

Appendix 5

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?	Not applicable				
Emissions from transport?	No significant impact	Any valuations, viewings and works completed under the Strategic Acquisitions Policy may cause greenhouse gas emissions from transport. However, there will likely be no significant difference compared with other options to replenish Council owned housing stock, i.e., direct build	None		Emissions from business travel are estimated from mileage claims and reported as scope 3 emissions, in the Council's Net Zero 2030 greenhouse gas emissions inventory
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Unknown		Any acquisitions resulting from the policy will be on existing waste collection routes, with existing bins. It is not known if the Housing Acquisitions Policy will have a net impact on the population of the Borough or the amount of waste produced by households; any emissions impact from waste is also unknown.		

Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	Net decrease in emissions		The Council is working to ensure that all the housing stock it owns is rated EPC Band C or above by 2030. Therefore, any property acquired under the Policy may require investment, to upgrade its energy performance. This has the potential to deliver a net decrease in emissions from housing, as newly acquired homes may benefit from the Council's investment in the energy performance of its housing stock, whereas other funding sources might not be available.		EPC records are kept by the Housing Property Service for all Council-owned homes.
Emissions from construction and/or development?	Net decrease in emissions	Any acquisitions resulting from the policy may need repairs or other modifications to bring the home up to a lettable standard. However, emissions from such minor work are likely to be much less than emissions from construction, as for direct build. As such, the Strategic Acquisitions Policy may deliver a net decrease in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions, if it results in a greater share of new Council housing stock demand being met			

		through acquisition, compared with direct build.			
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				

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

Any empty properties acquired through this policy may reduce potential future works to domestic buildings in Rotherham, for example by acquiring an empty property, the Council may prevent development of damp and mould, deterioration of the property which would lead to an increase in emissions to make repairs.

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

The policy will enable the Council to acquire second-hand properties, which is a much smaller carbon footprint than building new properties. Longer-term, older properties will not be as energy efficient; however, the Council will bring any properties acquired through the policy to a minimum level of energy efficiency, which may not necessarily be the case if the property was sold to a private individual. Households living in the properties will produce waste and emissions; however, this would be the case if there was no Council intervention, and the properties were sold to private individuals.

Any acquisitions of empty properties will reduce the dependency on the Council to build or acquire new build properties.

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