will help reduce the need for journeys (more tasks completed online instead).		A focus of the programme is to measure the impact all its initiatives are having. We will be capturing data and case studies
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Decrease		Expected to reduce as the Digital Inclusion Programme will encourage the recycling and donation of devices as well as encouraging repair or re-sell as opposed to upgrades.		
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	Decrease		Educating individuals in the proper usage of devices and energy consumption – efficiently charging devices, turning off devices when not in use instead of leaving on standby etc.		
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				

Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				
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Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields:

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

Digital inclusion remains a challenge for some people in Rotherham and a lack of digital access can have a detrimental impact on residents. The associated problems can be significant for citizens and families contributing to educational and economic disadvantage, health inequalities and increased social isolation.

Through our research across Rotherham, the programme has identified initiatives to help residents get access to technology and improve their digital skills. When successful, this will increase the number of people accessing services online and increase their access to knowledge online.

The Digital Inclusion programme aims to encourage individuals to reduce their digital carbon footprint by managing electronic devices properly and more efficiently.

It will also encourage targeted groups to have greater dependency on digital technologies which can hopefully alter their day to day activities – for example an increase in online banking, online shopping, e-books, streaming etc will mean fewer journeys and healthier environments.

To ensure the programme is being successful, a key component is to monitor the impact we are having by collecting data and case studies at every stage which will hopefully allow to confirm we are having a positive impact which, explained above can include carbon emission reduction.

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Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	
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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